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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 furewell 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:

kemith@oe.homecomm.net
Include your name, address, phone

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

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#### 1'd Rather Be Blue

"Blue," the beautiful macaw parrot, didn't exactly get his feathers ruffled at the Farmer Jack's on Dixie High-way, but he didn't seem overly happy, either when his human left him wait-

Blue caught the eyes of passersby when his owner finally retrieved him and let him sit for a while on her

while she unloaded paper bags.
The owner said Blue can speak 100150 words when sufficiently inspired.
Apparently, inspiration couldn't be
found at the grocery store. On this
particular day, he was speechless.
Maybe Blue was, well . . . blue.

#### Stick This

A bumper sticker seen recently on West Washington Street said: "Give blood. Play hockey."
You've got to wonder if the Red cross has thought about getting out he pucks?





That's no back yard, that's my golf course: Springfield Township neighbors (from left) Henry Grace and Gerald Cook built a nine-hole golf course in their backyards, where they do land office business with duffers in the summer months.

# Par(t) of it all

## Backyard golf course a big hit

enry Grace's flight of fantasy came to him a Their three-year construction effor long time ago with the efficiency of a hole- which included sketches by Grace, involve

He was standing toward the front of his aunt's d uncle's acreage off Big Lake Road in Springfield waship — and firing golf shots into the country-- when he began to envision a rural golf course. There. On their property. In the backyard. Over time Grace inherited the land, which had

been in his family since the early 1900s and had been owned by his aunt and uncle since the 1930s. Three years ago, with his relative-by-marriage/next door neighbor, Gerald Cook, the two opened the 27acre Windmill Lakes Golf Club.

Tucked between and behind the Grace and Cook residences, Windmill Lakes offers a clubhouse along with a serene, par-three experience where golfers can sink their balls in peace and quiet. It is named for a big windmill the men purchased for \$10 and

mbled near a pond. "When my aunt and uncle were alive, I used to come out here. It was a corn field. I always dreamed of a golf course being here," Grace, 64, said. "It

makes a nice backyard."

"We both had the land. It was his dream to always have a golf course," added Gerald Cook, 52, a non-golfer. "It's voted No. 1 in Michigan by a whole bunch. I don't think we've come up with num-

bers, but we were pretty packed last year."

According to Grace, the two men, after looking at pictures of other courses in magazines and books, paced off the land on foot and developed the lay of the nine-hole course themselves, choosing where to put the greens and tees and sand traps.

made pond near a natural one 600 pines to join existing trees.

"Gerry and I kept thinking about the golf course, and he said, 'Let's go," said Grace, a golf-lover who is a retired superintendent from Fisher Body. "There's people who live on Big Lake Road and don't even know a

"I don't golf, really," added Cook, who has Please see GOLF, A2

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Pay up. Please: They trust their customers at the Windmill Lakes Golf Club.



Do-It-yourself course: Grace and Cook paced off the land on foot and developed the lay of the nine-hole course themselves.

## First local prayer event blesses community

Grace was given. But even after the neal, their prayers resumed.

Prayers for the community, and

prayers for young people and leaders.

Prayers for departed friends and local churches. Even prayers about doing business.

The occasion – a prayer breakfast Thursday at the Deer Lake Racquet Club in Independence Township in cel-ebration of National Day of Prayer. "Pray, it really works," said Dr.

If it is a privilege to pray and worship freely.'

Dr. James O'Neill -physician

James O'Neill, one of six luminaries slated to offer their own prayers at the

Another person who shared inspira-tional words was Independence Town-ship Supervisor Dale Stuart. His

thoughts and hopes were directed toward the country's government leaders, from President Bill Clinton to Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson to the trustees who join him in serving on the Independence Township board.

St. Daniel Catholic Church Pastor Father Humitz recited a prayer for churches. Other prayers were bestowed upon the community's families and young people as well as schools and places of business.

Those who turned out for the event, bout 70, also heard from former Chrysler Corporation vice president Glen White and Christian talk radio host Mark Gilman, a Clarkston resi-

Gilman's show, "On The Mark," airs 1-4 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays on WMUZ 103.5 FM The program addresses modern day problems and

Please see PRAYER, A2

## These moms in tennis shoes can't stop running

Though page three of the ever-popular "Motherhood Operational Manual for Martyrs Almighty," (or "MOMMA") specifically commands, "Thou shalt neglect thine own needs after thou hast children," three Clarkston mothers have their own advice for moms.

"Just don't do it."

Amy Beattie, Donna McDonald and Brenda Orlando don't want anyone to get the wrong impression. They love their families, They're dedicated to

running with children, husbands, jobs and household responsibilities like everybody else. But somewhere in the middle of all that hubbub, they also see the need to run for themselves. For their own physical well-being. For their own mental health. For their own betterment as mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, friends and employees.

In a recent interview, the three women said pounding the pavement—



Pick 'em up, put 'em down: From left, Brenda Orlando, Amy **Beattie** and Donna McDonald are three thirtysomething Clarkstonite moms who run four or five times a week to stay healthy and happy.

## Tayer from page A1

went - a evening of prayer et ashabaw Middle School later hat day - touched on religion in merica, the theme of this year's lational Day of Prayer.

"I think at these times, we wonder if God would return to America," he said, alluding to the number of

said, alluding to the number of tragedies already experi-enced by the nation this

always been here," Gilman of to remember that

day, as we pray."
While the National Day of rayer, which was founded 10 ears ago by former President lonald Reagan, is held through-ut the nation, this is the first ommunitywide program in the

think the churches in the



Main speaker: "I think at these times, we wonder if God would return to America," said Christian radio per-sonality Mark Gilman. "But he's always been here."

Clarkston community work well together and jointly support Judeo-Christian efforts well," said Barbara Flores, an event organizer. "This is a way of uniting those efforts.

"It also recognizes the value of prayer in changing people's lives," she said.

With turnout greater than

With turnout greater than spected and feedback positive,

Flores said she expects the first communitywide celebration of the national event won't be the

Besides, as O'Neill declared during his remarks: "It is a privi-lege to pray and worship freely. ...And all forms of prayer – pri-vate, congregational and commu-nity – are very, very necessary."

## GO f from page A1

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a seaweed harvesting business and said he uses the seaweed to fertilize the course. "I'm more into the grass. Constructing the, course was fun. We did it all. (But) we didn't do it in a day."

Open from dawn until dusk, daily, from early April through October, Windmill Lakes allows league play, father/son and mother/daughter teams, wedding and birthday parties, and individual play. It's longest hole is about 156 yards, Grace said.

While there is not yet a restaurant in the clubhouse, the grounds do have provisions for grilling food, including pig roasters, and picnic tables.

Preferring their course to have a more leisurely pace than other courses, Grace said the men hope to some day have picnic tables by each hole so players can stop for beverages or to let faster golfers play through. The men will permit up to six players on a hole but they do not allow yelling.

"It's a comfortable place to come," Grace said.

During the week, golfers

During the week, golfers can play nine

holes for \$7, or go around twice and play 18 holes for \$12. On weekends, nine holes of play costs \$9 and 18 holes, \$15.

"We're kind of laid back and trying to help each other get over everything," noted Grace, whose wife, Betty, assists with the bookkeeping. Henry Grace recently dealt with a bout of cancer, while Cook is recovering from a serious accident.

"It's sort of peaceful," Grace said. "Anybody who enjoys the outside would sure fall in love with this."

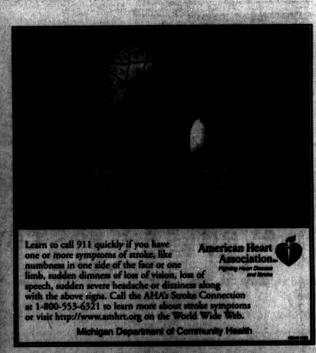
This is the second in a series of stories about unusual places in the Clarkston area. Readers with suggestions for unusual places to be included in this series may call editor Karen Hermes Smith at 625-1900.

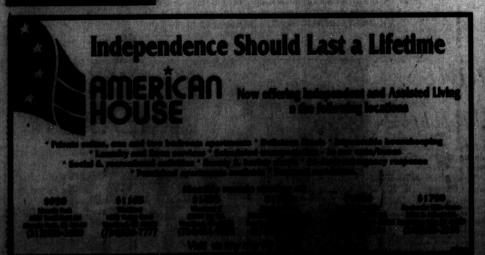
## Correction Notice

In our May 10° ad, we incorrectly stated that the Aiwa CT-X428M car deck was a CD deck with CD changer control. This is a cassette deck. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.









## Running moms from page A1

ular exercise routine — pays off in a richer life for moms and

in a richer life for moms and those around them.

Beattie, 34, explained that she sort of stumbled into the foot fest in junior high. "I grew up with five brothers, and they all had their sports that they were good at," she recalled. "And I wanted to try things. I couldn't play football or baseball because there weren't any girls' teams, but track was one of the available sports. I tried it, and (the coaches) said I was pretty fast. So I kept going."

#### A "heeling" experience

She eventually landed a track scholarship to college. And today, as the mother of three children — Thomas 10 Fmiles children — Thomas, 10, Emily, 7, and Clark, 2 — the Clarkston hool teacher still laces up her shoes four or five times a week and hits the streets.

Why does she keep putting her arch and sole into it?

"It's mostly for fitness, but in the last couple of years, it's become more therapeutic," Beat-tie said. "I always try to find someone to run with. There's sort of a pool of runners is busy, you just move down the list to the next one. When I run with a partner, we talk about what's going on. We talk about parenting solutions, all kinds of things ..."

Orlando, mother of Kelly, 9, and Angela, 6, said she started to work out in college. And when her daughters were tots, she continued the routine, kicking up her heels in an aerobics class. That led to running. And that spurred her on to register for the "Bobby Crim"10-Mile race in Flint two years ago. (She, Beat-tie and McDonald will run in their third "Crim" in August.)

The 36-year-old accountant who works at the family's Thomasville furniture store in Springfield Township — said her husband David supports her desire to stay fit. And her daughters have benefited from her example. "I was a marshmallow as a kid," Orlando said with a chuckle. "Both of my girls are much more athletic than I was as a kid. And they're more

Beattie, whose husband Tom also blazes an occasional blue streak, said she believes their children will automatically incorporate physical fitness into their routines as adults because of the role exercise plays in the family's life today.

#### Striding right

Like Beattie, McDonald said she played sports as a girl and found running a natural exten-sion of that athletic bent. However, the 37-year-old GM engineer — wife of Bob; mother to

If 'It's an appearance thing, It's a pride thing, if you're really dedicated to it, it's your time, So many women say they don't have any time for themselves, but you can make time. Sure, we sometimes do the odd times, but we never let it slip ... It's nice to have a group to run with. It's like peer pressure.'

Donna McDonald

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Zach, 10, and Kaitlyn, 7 — said feeling and looking great requires self-discipline and com-

We're finding now that we we're finding now that we can run five miles and it really doesn't do much," McDonald said of the jogging "plateau" that she and Orlando have reached. "She (Orlando) is trying to get back into aerobics a little bit, or we try to vary it with the Stairmaster or nower walking. We know try to vary it with the Stairmas-ter or power walking ... We know we can't run five days a week or six days a week. We push a little harder in the summer when we're getting ready for the Crim, but we couldn't keep up that pace year-round. I'd be afraid of being injured and of not being shle to do anything."

able to do anything."

Currently, McDonald said she
and Orlando run four or five times a week and cover about 20 miles during that time period.

Beattie said she sticks to a similarly "sensible" regimen.
All three women said they

view their participation — and finish — in the annual Crim race as a proud personal accomplish-

"My kids wear my medals around their necks," Orlando said with a smile.

McDonald echoed another motherly sentiment. raced (before the Crim)," she said, "So I never had people cheering for me ... I thought it was really cool that people were cheering.

They said they will keep running.

And it appears that many other American women will join them.

According to a feature story by Claire Kowalchik in the May 1998 issue of "Sports for Women," the nation is experienca second running wave and this time it's women who are setting the pace. Between 1995 and 1996, the number of women who ran frequently increased by 38 percent."

#### Going the extra mile

"It's an appearance thing. It's pride thing," McDonald said. you're really dedicated to it, it's your time. So many women say they don't have any time for themselves, but you can make time. Sure, we sometimes do the odd times, but we never let it

slip ... It's nice to have a group to run with. It's like peer pressure." "I just feel so good and sleep better when I get exercise," Beat-

tie remarked. Then the mother of three cited a primary reason for all mothers and grandmothers to take better care of themselves. "I had my mother pass away several years ago — at what I consider to be a young age — because of health reasons," Beattle said. "She smoked and let her health decline and didn't do much to help herself out when she could have. And then it was too late when she made the effort. I just don't want to get to the point where it's too late to make the

McDonald echoed Beattie's

"My dad's had two bypasses his first one at 37 — so there are reasons for me to run," she said. "It's a huge stress reliever, too."

Are they better mothers

ecause they run regularly? The three women chimed in,

McDonald elaborated that though the three joggers' spous encourage their wives to run, the women always recognized that their needs counted.

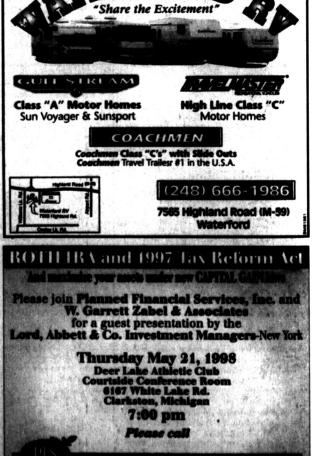
You have to make it a priority because no one in my family is going to say, "Oh, do you need to run now?" she said with a grin. "They just know. I get up Saturday morning and they just know I have to be there. I'm fairly dedicated to it. I'll say, 'Get yourself some cereal — I'm

With a toddler in the house, Beattie said she particularly depends on the support of her husband. And she gets it. "Tom will sometimes say to me, 'Did you get all your running in this week?"

The three mothers said they hope to be extremely fit grandmothers someday - energetic enough to keep up with a new line of inquisitive little people.

You see these ladies at the Crim and they're in their 70s and 80s — and they look great. They are great," Orlando said. "It's a lifestyle."





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## 10-year-old captures mom's essence in Mother's Day letter

hen young Christina
Babcock wrote her
winning entry about
her mother Pam for the Clarkston Eccentric's My Mom, She's
Special Because contest she fair. Special Because contest, she fair-ly waxed poetic about the won-ders of that special woman. Christina held forth about her

mother's wisdom and her guid-ance, her loving hugs and her good advice. She detailed her mother's devotion to cleanliness and health and school work. She drew the word "MOM" in elabo-rate, circular letters. And she penciled in, "My MoM is the Best!!!"

But when it came time for her to sit down and submit to an interview, Christina did what a lot of 10-year-olds do in the face of all those difficult questions reporters like to pose: She put her hands in front of her beautiful brown eyes and across her lips and she said, "Umm."

The mother who should,

according to Christina's essay, be "president of moms," came to sit alongside her in their Independence Township home — beneath the hanging cage of their chirping parakeet — and

urge her along.
"She's old enough, now, where she mails things," Pam Babcock said, noting that she was not aware of Christina's submission until she read it in the newspaper. Their prize of a \$100 gift certificate to the Clarkston Cafe on M-15 and a \$100 hair, nail, facial and massage makeover from the Make Over Place on Dixie Highway came as a complete surprise to Babcock. Christina's entry was chosen by Eccentric staffers from 37 loving

How did Christina keep that secret? What motivated her?

"Umm. I really like to write a lot," Christina replied. "I was sitting down, and I was doing my homework. I wrote a letter because I saw the newspaper laying on the table. I sat down and I wrote it and I sent it in."

What makes her mom

special?
"Umm. When I fall down or something . . . she'll just, like, hug me and it makes me feel bet-Christina said, somehow finding the words. "What I like most about my mom is some moms don't discipline their kids, but she's not like that. Some moms just spoil their kids too much. She spoils me, but she gets discipline in there, too. She lets me do stuff my dad (Stephen) won't let me do. If I ask her for advice, she gives

me the right advice."
"You know how it is," Babcock contributed with

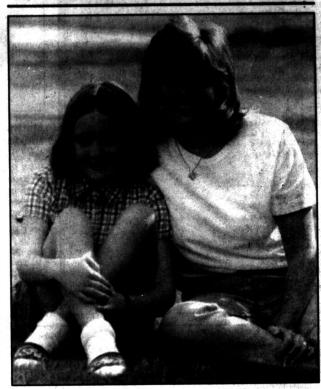
a touch to her daughter's arm, easing the girl along. "We do everything together."

best!!!

Christina and her mother like to run in road races, rollerblade and bicycle together, while Christina is also a cheerleader for the Clarkston Chiefs football team.

'She's the one who started me out on that when I was just a mascot," Christina said, observing how

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Surprise! Pam Babcock didn't know that her daughter Christina entered the Clarkston Eccentric's Mother's Day letter-writing contest until she was announced as the winner.

her mother has always encouraged her to try things she didn't like or that frightened her. "We go to Cedar Point and on scary roller coasters."

Along with working her four-day-per-week job as waitress at Clarkston's Big Boy, Babcock makes all the efforts any good mother would to protect and nurture her off-My mom Pam Babcock is special because she helps me with my homework, sticks a thermometer in my mouth when I'm sick, makes sure I drink lots of milk so I have strong bones, gives a loving hug when I'm down in the dumps, sophisticated and intelligent makes a loving smile, tells me when I'm right or wrong, she's so special I would make her president of moms, always gives good advice works hard to keen us healthy, helps

spring. Christina, Babcock noted, "is coming into

her bossy stage.
"You can't be a friend all the time," she said. 'I'm always on her about brushing her teeth. And I always want her to drink milk all the time. It's kind of like a joke in the family.

Christina said when she grows up that she would like to be, in addition to a "nice" mother like her own, a kindergarten teacher or an elementary school princi-

Pine Knob Elementary, Grade 4 Mother: Pam Babcock She has been an all "A" student ever since she started receiving let-

ter grades in third grade at Pine Knob Elementary, where she is now a fourth-grader.

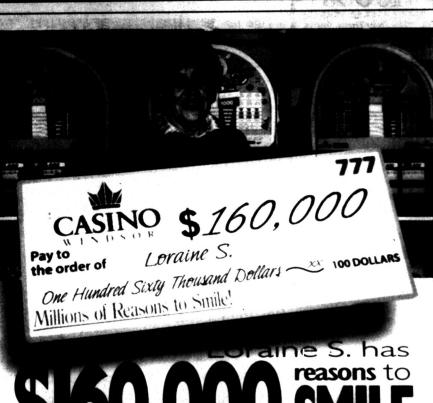
Shakespeare, the writing bard, might want to move over and make way for Christina, the fledgling writer who has begun to make her mark. Some day she just might be a working mother, herself, tending to children who want to be like her and cranking out missives on the side.

#### **International Day '98**

ley Lake Elementary students celebrated Internation-al Day last week by dressing up. At right, from left, Al Porter and Robert Mounts pre-tend to be Indians. Below. Marie Kaikoana teaches Hawaiian dance.







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#### **POLICE CALLS**

advice, works hard to keep us healthy, helps

out my school, always makes sure I keep my

brings a smile to my face, talks me in to fun

Christina Babcock, Age 10

teeth clean, has a special little touch that

stuff I didn't want to do. My mom is the

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agenfrom a home on Hillcrest. from a residence on Pine Knob Road. cies in Independence and Sprin field townships and the city of Clarkston between May 4-8.

#### **Springfield Police**

On May 5, officers responded to a report that unknown persons had illegally entered 10 storage units at the Savoie Self Service Storage on Dixie Highway. According to a police report, a morning manager, who was opening the business at about 6:35 a.m., observed several units which appeared to have een tampered with and entered. While investigating, he encountered two suspects near one unit. He was subsequently punched and pushed by the subjects, who fled the site, according to the report. Sgt. Pat Miles, of the Oakland County Sheriff substation, said the manager was not seriously injured and did not require hospitalization. Later, two individuals separately reported that a vehicle had been damaged and that a microwave and television had been stolen. There are no suspects, Miles

Thefts On May 6, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle

was reported stolen from the bed of a truck parked on Dixie Highway.

#### Vandalism

On May 4, a windshield was reported damaged on a vehicle parked on Big Lake Road.

#### **Independence Police**

On May 4, the paint of a vehicle parked on Parview was reported keyed.
On May 5, the windows of a

vehicle parked along Sashabaw Road were reported broken out. On May 5, windows of a vehicle parked on Parview were

reported broken out. On May 6, a vehicle was eported keyed while parked on White Lake Road.

On May 6, the windows of a vehicle were reported smashed while it was parked at a site on Sashabaw Road.

On May 6, the paint of a vehicle parked on Crimson King Circle was reported scratched.

Home Invasion

On May 5, approximately \$200 On May 6, a video cassette in coins were reported missing

May 6, a home on Whipple Lake Road was reported illegally entered. Checks were reported missing.

#### Independence Fire

Between May 4-8, firefighters responded to eight calls. Among them were six medical runs and one personal injury accident.

#### **Clarkston Police**

On May 5, officers responded to the scene of an accident at Main Street and Clarkston Road. In that accident, a vehicle was rear-ended after its driver forced to stop for a white vehicle that was exiting a nearby business. Police are seeking information about the white vehicle, which fled the scene. Its orange and black license plate is reported as MA48286. There were no injuries. Anyone with information about the car, which may have been a Lumina, should call Chief Paul Ormiston at 625-

On May 6, officers responded to an East Washington Street address, where a man had slipped and fallen. He was transorted by ambulance to Pontiac steopathic Hospital.

## Trustees ponder passing some sidewalk liability to residents

A 1996 Michigan Supreme Court decision essentially handed township governments responsibility and liability for the county public right-of-ways, the areas beside roads where sidewalks are placed, he said.

Therefore, We have to become aware of the conditions on the sidewalks and be sure to not allow conditions of disrepair that are likely to cause injuries," Fisher said.

isher said.
"If the problem is due to nornal wear and tear, the township
pard has made it clear that
ney don't want to pass on liabily to individual property ownrs," he said. "But the board hast decided whether they want to

sibility and liability

place responsibility and liability on individual property owners who create problems on a public safety path," Fisher said.

Although the courts have established the existence of homeowner liability for side-walks, Fisher said, liability is "certainly clearer with an ordi-nance."

Independence Township trustees, however, are wary of institutionalizing such a liability in a local law.

"I am very concerned about it," said Trustee Neil Wallace, who said shifting the responsibility to homeowners is unfair.

homeowners is unfair.

"We've got a perhaps lessthan-rationale decision by the
court," but laying the burden of
it on homeowners isn't the
answer, Wallace said. "I think
we should be taking on that
responsibility, not shifting it."

Township Supervisor Dale
Stuart was equally concerned.

saying he was worried the ordi-nance might be used in court to establish a new liability for homeowners. "It certainly seems that the wording needs some-thing done to it," Stuart said of the draft.

Within the larger issue of responsibility for sidewalks is the question of how to fund repairs and maintenance.

The township's safety path millage could fund repairs, or the board could assess property

"The township board in Independence early on made a decision to not secure assessments

from property owners for main-tenance of safety along main roads," Fisher said.

However, the board hasn't decided if an assessment is appropriate for sidewalk repair within subdivisions, he said.

Springfield Township is slated to vote on a proposed sidewalk ordinance May 14, said Spring-field Attorney Greg Need. As drafted, the ordinance would allow the board to assess home-owners for repairs on sidewalks on public and private roads, he said.

## McCormick speaks at Sashabaw Middle School





Motivation speaker: Former Clarkston High School basketball player Tim McCormick. who played for 10 years in the National Basketball Association, spoke to students at a Sashabaw Middle School assembly last Thursday about peer pressure and how to handle

## Teen input sought for library

Julie Meredith, Independence Township ibrary's young adult librarian, has a novel idea ased on old thinking: If you want to know, ask.

Meredith, who grew up in the Clarkston area ind worked at the library through her teens, is lanning to make over the library's young adult

"Tve had teens come up to me and say 'This needs to go," she said of the library's current teen collection – primarily one aisle of hardcover books, a spinner of paperbacks and four magazine sub-

scriptions.

Planning to triple the number of books and add 10-15 magazines, Meredith decided to form a student advisory group to help.

"The only people who can say what teenagers want are teenagera," said Meredith.

Furthermore, their participation gets them involved in the community in a meaningful and visible way – an opportunity not frequently proffered to teens, she said.

"They're at an age when they're looking for inde-

"They're at an age when they're looking for indeid Meredith, who is seeking as many area youth, ades seven through 12, as will come forth. "My goal is to give them some ownership, some

my goal is to give them some ownership, some empowerment."

Otherwise, she said, her effort to get teens interested in the library will have limited impact.

Advisory team meetings will probably occur once a month and commence in late May, but there is no minimum time commitment, Meredith said.

While the teen board is expected to meet and function year-round, its work this summer will substantially affect the library.

The group will select new books and magazines for the library and furniture for a new teen lounge.

A library newsletter, new Web page and activity program aimed at teens will also fall under the board's domain.

All involvement — from expressing an opinion at monthly meetings to contributing to the newsletter—is welcome, Meredith said.

"This is their opportunity to have a voice in the

This is their opportunity to have a voice in the community and to really say, 'This is what I

For additional information about Independence Township Library's Teen Advisory Team, call Julie Meredith at (248) 625-2212.

## Businesses on the move in Davisburg

To an uninitiated bystander poised in front of the government offices on Broadway Street in downtown Davisburg, it might look like there are a number of vacant store fronts across the

What's going on with the busi-

nesses across the way sort of resembles a card game. One store, the Video Outpost, has folded — and the others are being shuffled, including the gfield Collective of Art and Design which, according to owner Marilee Carstens, has decided to "go on the road" this summer.

Carstens said the cooperative art collective, which included the works of artists from Davisburg, Clarkston, Holly, Fenton and Rose Township, outgrew its

space at 649 Broadway, and the artists are now looking at ways of selling their work through shows and festivals. The Collective moved out of Davisburg at the end of April.

"I guess it's all about change, isn't it?" Carstens said on Friday morning, as she discussed what she called "business in the burg. "I know Grant outgrew his

building and I outgrew mir That's Grant Ward of Grant Ward Surveyors. Now located at 661 Broadway, the surveying business expects to move into the space recently vacated by eo Outpost at 653 Broadway.

According to Stefanie Hans a spokeswoman for Ward, Grant Ward purchased the former video building and is doing reno-vations to the old Outpost spot,

planning to move in as soon as renovations are completed. She said the Outpost's owners cl the business to pursue a different line of work, but they could not be located for comment.

Ward's existing building, which is owned by Tammy Ver-gin, will be rented to a tanning and manicure salon to be called Brandy's Parlour. The Parlour is expected to move in at the beginning of June, according to Helen Vergin, Tammy's mother, but no other information was available

The Parlour's owners could not be reached to comment about their upcoming plans, nor could the owners of the building recently vacated by the Collec-

## Crittenton Registered Nurses Are United

We, the registered Nurses at Crittenton Hospital, are unanimously committed to delivering the highest standard of quality patient care to the public.

We are gravely concerned about the number of experienced RNs who have had to leave Crittenton Hospital due to a lack of an across the board pay increase for the past four years!

In the last negotiation session between the RNs and the hospital management, the hospital indicated their intent to hire replacement RNs at "whatever increased wage level the hospital felt was appropriate" - In other words, newly hired RNs may be hired at a higher rate of pay then experienced nurses presently working at Crittenton.

Crittenton Registered Nurses Remain United

## Infant deaths at center of debate

The Oakland County Medical Examiner — and his view that some infant fatalities are attributable to positional asphyxiation, rather than crib death — is the focal point of a

At issue is the practice of the medical examiner's office to classify some infant fatalities as positional asphyxiation deaths, rather than attributing them to SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syne), often called crib deaths.

The difference, according to a aker who is challenging the tating. Parents who have just lical examiner, can be de a child do not need a ruling that incorrectly implies they may have been negligent, said State Rep. Penny Crissman.

Crissman earlier this year introduced legislation that would enable the parents or guardians of an infant who dies unexpectedly to appeal the ruling on the cause of death as determined by the medical examiner.

Crissman met recently with resentatives of the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Michigan Medical Examiner's Association to discuss House Bill 5540 which she introduced in February and hopes to promote before leaving the legislature later this year.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Crissman said she will make some changes in the proposal. "But I'm going to move it along," she said, "because the legislation is needed."

Crissman said she will rewrite the proposed legislation creating anel - possibly three to five experts - to review, on request, the findings of a medical examiner. Her initial legislation called als to be handled by the Child Death Review Team from another county, but she has decided that would not be the appropriate agency

Crissman admits the legislation is aimed at Oakland County Medical Examiner Ljubisa Dragovic. "He is a physician for m I have respect," she said. "But anybody can be wrong, and there should be a way to chal-lenge his findings."

agovic said he was aware of Crissman's legislation. But he esn't back down

He said some of his colleagues in the medical profession too fre-

quently — and incorrectly — attributed infant deaths to SIDS because investigators, including some physicians, aren't thorough enough. SIDS is a "garbage" diagnosis, he said.

diagnosis, he said.

Adding to the problem, he said, is the reluctance on the part of the medical community to be brutally frank — even if with grief-stricken parents. "The most bitter truth is preferable to the sweetest non-truth," he said.

Dragovic said pathologists in his office carefully evaluate infant deaths using the results from autopsies as well as investigations from the scene. When his office determines the cause of

office determines the cause of death as positional asphyxiation it's because the evidence leads to

Dragovic said he is not surprised Oakland County has more infant deaths attributed to positional asphyxiation - and fewer listed as SIDS fatalities - than any other county in Michigan.

If somebody wants to challenge those conclusions, he said, they're welcome to do so, provid-ing they have adequate training and expertise. But when it come to second guessing a pathologist, just any physician won't do.

Having a physician who is not highly trained in pathology review the findings of a medical examiner would be akin to "taking your (pregnant) wife to a dermatologist for a second opinion," Dragovic said.

One of those who agrees on the need for a method of appealing a medical examiner's findings is Dr. Joel Haas, a Bloomfield Township resident who is chief of pathology and laboratory medicine at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

"I respect Dr. Dragovic as a professional," he said. "But there's room for professionals to



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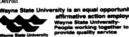
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## Lake access

## County officials want hearings on sites

With more than 450 navigable lakes and rivers within Oakland County, commissioners often find themselves trying to balance the interests of two frequently hostile groups.

That was the case at the regular meeting of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Thursday during a debate on public access sites for launching boats and water craft.

support of legislation sponsored by State Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester. That bill, House Bill 4363 would, among other things, require state officials to hold public hearings before establishing new public access

The frequently hostile groups on this issue are home owners who live on lakes and boat owners who don't.

The board overwhelmingly approved the resolution, but not before commissioners outlined the concerns and complaints of both sides.

Commissioner Lawrence Obrecht, R-Lake Orion said home owners sometimes get upset with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for installing public launching sites, even on lakes

Penny Crissman

that are surrounded by private

Obrecht is also concerned about maintaining public access sites once they are established. Too often, he said, the DNR doesn't provide for the upkeep of access sites, and those responsibilities fall to local officials

Such launching sites are rea-sonable, according state offi-cials, because lakes are considered public property, even though the surrounding land may be privately owned. Individuals may own the land, but the lake is public property and therefore available to everybody.

But that policy can have disastrous results, noted commissioner Donna Huntoon, R-Clarkston. "People pay high taxes to live on a lake only to see the quality of the lake deteriorate because of too many

Commissioner Sus Ann Douglas, R-Rochester, estimated that as many as 95 percent of the boat owners don't live on lakes. But they're voters, Douglas said, and they have some rights to lake access.

Conflict between home own-ers and boaters has existed for more than a decade. But the problem appears to be getting worse as more and more people own boats and converge on a limited number of lakes.

At Cass Lake, for example residents frequently complain about boaters and people on personal watercraft disrupting the tranquility of the lake the very reason they bought on the lake and pay high taxes.

Commissioner Ruth Johnson R-Holly, said boaters going from lake to lake facilitate the spread of environmental prob lems such as zebra muscles and Eurasian Water Milfoil both of which are considered detrimental to inland lakes.

Requiring the DNR to he But public hearings would enable home owners and boaters to have input into the

Crisman's proposed legisla-tion — which has been approved in the House of Rep-resentatives and referred to the Senate — would also provide for a task force to review and establish a procedure for installing public access sites.

There is no established pro-cedure for acquiring and installing public access sites," said Crissman. "Too often, the DNR operates like a stealth

The task force would be made up of 20 people repre-senting various interest groups, said the lawmaker; including representatives of the boating industry, homeowners associations and locally elected: officials.

Among other things, the tas force would consider factor such as the number of boats that can safely operate on a lake at any one time and the environmental impact of too many boats on a lake, she said.

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## Nifty gadgets give gardeners a helpful hand

BY DONNA MULCAHY ECIAL WRITER

Gardening, like everything else in life, is easier when you have the right tools. I asked some gardening experts to tell me which ones they'd recomend and here's what they said.

Brookstone, which has locations at the Somerset Collection-South in Troy, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and side Mall in Sterling Heights, has lots of nifty gardening gadgets. I heard that from several people and they were right.

One of the things there that caught my eye is the electronic Home & Garden Whiz, \$50. It looks like a handheld calculator, but contains thousands of gardening and household hints. It can tell you what types of plants work best under certain condi-tions, how they should be planted and much more.



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Other neat things Brookstone include:

· A five-piece, hand-held, garden tool set and matching beige and green canvas tote. Togeth-er, they're \$50. Bought separately, the tool set is \$35 and the tote is \$25. The tools include a cultivator, fork,

planter, trowel and narrow weeder, all with a comfortable grip and made out of rustproof, die-cast aluminum.

• A padded, steel-frame platform for kneeling or sitting, \$30.

• A 16-piece Gardener's Choice Tool Kit, complete with 16 tools and a green plastic carrying case that has a parking spot for each of them, \$75.

• A garden seat/tool caddy with 12

Mike Bovio, purchasing manager for English Gardens, which has four locations, including one in West Bloomfield, recommended the follow-

Whisk Rake, by Lewis Tool. It's a small, six-tine rake the size of a whisk broom and costs \$12.98. "It's great for raking under low-growing shrubs and perennials," Bovio said.

Grow-through plant supports, about \$8, by Rainbow. They look like a wire grid shelf, supported by plastic-coated egs. Like tomato cages, they're used to prevent plants from flopping over and must be set in place early in the growing season before the plants are too big.

Gardener's Lever Loops by Bosmere, \$2.98 for a package of 50. They're little plastic clips that open and close with a squeeze of the thumb. Use in place of string or twist ties on tomato plants and vines.

Hide-A-Guide garden hose guiding system, \$3.98 by Aquapore Moisture Systems. When not in use, the guide can be pushed flush into the ground to prevent mowing problems.

Floral snips by Fiskars, \$5.98. They're great for delicate shaping and dead-heading, Bovio said

Bill Saxton, co-owner of Saxton's in Plymouth, which sells gardening and power equipment, recommended Preen by Greenview. It's a chemical that stops weeds from spreading by preventing seeds on the surface of the ground from taking root. It costs out \$20 to cover 2,500 square feet.

Saxton, whose father founded the tore in 1928, also recommends: Mantis portable gasoline tillers, \$319; Lit-Ames plastic planter's wagon, for sitting on and storing tools, \$59.95; Permascape for Trees, a mat made out of recycled tires to put around trees and prevent weeds, \$16.49; and Coronna hand tools with comfort grips, about \$7 to \$10.

Denny Snell, garden store manager for Bordine's Nurseries in Rochester and Clarkston, recommended the Gold Digger, a new tool with a 3-foot handle and several different heads for edging, planting and weeding, \$36.95.

Another new product he likes is The il Scoop by Garden Works, \$16.98. It looks like a serrated spoon and is d for scooping, digging and tilling soil in a pot.

He also recommended Lewis Lifee hand tools, about \$10 each; tile oint weeders for picking weeds out of idewalk cracks, \$5.99; and electronic iH meters, which start at \$9.98.

Happy gardening!

# The Saks experience

## Somerset expansion aims to make it fun for shoppers

While Saks Fifth Avenue was pleased to announce the opening of a 40,000-square-foot expansion of the Men's Store at its Somerset South location in Troy in mid-April, it's already apparent that all of the changes involved will be more than pleasing to its patrons. And, that's intentional, of course.

Indeed, few shoppers will even notice that such major construction work is going on. Yet, the major changes at the store aren't taking place gradually as the Somerset store becomes Michigan's largest and most complete Saks outlet.

For example, last Thursday the

# 'It's wonderful to have all this room, now - and to see all of this here in one spot. Our customers will love it.'

> Kim Nye store manager

entire Men's Store made a coordinated move from several locations into its new consolidated location on the first level of the new addition, which defines the western boundary of the Saks buildfacing ing, facing Coolidge Highway. What the customers saw

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expanded collection of designer sportswear, clothing, footwear and accessories on display, all in one location, with added services like a Humidor and an exemplary Men's Fitting Complex for on-the-spot custom tailoring and even made-toorder shirts.

All of it was ready for business by opening time.

What they didn't see were the 60 Saks employees who finished a busy workday Wednesday, then stayed after the mall closing at 9 p.m. working into the wee hours to move menswear stock, displays and set up registers and furnishings in their new locations.

The new Men's Store carries designer selections which include Giorgio Armani, Canali, Corneliani, Hickey Freeman, Donna Karan, Calvin Klein, Hugo Boss and Oxxford. For store manager Kim Nye — who was among the late-staying workers Wednesday night
— the Saks Somerset store expansion is a personal dream come true. An anchor at the Somerset location for the past 31 years, the Saks Fifth Avenue site now expands by more than one-



On the move: Helping set up stock displays and handle last minute arrangements in Saks Fifth Avenue's new Men's Department are visual manager Michael Knicely, left, and visual stylist Bill Fuller, early Thursday morning before the opening hour.

third of its previous 125,000-sq.-ft. size.

Nye, a Bloomfield Hills native now living in Troy, began her retailing career with Saks while working in the Somerset store after graduation from Michigan State 18 years ago. The per-sonal meaning of the expansion and renovation was obvious as she stood in the new Men's Store area, understating own enthusiasm with a simple: "It's wonderful to have all this room, - and to see all of this here in one spot. Our customers will love it.

Nye took Eccentric staffers on a quick pre-opening tour of the new Men's Store facilities Thursday morning, right after that late-night relocation, and then expanded our tour to include a look at what is happening upstairs on the Second Level of the new addition, too.

There, we found the spacious new Chanel Ready-to-Wear boutique. There's also an elegant St. John Shop, a Birger Christensen Fur Salon and Fifth Avenue Club Suite. Each area is separate and spacious. The expansion also puts the spotlight on new and enlarged designer collections, including Ann DeMuelemeester, Etro, Donna Karan Signature, Ralph Lauren Collec-tion, Escada, Armani le Collezioni, Valentino Boutique, Zoran, Alberta Fer-retti, Max Mara, Piazza Sempione, Mis-

Only a first-time Saks visitor would even think about asking if the regular patrons might find all the relocation of sales areas, stock and product during the reconstruction and renovation, ... well, mightn't it be disconcerting or confusing? After all, it is rare to find a store undergoing such a complete and major overhaul while still remaining open for business.

"We've planned to do it, and do it well," Nye said. "That's the only way we know at Saks. Shopping is supposed to

be a pleasant, fun, relaxing experi-

She pointed out the finished walls, installed to screen construction areas during store hours, noting few shoppers have even realized that work w going on.

As for finding the merchan new relocations, all the store employees are making it a personal duty to ease any confusion and make it easy for patrons - and for a Saks shopping excursion, that says it all.

The complete remodeling, including a new Elizabeth Arden Spa, will make the Saks Somerset location the premier Saks Fifth Avenue site in the region

The majority of reconstruction and renovation — including new elevators
— is expected to be complete before Christmas 1998, says Nye, but some remaining detail work will go over into

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.
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**Health-O-Rama Bonus** 

Project Helth-O-Rama Bonus Days, for those age 18 or over, provides free, confidential testing and services, including height-weight, blood pres hearing, vision, glaucoma, nutrition counseling, pulmonary function, medication counseling, podiatry, and Health Education literature and displays. Optional tests are also available for nominal fees. Co-sponsored with Botsford General Hospital. Wednesday and Thursday, May 13-14, 10 a.m.-6

Livonia Mall. Seven Mile / Middlebelt. (248) 476-

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Wardrobing seminar Liz Claiborne Seminars feature dresses and wear, commentated by Liz Claiborne specialist. Heather Guild. Elisabeth Dept. 1:00 p.m.

Somerset Collection. Beaver / Coolidge. Troy. (248) 816-4000. FRIDAY, MAY 15

Symphonic winds

The Novi Concert Band appears from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Livonia Mall stage, near Crowley's, to feature music from Broadway, marches light classics and pop. The band, a symphonic wind ensemble formed in 1982, performs outdoor concerts throughout the metropolitan area.

Livonia Mall. Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (248) 476-

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Barbie doll show It's the All Fashion Doll Show at Meadowbrook Village Mall, featuring Barbie Dolls. Appraisals are available during show hours and admission is free. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Meadowbrook Village Mall, N. Adams/Walton. Rochester Hills. (248) 375-9451.

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Wardrobing seminar

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Hudson's. Somerse Beaver / Coolidge. Troy. (248) 816-4000.

Keeping the peace

Macomb Mall's own T.C. Bear hosts a sing-a-long show for kids from ages 2 to 13, featuring T.C.'s Tips for Keeping the Peace - learning peaceful ways to solve conflicts they face in their lives with-out resorting to violence. There's also an essay contest (forms at the Mall's Information Center available through May 16), with a \$25 gift certificate prize for youngsters writing about an "Act of eace," experienced or witnessed. Show (near Sears entry) hours: 11 a.m., 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Macomb Mall. Gratiot/Masonic. Roseville. (810) 293-7800

MONDAY, MAY 18 Informal modeling

Andre Laug's Spring '98 Special Order Collec tion, informal modeling. Designer Salon, second floor. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection. Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy. (248) 643-9000.

Chanel showing Chanel Spring '98 Special Order Collection, informal modeling with special representative Designer Salon, second floor. Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19-20. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection. Big Beaver / Coolidge. Troy. (248) 643-9000. THURSDAY, MAY 21

Saks shows Lihli

Lihli's Spring '98 Special Order Collection, infor

mal modeling with special representative. Designer Salon, second floor. Thursday and Friday, May

Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection. Big Beaver / Coolidge. Troy. (248) 643-9000. WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

McFadden showing

Mary McFadden's Spring '98 Special Order Collection, informal modeling special representative.

Designer Salon, second floor. Wednesday and Thursday, May 27-28. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection. Big Beaver / Coolidge. Troy. (248) 643-9000. SATURDAY, MAY 30

Sears auditions kids

Sears is hosting a search at its Oakland Mall location to find the "Sears Kid Beat Reporter" for the Detroit Shock, of the Women's National Bas-ketball Association. Youngsters ages 8 through 16 will try their hand at sports reporting as audition judges score entrants on creativity, delivery and poise. Winner will attend a Shock home game to cover the live-action and other prizes. Sears is an official sponsor of the WNBA. Auditions are Saturday, May 30, noon-2 p.m.

Sears, Oakland Mall. John R/14 Mile Road.

DNESDAY, JUNE 24

Rock-N-Roll artistry

Huffs Promotions brings the "Rock-N-Roll Fine Arts Show" to the Westland Center, featuring artwork by such artists as John Lennon, Bob Dylan, Ron Wood, David Bowie, Yoko Ono, Ringo Starr, Donna Summer, Gerry Garcia and other icons from the Rock generation. The exhibit was a feature at the opening of the Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame and has toured the country. It's more than a display, the artwork is also available for purchase. Opens Wednesday and runs through Sunday, June

Westland Center. West Warren / Wayne. Westland. (313) 425-5001...

dwork demo

Karen Rossi of Karen's Kreations presents a demonstration of North American Indian beadwork creation, from noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, May 17 at the North American Indian Art Gallery and Trade Center, 26161 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. The Gallery is a consortium of native artists and

of native artists and entrepreneurs offering authentic North American Indian art,

crafts and trade goods and services. Call (313) 387-5930 for

MVP, Inc. will offer an extraordinary selection of Maria Pinto day and evening clothing, stoles and scarves, sizes 4-16, at reduced pricing during its Spring Sample Sale. Held at the Northfield Hilton, in Troy, the sale runs from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., May 21-22. Call (248) 879-2100 for details.

Spring Sample sale

the Orchard Lake store, Lone Pine and Orchard Lake Road, will trade grocery smocks for blazers and serve as a "Kroger Concierge" within the grocery aisles. The recently renovated Kroger store is undergoing a complete transformation, based upon input of local patrons and residents. The Kroger Concierge serves as a personal liaison during the transition to help locate products, answer questions

Mall walkers meet

Westland Walkers Club holds its monthly meeting 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 13 in the lower level auditorium of West-land Center on West Warren.

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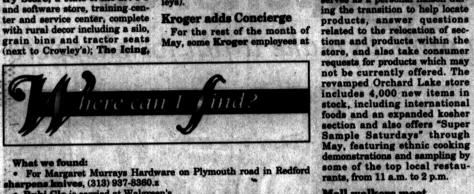
Virtually no paperwork

facomb Mall, at Gratiot and seonic in Roseville, has nounced the opening of three w stores: Norma Jeans, feanew stores: Norma Jeans, fea-turing handbags, jewelry and women's accessories (next to Sears); Gateway 2000 Coun-try Store, a state-of-the-art PC and software store, training-cen-ter and service center, complete with rural decor including a sile, grain bins and tractor seats grain bins and tractor seats (next to Crowley's); The Icing,

features earrings, ear piercing, clothing and womens' accessories (next to Rogers & Hollands Jew-ales). Openings are also sched-(next to Rogers & Hollands Jew-elry). Openings are also sched-uled later this year for Silver Cinemas, a new eight-screen theater, and Kirk's Cafe, fea-turing coffee, coffee beans, soft drinks, sandwiches, soups and kitchen gift items (next to Crow-levs).

#### **Kroger adds Concierge**

For the rest of the month of May, some Kroger employees at



What we found:

For Margaret Murrays Hardware on Plymouth road in Redford arpens knives, (313) 937-8360.z

sharpens linives, (313) 937-8360.z

Rubi Glo is carried at Walgreen's.

Linda Kelly from Lord & Taylor at Fairlaine called to say Nars cosmetics is not sold locally, it is out of New York, and is a studio line, you might try the stores at Somerset Collection in Troy. Also Estee Lauder discontinued Moisture Balance Translucent face powder.

Cheryl had glass string beads for Don and found a Corn Pop-

per Now.

• McNichols Electric on 6 Mile in Detroit (313) 342-6070 for stainless steel handles for pots and pans.

• Fuller Brush distributor can be found at Professional Sanitary Supply in Pontiac (248) 253-0820, or Home Trends catalog 800-810-2340 and many other called in saying they were Fuller Brush distributors, we passed their names on.

Solid Almond-color (no pattern) Corelle by Corning dishware for John of Redford.

Nancy is looking for Johnsons Jubilee (white) wax for appli-

nomas wants a mini cheer horn that was advertised in the newspaper from the winter Olympics in Nagano and a 1974 8th grade St. Joan of Arc yearbook.

• Wagner's Earl Grey green tea decaffeinated 24 bags in a box.

• Dorothy is looking for chocolate candies by Wilbur Buds (like Herseys kisses). · Thomas wants a mini cheer horn that was advertised in the

Carol wants a game called Quinto 5.

· Gloria wants a plastic came cylinder that you can insert flowers

A replacement for a Pyrex 4 cup glass coffee maker.
Joanne is looking for an Iron Quick system (saw on TV) and Resolve by Merrill Dow for cold sores.

Ruth is wondering where to take spoons/silverware to be refinished (they accidentally went in the garbage disposal.

· Julie is looking for a Samsung phonograph that plays old style records #SZM 6550.

· Rose Marie wants slacks, shorts by Cape Cod . Meijers use to carry the

Julie Ann wants a set of Care Bear twin sheets and cases.

Becky from Livonia wants Almay Moisture balance eye cream.
 A twin comforter for a child Power Ranger theme for Mary.
 Jane and Eleanore are looking for a little girls wooden ironing.

Sally of Livonia is looking for a child's book King and I it is about a King who has 3 sons it is from the late 50's.

· And Foster Beans.

Mens socks Duro Fresh for Marilyn of Livonia and she has old Avon bottles to sell if anyone is interested.
 Kay is looking for Flush Cups.

Oscar Meyer little plain (baby) hot dogs for Gail.

Maxine wants an enamel roasting pan 9x12 and 7 3/4 high.
Gertrude is looking for a child's book called My Big Red Ball and machine washable Haggar 42 Long suits or separates.
Patricia is looking for a 1989 Color photos of the Northern

Lights. Lee Ann wants a toy Terrifying Hydra (from the Hercules line

of Disney toys). My Sin perfume for Lisa of Waterford.

Yvette wants Mackie Shaving Balm made in Canada.

Jane wants headbands used during exercise by DASHA.

Ann is looking for gold or silver pendants inexpensive for kids.

Sharon of Southfield is looking for a 1992 Hallmark porcelain

Carousel horse.

• For Sheldon Red Foot Powder use to be able to buy it at Circle Drugs in Madison Hats

Margaret is looking for a Maple Junior high (Dearborn) year-

**Complied by Sandi Jarackas** 



## Art Van wins award those interested in walking for exercise by opening its doors in the mornings to walkers begin-ning at 7:00 a.m. through Arcade 2. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

Art Van Elslander, chairman and CEO of Art Van Furniture, is the National Home Furnishings Association's 1998 Retailer of the

Year.

Van Elslander was cited for outstanding leadership performance in three areas: contributions to the industry, community service and personal business achievements and leadership of his own company. Van Elslander a Michigan-based company is the nation's ninth largest home furnishings retailer.

Van Elslander was honored at a furniture industry awards gala

Van Elslander was honored at a furniture industry awards gala held recently in the Ballroom of the International Home Furnishings Center, High Point, N.C.

Van Elslander was named as Michigan's 1997 Retailer of the Year by the Home Furnishings Representatives of Michigan. Last

year, he also received the National Buyer Appreciation award from the Tupelo Furniture Marketing Association. Company achieve-ments during 1997 included the opening of three new stores and remodeling and expansion of five units. Expansion plans call for two new units this year.

Also, the Interior Furnishings and Design division of the national Anti-Defamation League has



Art Van Eislander with his wife Mary Ann.

selected Van Elslander as recipient of its 1998 Man of Achieve-

ent award. Van Elslander's career spans almost 40 years in the home furnishings industry. He opened his first store, a 4,000-sq. ft. unit, in 1959. The family-owned business out Michigan and is the state's largest home furnishings retailer, commanding 35 percent of the market and employing 2,700.

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## Greek islands offer simply delightful food

ve just returned from a wonderful vacation with my twin sister, Karen, in Greece. During our 14 day adventure we managed to take in much of what Athens, and many of the Cyclades Islands, had to offer.

Every new territory we embarked on was rich in culture, history and food.

There was fabulous food to be found everywhere, which helps account for my seven pound weight gain. What distinguishes Greek cuisine from others is cost in weight gain. ers is fresh ingredients, judicious use of herbs and philosophy, their philoso-phy concerning matters of eating. drinking and sharing meals, and the

#### **Natural foods**

Due to the warm climate, produce is grown in a natural, organic fashion in Greece. For the most part, the animals are free range. I was amazed at all the goats and lambs that were roaming freely in pastures rich in herbs. This would support the flavor-ful taste of their meats. I've never eaten lamb so flavorful or tender, and seafood from the Mediterranean is a

After spending the majority of my trip island hopping in the Aegean Sea, I was amazed at how crystal clear the water was at every port of call. There probably are large fisheries, but the only ones I saw were small family, one boat operations, which reminded me of old movies from my youth. Santorini, also known as Thera, now reinstated as its official name, is the largest fragment of a vol-canic archipelago made up of the old broken remnants of the most massive caldera on Earth. This is often thought by many to be the origin of the Atlantis legend.

#### **Visiting Oia**

The view from of the glass-like Aegean Sea was breathtaking, and the people were very friendly. We spent our last night in Santorini roaming the very quaint village of Oia. On our stroll, we happened upon a dazzling jewelry store, Oro, which means gold in Spanish. The owner, Alexander, and his wife Martha, were so hospitable. They offered us some famous Santorini wine, and explained the history of their town. Ironically, Martha was Mexican, and grew up in the same small suburb as my sister's husband, Xico.

At Alexander's suggestion, stopped at a local taverna called S'Agpo Santorini - "I love you San-torini." After our 10 minute walk, we entered the charming cottage like tav-ern. We were seated by Marco, our German host, who would later be our server. There were no menus. The only bound pay rs in the tavern were wonderful thick books filled by patrons from around the world who

shared feelings about their evening at S'Agpo Santorini.

Marco told us he was the menu and told us what fresh foods were available. We told him things we liked – fresh grilled lamb, octopus, tomatoes and feta cheese, and asked him to be the captain of our ship.

#### Sharing a meal

Sharing a meal

As food started arriving, so did our new friends from the jewelry shop, I think there were seven or eight of them. We joined tables and shared some of the most amazing food, wine and spirits I'd encountered in my travels through Greece.

We had lamb, rubbed delicately with herbs, olive oil and garlic, and roasted to perfection over amber coals in the courtyard of the restaurant.

The tomatoes were very flavorful, and the housemade sausages and feta cheese left me speechless. I'm sure the rustic breads we broke were made by someone's grandmother.

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#### LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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RIDE THE **WAVES OF** AGING IN GOOD HEALTH

STORIES BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS . REGISTERED DIETITIAN

aby boomers are entering their 50s, and are a hardy breed for the most part. They work hard to age gracefully and fill their leisure hours with travel, sports and hobbies.

The best advice for successful aging is to work on controlling your environment and make the most of your genetic makeup.

It is important to remember that nutrition plays an important role in helping our body respond to the physiological changes of aging. This means eating nutrient dense foods every day.

Chronological aging and biological aging are not synonymous. There are general processes that occur as we age. These include a loss of lean body tissue such as muscle, a loss of bone density, and an increase in internal body fat. The body's ability to correct for nutrient imbalances declines with age. This is why it is important to pay attention to what we eat. Poor eating habits, plus chronic diseases, may place heavy demands on nutrient reserves.

Here is a list of important tips to help you feel good inside and outside:

■ Drink milk - Bone loss is accelerated as we age, both in men and women. Include beverages

and foods high in calcium such as milk, yogurt and cheese in your diet for bone health. Vitamin D, which is also important, is found only in forti-fied milk, not yogurt, so drink your milk. Choose fat-free or low-fat milk most often. Calcium forti-fied orange juice is an option for those with milk

Eat whole grains - Breads, cereals and grains contain important B vitamins and most are fortified with folic acid. Plus, grains contain fiber which helps prevent constipation and may reduce the risk of colon cancer.

Focus on fruits and vegetables – There are protective components in fruits and vegetables called antioxidants. Vitamins C, E and beta carotene are known to be involved in reducing your risk of certain forms of cancer, heart disase, cataracts and other degenerating diseases Rich sources of these nutrients include citrus. green peppers, strawberries, cabbage, green leafy, yellow or orange vegetables. Nuts, seeds and whole grains are also good sources. Also, choose a general multi-vitamin/mineral supplement with not more than 100 percent of the U.S.

Please see AGING, B2



#### GET GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Calories needed in proportion to how active you are As we age, we need fewer calories to maintain our weight. To calculate the calories you need:

- Weight in pounds x 10 (sedentary)
- Weight in pounds x 15 (moderate activity)
- Weight in pounds x 20 (very active)

ENJOY **YOUR** GOLDEN YEARS

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in order to reach the golden years," must be lived with a certain amount of conscientious effort to making good food choices. We may also have to consider the health of one of our sp since how they age will make a difference in the quality of our years left together. When the husband of a cou-

ple I know had a heart attack their lives changed forever. One of the biggest adjustments was in their relation ships with friends and family.

Every get together was a challenge. Late evenings out were forbidden. Stopping for cocktails before going out to dinner was another tempta-tion. Tailgating at a sports event could be life-threatening. Making plans with old friends, or celebrations with the family, became a dreaded

But instead of becoming isolated and depressed, this couple decided to take a proactive approach. Instead

Please see GOLDEN, B2

## Cheesy macaroni satisfies taste buds, health goals



While passing through the supermarket freezer section, I thought about how much my taste buds missed macaroni and cheese. I picked up a package and read the nutrition label – 18 ms of fat, eight grams saturated fat grams of fat, eight grams saturated and well over 300 calories per cup.

I returned the package to the freezer, but the tasty memory lingered long enough to prod me into developing a macaroni and cheese recipe that would satisfy my taste buds and health goals.

MURIEL
WAGNER
This was not an entirely selfish mission, however, my patients have been asking me for a palatable reduced fat and calorie version of macaroni and cheese for some

I began with a recipe from a 1950s cookbook and made 1998 substitutions. I used evaporated skim milk instead of whole milk. The evaporated milk makes a richer tasting sauce than regular skim milk. I increased the seasonings and added veggies for color, flavor and nutrition. The sauce seemed to cling better to the ridges of rotini (corkscrew macaroni) than the regular macaroni.

The problem was the cheese. Cheddar cheese has nine grams of fat per ounce, with 75 percent of the calories from fat, and 50 percent of those calories are saturated at. Cheese has a higher percentage of calories from fat

and saturated fat than pork sausage or spare ribs. I tried fat-free cheese, but the flavor wasn't very good What I finally settled on was a reduced fat cheese (2 grams per ounce) augmented with Parmesan cheese and a cheese flavor substitute. Of course, Parmesan is not a low-fat cheese, but it has lots of flavor per ounce. One tablespoon is only 1/4 of an ounce, and that has only 2 grams of fat.

Try my recipe, and see what you think. It has less than half the fat and saturated fat of the original recipe. It's also a perfect vegetarian entree. You needn't worry about adding one of the big three – chicken, meat or fish for protein. There's plenty of protein from the milk, cheese and even the rotini.

#### MACARONI (ROTINI) AND CHEESE

- 2 cans (14 ounce) evaporated skim milk
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce 4 green onlons, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 5 teaspoons Molly McButter All Natural Dairy Sprin-
- kles Cheese Flavor 8 slices Kraft 2 percent milk singles
- 4 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 8 ounces dry rotini Nonstick spray

Prepare rotini according to package directions.

Mix cornstarch with dry mustard. Add a little evaporated skim milk to make a smooth paste. Combine with remaining milk and Worcestershire Sauce. Heat over very low heat, stirring constantly until thickened, or place in a 2-quart measuring cup in microwave on high for about 4 minutes, until thickened.

Stir in 6 slices of cheese until melted. Add Parma and Molly McButter Cheese. Stir until combined. Add rotini and chopped vegetables. Stir gently until mixed through.

Pour into a 2-quart casserole that has been spre with nonstick spray. Top with remaining cheese sprinkle lightly with paprika. Bake in a moderate 375°F about 25 minutes until heated through and i browned. Serves 6.

- Nutrition facts: 1 cup serving Calories 248; Total Fat, 5.6g; Saturated Fat, 3.3g; Cholesterol, 15mg; Sodium 655mg.
- Food exchanges: 1/2 fat-free milk; 2 starches; 1

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ras served with the

the same time. Santorini wine is a constituted throughout the world. Gathering around a table with family and friends to share a med at the end of the day is a time held in reverence by all inhabitants of Greece.

As we shared food, and wine, many languages and cultures, including Greek, English, German and Spanish, it hit me—wow! for a change I was not thinking about what to have for deseart or what I had do after dinher.

dinher.

I lenjoyed every bite of food, word spoken and sip of wine at that moment. It seemed like all our counterparts at our small banquet ate, drank and shared this way on a regular basis.

The food was simply beautiful and tasty. It was not masked by

sauces with complex names. As I sat back in my chair into the early morning hours singing and sipping Santorini wine with my new friends, I thought the world isn't so big. Simple is good, less can often be more.

can otten be more.

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. lege. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of

## Enjoy a taste of the Mediterranean

ee related 2 Unique column Taste front. Recipes compli-ts of Kelli Lewton.

#### MEDITERRANEAN MEAT MARINADE

tablespoons fresh garlic, chopped ce of 3 lemons oon lemon zest cup red wine vinegar /2 cup extra virgin olive oil tablespoon fresh pars

mbine ingredients. G pork or lamb.

#### ANAKOPHA (SPINACH PIE)

rge Spanish onion (diced nds fresh spinach

/8 cup extra virgin olive oil bunch scallions (mind cup fresh feta cheese (crumbled) olespoons fresh dill

1/2 cup fresh parsley

(chopped) 1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon fresh cracked

pepper 1 box phyllo dough, thawed 1/2 stick butter

1/8 cup bread crumbs

In a large pot heat olive oil. Sweat onions until translucent. Add spinach, a handful at a time, and wilt. Cook down approximate-

Place in bowl, mix with feta, herbs and seasoning. Take phyllo (working quickly or keeping cov-ered) and layer six sheets, brush-ing with melted butter and a sprinkling of bread crumbs between the sheets of dough.

Take collective sheets and place ntered in Teflon pie pan. Spoon filling in. Fold overlapping phyllo dough over mixture to create top of the pie. Brush top with butter and bake at 350°F., 20 to 25 minutes or

## Aging from page B1



Daily Recom-mended Daily Allowance. Don't waste your waste your money on "anti-aging" concoc-

Exercise -Our metabolism decreases as we

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decreases as we age, and this can result in weight gain and fatigue. Regular physical activity helps increase energy, improves self image, boosts immunity,

fights depression and enhances the quality of sleep. Take care when you exercise to avoid injury. Stay on softer, level sur-faces and warm up with stretch-

Exercise doesn't have to be Exercise doesn't have to be strenuous to be good for you. Find something you enjoy doing and can do regularly. Golf (when you walk the course) is great. Ballroom and Swing dancing are becoming very popular again. Sign up for lessons. Swimming is wonderful everying as is water. wonderful exercise, as is water aerobics. Choose the activity

that is right for you and try

warying activities, too.

Flavor it - Our sense of taste and smell diminishes as we age. We need to add flavorings that don't add excess sodium.

Excess sodium not only pulls calcium out of our body which affects our bone health, it also

over 50 is 50 grams, and for men-63 grams. This is the protein in-seven to nine ounces of meat, poultry or fish. However, there is protein in dairy foods and grain, so eating five to seven ounces of meat daily is sufficient:

meat daily is sufficient.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts of Clarkston, is a registered dietican aggravate high blood pressure. Add herbs, butter flavoring, wine, reduced stocks and flavored vinegars.

Get enough protein, but watch the fat – The recommended amount of protein for women

## Golden from page B1

of entertaining friends with cocktails and going out to dinner at a restaurant, or becoming caught in one of the other challenging situation s for someone with heart disease, my friend hit upon the idea of serving a Sun-day morning brunch.

While the invitees are at church, playing golf, or just

enjoying a leisurely morning, the host and hostess are cutting fresh fruit for the giant platter that is the centerpiece of the

Ease of preparation is important so chopping the vegetables for the omelet and preparing the muffin mix is done the night before. Last minute details are kept to a minimum, and the

event is casual.

A variety of interesting breads, muffins and bagels are paired with lite veggie cream ch sugar added jams and jellies, and an olive oil/balsamic vinegar and herb blend. Ice water, coffee, tea and a specialty fruit drink are also served.

For entertainment, the couple

sets up a croquet game, bad-

The brunch has become a favorite event. The couple doesn't lose touch with friends, the brunch is fun for everyone involved, and other couples who are also aging and must watch their diets, get some good enter-taining ideas.

1/4 teaspoon each: ground

nutmeg, ground ginger

Preheat oven to 400°F. In a large

bowl, combine cereal and boiling

In another large bowl, combine

molasses; stir well. Stir in flour,

with water, nutmeg and ginger.

Stir in raisins and chopped apples.

Fill lined muffin cups about two-

thirds full and bake 20 to 25 min-

utes or until muffins test done.

soda, cinnamon, bran softened

2 cups chopped apples

egg whites, milk, honey and

(optional)

1 cup raisins

water. Set aside.

# Treat your family, friends to brunch

See related story on Taste

I like this recipe because it's easy to make, and you make it in one skillet so cleanup is simple

If you use egg whites, you can use the egg yolks as a rinse for your hair.

#### TLC BRUNCH SKILLET

Recipe serves 6

5 ounces lean turkey sausage 1 cup chopped red bell pep-

1 cup chopped green pepper 12 egg whites, or the equiva-

lent in egg substitute 1/2 cup non-fat ricotta

cheese 1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon pepper Nonstick cooking spray Salsa of your choice (option-

In a large nonstick frying pan, sauté crumbled turkey sausage edium heat until thoroughly oked. Remove meat from pan and drain any fat. Return pan to ktop and sauté onion until soft and slightly transparent. Add peppers and sauté until cooked, but still firm.

In a separate bowl, beat egg white with salt, pepper and ricotta until combined. Remove vegetables from pan and turn heat to very low, spray pan with nonstick cooking spray and return to burn-

Pour egg white mixture into pan. When bottom is slightly set, arrange sausage, peppers and onions on top. Cover and cook over very low heat until set through,

about 10-12 minutes. To serve, invert onto platter and cut into wedges. Warm salsa in microwave ests can and set on the side so gu help themselves.

Nutrition information per serving: Using egg whites, excluding salsa Calories 91.71; Protein 15.63g;

Fat 3.18g; Sodium 644.0mg; Carbohydrates 8.28g.

#### LOW-FAT APPLE BRAN MUFFINS

3 cups bran cereal (recipe tested with All-Bran)

1 1/2 cups boiling water 3 egg whites

2 cups skim milk

1/2 cup honey 1/4 cup molasses

2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour

2 1/2 teaspoons baking soda 2 tablespoons cinnamon

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 130.11; Pro-tein 4.06g, Fat .47g; Sodium

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104.56mg;

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### Angelo's wisdom: Information Age communicate

n a society that reveres the imagery of youth and the "new," there's always the risk of losing perspective.

Frank Angelo won't let that happen. "The greatest problem we have is communicating," he said.

Just because it's called the Information Age, communicating effectively shouldn't be taken for granted.

Angelo shakes his head, clenches his jaw and let's his experience speak for itself

"My interest has been in the field of human relations," said the Beverly Hills resident and former managing editor of the Detroit Free Press.

The condition of human relations doesn't even seem to be a topic on the national agenda.

That worries Angelo. Age hasn't given him a license to be so wise. That's come with a fount of compassion and a scrapbook of

In his 83 years, he's seen what "good communication" can accomplish, and the misery and confusion as a consequence of "bad communica-

He can't be accused of not practicing what he preaches.

#### Clear in heart

Angelo is one of the organizers of "Authors on Stage," a series of dra-matic readings this Saturday at Village Players in Birmingham

The program presents actors inter-preting a range of literary works, including excerpts from "Angela's Ashes" by Frank McCourt, "Tuesdays with Morrie," by Mitch Albom, and Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" by John Berendt.

The goal of "Authors on Stage" is refreshingly simple: to promote good writing.

And "good writing," as Samuel Johnson preached and Angelo knows first hand, can make a world of differ-

Thirty years ago when the Cranbrook Writers Guild was established, Angelo was directing the news coverage during one of the most turbulent times in Detroit history.

"Good communication" not only mattered, it was the difference between civil strife and revolution in

Angelo wasn't an editor caught behind a desk. He was on the streets getting a first-hand account. He also served on a range of civic boards.

"I felt profoundly responsible that the paper live up to its responsibility that human relations had to be improved.

He could pick up the phone and talk to Henry Ford or get information from nning an all-night bar

Communication for Angelo has always meant bringing clarity to convoluted situations and precision to language. The kind of lucidness that good writing can bring to life.

For Angelo, it's quite simple. Clear in mind. Sincere in heart.

#### From a sage

Unlike some of the more fertile debates about culture and race of 30 years ago, today's national discourse is reactionary and extreme, he

According to Angelo, today's public discussions are more about coming up with provocative sound bites than sensible positions.

The proof is everywhere, from the tabloids' infatuation with celebrities to mainstream news' obsession with "breaking news" to the insipid folksiness of broadcast reporting.

Today, more than ever, "good communication" is required.

Frank Angelo won't let that be for-

Invariably, he shakes his head, clenches his jaw and let's his experience speak.

But sometimes, he confesses wondering whether anyone is listening. He'll go on. Just practicing what he

A wise man never loses perspective















# MARKETING A CAUSE

## Advocates make case for lifelong learning through the arts

or art organizations throughout the area, the ubiquitous "m' word" keeps coming up — marketing.

Clearly, it's a sign that those who promote the arts aren't practicing elitism but a new-styled salesmanship aimed at mass appeal.

Throughout a recent two-hour public discussion entitled, "Building the Arts from the Grassroots," a panel of eight arts advocates swatted at the "m' word" as it fluttered like a cagey bee around their heads.

Apparently, they're getting used to talking like brazen entrepreneurs. Actually succeeding at marketing, however, is a game of hit

I miss.
Velcome to Arts Advocacy 101, o known as, "How to sustain the sa at the edge of the 21st century." According to panelists, the formufor success sounds like a 1990s mira – a blend of populist appeal, intalist seal for self-sufficiency d a finely tuned marketing plan. Building the Arts from the assroots" was part of the ongoing

nunity sponsored by the

Other than to keep open their cors, the overriding objective for the organizations is to convince

WHAT: "Building the Arts from the Grassroots" was held Saturday, May 2, at th William Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills in conjunction with the Third Annual

al Farmington Festival of the Arts. The forum was part of an ongoing discussion initiated by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers about the state of the arts in our communities. It is in response to the "American Canvas Report" released by the National Endowment for the Arts in the fall of 1997. This is the third of a series of articles, which addresses this subject. Previous

articles were published on Oct. 26, 1997 and Feb. 1, 1998. WHO: Participants in this forum, which addressed the mission of local arts organiza-

tions, included representatives from:

Ann Arbor Art Center - Marsha Chamberlain

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center – Janet Torno
Canton Art Association – Gene Harmonds
Farmington Arts Commission – Fern Barber

Livenia Arts Commission - Perir Barber

Livenia Arts Commission - Bob Sheridan

Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester - Betty Ruedisueli

Prymouth Arts Council - Jennifer Tobin
 Southfield Parks & Recreation Dept./Centre for the Arts - Bill Waterhouse

NOTE: These arts organizations offer a range of fine art classes, exhibits, annual art fairs, outreach programs and performance venues. The commissions serve as umbrella agencies for local arts groups.

"Building the Arts from the Grassroots" will air during May on Channel 8 in Farmington/ Farmington Hills.

For a copy of the videotape, call Sally LePla-Perry, Farmington Area cultural arts coordinator, (248) 473-9583.

That's hardly a surprising posi-on. But the panelists' idealism is

ably, the only issue m versial than contempor

#### ARTS FESTIVAL

## Greektown art fair delivers food, culture

Michael McCullough is working night and day to make sure he has enough woodcut prints for the Greek-town Arts Festival Friday-Sunday, May

The Farmington Hills artist is doubling his stock of black and white and color woodcuts of nature, lighthouse. animal, and ethnic scenes. They were a

popular item at last year's show.
"Greektown is an excellent show along with Art in the Park in Plymouth and the Birmingham Art Fair in fall," said McCullough, a graduate of

Churchill High School in Livonia.

McCullough likes the "energy of Ger-

man Expressionists" Edvard Munch, actually a Norwegian, and Franz Marc who frequently used woodcuts, lithographs and intaglio prints to address social issues and political injustices in early 20th century Germany. McCullough own prints convey a similar power A black and white stormy seascane is reminiscent of the terror in Munch's work.



Woodcut print: "No One is to' Blame" by artist Michael McCullough.

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tural affairs office, only

structure – an "arts center." "It's a tough sell," said Bob seridan, chair of the Livenis

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An alliance with Plymouth

An amance with Plymouth arts groups, Project Arts, has helped to consolidate resources.

"There's definitely strength in numbers," said Hammonds.

"Despite the odds of public funds going to build an art center, Farmington artists are encouraged that their day will come.

e consider the recent suc-

es of the Farmington Pestival the Arts as the strongest argu-ent for a local art center. 'In our area, 63 languages are oken," said Fern Barber, presi-

ent of the Farmington Arts ommission. The art (in the fes-

tival) is an example of our multi-cultural diversity."

The Farmington festival brought together 23 arts groups, representing about 1,500 artists from many disciplines.

from many disciplines.
Largely through the Farmington Community Art Association, which organized the festival, enough money and in-kind services were raised to support the event, said Barber.

#### Supply & demand

To succeed amid a climate of reduced public funding while trying to attract volunteers, corporate sponsors and members, art organizations are learning to art organizations are learning to sound and act like aspiring

The arts at a community level

have to be run like a business," said Southfield's Waterhouse.

"Yet it's difficult for a volunteer-driven organization to be run like a business."

run like a business."

Corralling the energies of a largely volunteer staff might be like trying to nail down Jell-O.

Through public and member surveys, however, many of the larger art centers have adapted an age-old principle of generating supply to meet demand.

"Growth in the arts has to do with organizations being better

with organizations being better at understanding their communities and programming based on what people want," said Chamberlain of the Ann Arbor Art Center.

Appeals to corporate sponsor-ships have also increased as the public grant process has grown umbersome and increasingly competitive, she said.

"Before corporations would give us money upfront," said Chamberlain. "Now it's marketdriven. They want to know how

many times their name will

"But it all helps to build audi-

MARIE OF THE PARTY OF THE SALE

Opening up While attracting members and funds is a top priority, arts organizations also hope to deflate the nystique of the arts, according the panel.

"We're attempting to bring art to a level where the average per-son can appreciate it," said Sheridan of the Livonia Arts

"One of the key roles is to make people feel comfortable with the arts," said Torno of the Bloomfield Birmingham Art

Making art accessible, however, isn't the same as diminishing the power of art to educate and

'It's important that the arts occasionally make people feel uncomfortable. Art is sometimes

about social issues that involve all of us," said Paint Creek's

"The real value of what we do
is to help people develop their
creative processes," said Ann
Arbor Art Center's Chamberlain.
"Exhibits of diverse art is the
entree to different levels of

In its report on the state of American culture, "American Canvas," published last October, the National Endowment for the the National Endowment for the Arts concluded that the arts establishment had to "undergo a wholesale overhaul."

The report recommended that cultural institutions need to open up" to serve a larger pub-

The first step in "opening up the arts," according to the panel is to increase public awareness of the essential role of the arts in building communities.

The timing not only seems right, but the panelists each spoke with a sense of urgency.

No wonder. As the Internet facilitates speed-of-light commu-nication, the nature of communi-ty is undergoing a fundamental

In the cultural state of flux, the opportunity is at hand for art organizations to advocate and educate, said Jennifer Tobin,

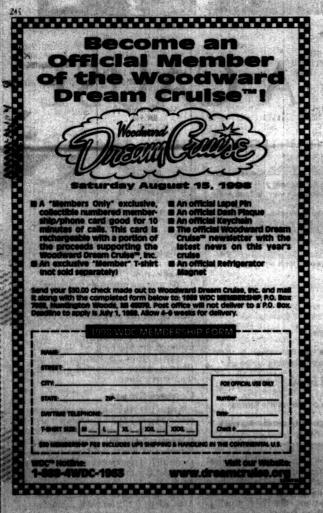
executive director of the Plymouth Arts Council. A program at the Plymouth Arts Council invites young moth-ers to come together to plan exhibits as their children play in

an adjacent room.
"It's mome learning about art," said Tobin. "Art organizations are a place where people can come to feel, share and commu-nicate about their lives.

"(The arts) can bridge cultural. geographical and generational differences."

Who could argue? Now to implement the marketing plan.





#### "You don't see a lot of woodcuts," said McCullough, a native of Redford Township. "People like that primitive appeal." ke that primitive appe McCullough exhibited his prints for the first time in fall of 1996. He began working in the m while studying for his four to five years. bachelor of fine arts degree at Eastern Michigan University in the early 1990s. He frequently carves during fairs, and has an example of a finished woodblock,

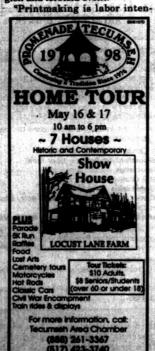
er and the kitchen spoon

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rice paper and the music spused to hand-rub the prints in "I enjoy the process, the chal-lenge of drawing it backwards," said McCullough. "I can't wait till I see the first print." Among McCullough's newest

pieces are portraits of Marilyn Monroe, Diana Ross and a zebra Monroe, Diana Ross and a zebra at a watering hole. From a litter of Dalmation puppies to a loon on a lake and bears in trees, his subject matter deals with every-thing from African and Oriental cultures to vanishing wildlife. Veiled women in "The Prophecy" keep the viewer guessing as to the origination of country, religion and foretold eve

"Printmaking is labor inten-



sive," said McCullough. "By the time you draw it and get it onto the wood then carve it you have hours into a print like the zebra which took 125 hours. I have a huge list of subjects I'd like to do, probably enough for the next

Presented by the Greektown Merchants Association in cooperation with the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, the eighth annual Greektown Arts Festival features works by 125 artists from 20 states and two Canadian

The juried art, music, good food and atmosphere set the Greektown fair apart from other summer art shows. Shopping in the art booths or in the shops in Trapper's Alley is worth the trip

"We're encouraging people to come down with their children and enjoy making art at the Imagination Station," said Dave Kronenberg, art fairs director for the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, organizers of the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. The Greektown area is reviving and thriving. It's a wonderful destination. We have a lot of neat and interesting art, a good amount of jewelry, pottery, painting, glass, wood, fiber, photography, and printmaking and ent are new artists."

The festival stage will show-case local and national touring acts including former Twistin'

#### vn Arts Festival

The Greektown Arts Festival Stage on Beaubien Street at Monroe Street in Greektown will offer for free a variety of acts from rocka-billy and soul to latin rhythms and acid jazz. For more information, call (313) 963-5445.

Friday, May 15: The Shack Shakers, rockabilly swingers from Nashville, perform 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Black Beauty, a new rockabilly act featuring former Twistin' Tarantulas member George Friend, and Thornetta Davis perform 6:50-8 p.m.; and "rockabilly songbird" ert Gordon hits the stage 8:20-9:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 16: The Hellenic Society starts off the day with traditional Greek dancing noon to 1 p.m.; African Rhythm Project performs traditional African rhythms and jazz 1:15-2:10 p.m.; Pena World Beat plays Latin rhythms rock and Jazz 2:30-3:40 p.m.; The New Orleans-style brass band Motor City Street Band hits the stage from 4-5 p.m.; Bird of Paradise Orchestra plays jazz and swing 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Sugarfoot performs acid jazz and funk 7-8 p.m.; Sugar rcia, former Roomful of Blues frontman and harpist, plays with the help of an expanded version of Johnny Bassett and the Blues Insurgents 8:25-9:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 17: Tru Light Temple Gospel Choir sings 1-2 p.m.; The Bill Heid Trio featuring jazz guitar great Perry Hughes plays from 2:30-3:30 p.m.; and Johnny Bassett and the Blues Insurgents return to the stage with Detroit blues legends Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones, Thornetta Davis and Joe Weaver 4-5:30 p.m.

Tarantula guitarist George Friend's new band "Black Beauty" featuring Thornetta Davis, hnny Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, the Bill Heid Trio and the Bird of Paradise Orches-

Rick Pinkerton of the Music Menu Cafe coordinated the fair's entertainment ranging from swing to Greek dancing, rockabilly, Latin rock, traditional African rhythms, jazz, gospel

Other local artists exhibiting in the Greektown Arts Festival are Carole Berhorst, clay, and Michael MacManus, jewelry, Bloomfield Hills; Sandra Bellestri, painting, Lake Orion; Jeanine Sova and John Chestnut, toys, Clarkston; Denise Szadyr, clay, Waterford, and Debra Vantol, glass, Auburn

#### ART BEAT

#### COLLEGE EXHIBIT FEATURES LOCAL

John Neumann, son of Martha and Kurt Neumann of Bloomfield Village is one of 12 seniors e work is exhibited at Kenyon College's Olin Gallery.

The exhibit is dedicated to the

senior thesis work of studio-art majors. The private liberal arts college is located in Gambier,

Neumann, a graduate of Cranbrook Kingswood School, will receive his bachelor of arts degree in May.

season features Sandra Bomar fie and the Jazz Masters at 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 17.

The concert is held at the First Baptist Church in downtown Birmingham at the corner of Willits and Bates streets.

Bomar opened the Detroit Montreaux Jazz Festival in 1996. She was a backup singer for Martha Reeves as one of the Vandellas."

B'Jazz Vespers includes 20 minutes of worship interlude in a two-set, 100 minutes of jazz

RANDT PLATE & PICASSO HING REPORTED STOLEN

Park West Gallery in South-field is offering a \$25,000 reward for information leading to find-

ing a 1655 etched copperplate signed and dated by Rembrandt. The value of the plate is estimated at \$100,000.

In addition, Park West and Southfield Police have reported that a 1932 original Picasso etching was stolen from the gallery in late April.

The etching, "Nude Women and a Sculpted Head/Bust" is valued at \$50,000. It is one of

If you have any information about the whereabouts of either of these works of art, please call Public Information Office Harris, Southfield Police, (248)



# Food writer's memoirs recall

## a tumultuous life and times



This flavorful, satisfying mem-oir authored by New York Tim food writer Reichl begins food with a rather startling revela-tion: When she was a small child growing up in New York City. she

learned her way around the kitchen in order to save herself and others. Her high-strung er, she relates, was "taste blind and unafraid of rot." And, though this may seem slightly comical some 30 or 40 years later, Reichl assures us that, at the time, it was something to be dealt with seriously.
"My mission," she recalls, "was

to keep Mom from killing any-

body."
Slowly, at the elbow of occasional household maids (two of whom are depicted here in almost tactile color), the budding gourmet learned the secrets to memorable cooking in general, plus the alchemy behind such specific dishes as wiener schnitzel and apple dumplings. (Yes, she shares recipes here. although "Tender at the Bone" no more a cookbook that it is a collection of restaurant reviews.)

Her culinary talents really blossomed a bit later, however, when she began to entertain hungry high school friends at unchangeroned house parties. (To say that her mother and father were rather unconventional in their approach to parenting is an understatement.) Her gifts were honed further during her college

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Rick Bloom, CPA and attorney,

p.m. Monday, May 11; Paul Her-

ron discusses and signs "Anais

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**Poetry Discussion Group discuss** 

es Louise Gluck's Pulitzer Prize-

winning book "The Wild Iris." 1 p.m. Sunday, May 10; Mother-

**Daughter Book Group discusses** 

Patricia MacLachien's "Baby." 7

p.m. Monday, May 11; open mic

poetry night, 7 p.m. Wednesday

May 13; folk singer Bob Miller,

Food: Recipes and Reflections

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Lugosch performs, 4 p.m. Satur-

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Southfield Road, (248)644-1515.

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**BOOK HAPPENINGS** 

days at the University of Michigan and on trips abroad. She also racked up some highly valuable experience at a San Francisco collective during the "70s where "everybody did everything, from cooking the food to mopping the floor."

"... there was no job 1 didn't like," Reichl says of the time she spent at the collective restaurant "from lifting fifty-pound secks of flour off the delivery truck to burning my hands on hot plates as I snatched them from the dishwasher."

While food, glorious food, may be the centerpiece for "Tender at the Bone," Reichl's book, however, is ultimately a look at per places and an era. Lucky for places and an era. Lucky for us, it is rendered in an engaging journalistic style, spiced with wit and humor, and leavened with a healthy dollop of insight. (Occasionally, it is enlivened, according to Reichl, with a soupeon of fantasy, too.) If it's a bit of a mishmash in regard to form and structure, its hodgepodge quality seems to detract relatively little overall.

seems to detract relatively little overall.

Reichl's various and lively east is headed up by her highly unpredictable, unstable mother, who was often given to grandiose plans for parties, entertaining and life in general that she would eventually abandon to her husband and young daughter. ("When lithium entered our lives ... years later we were deeply grateful," writes the author, in reference to her mother's eventual diagnosis and treatment.)

Other important players here include Aunt Birdie, who couldn't cook but did make the world's best potato salad; Serafina, Reichl's beautiful and mysterious Ann Arbor roommate; the author's "sweet and accommodation" thanks and in the mother's the author's "sweet and accommodation" thanks and in the production of the salad in the salad

author's "sweet and accommo-dating" – though rather insular – father; and Doug, the hungry

Nancy Washburne signs 'Snorkel-

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Lakes," 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, at the store 17111 Hagge Road at Six Mile, Northville.

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Recipes and Reflections from

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Theatre Guild cast members of

"Into the Woods" read stories

and Sandra Scott signs "Starting

Again," 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday,

May 15, to benefit St. Dunstan's

Theatre Guild at the store 6575

Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills

Fiction group discusses Ursula Hegi's "Intrusions," 7 p.m. Thurs

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"Lickety-Split Meals," 7 p.m. Sun-

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Ann Arbor artist who showed up on her Packard Road doorstep one summer evening in the late '60s, stayed to enjoy a sauerbrat-en-and-potato-pancake dinner and, eventually, became her hus-

As to Reichl herself, her character/essence seems revealed mostly through the voice of the storyteller – which is informed and informal, sophisticated and unpretentious, sincere and imag-

inpretentious, sincere and imag-native all at once. Reichl's ability to spirit any reader away to scattered points on the globe also adds signifi-cantly to the luscious texture of this memoir. It's a delight to visit on these pages the modest Greenwich Village apartment where she started our life in the '50s, the above-mentioned Packard Road roost she called ne on the "wrong side" of Ann Arbor, a Tunisian medina fragrant with "saffron, cayenne, mint and cumin," the Berkeley commune circa 1970, a shadowy French wine cellar "where ancient electric heaters rested on the dirt floor, keeping the red wines comfortable."

wines comfortable."
Finally, "Tender at the Bone"
is a kind of delicious history that thing reveals to us not just som about these people and places but about the times in which they existed, also. For those readers who regard the Eisenhower era and tumultuous '60s and '70s as an especially significant period, this book should hold special significance. The author's remembrances of life in Ann Arbor and Berkeley during this latter time are not just up-close and personal - they're often fascinating.

At the outset, Reichl tells us,

"I learned that the most important thing in life is a good story." No doubt about it, "Tender at the Bone" is a good story.

Arts Ensemble performs 7 p.m.

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bell, 11 a.m. Saturday, May 16 at the store, 5601 Mercury Drive,

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of Latin America," 4 p.m. Monday

May 11; Grace Lee Boggs reads

from "Living for Change: An Auto-biography," 8 p.m. Tuesday, May

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"Lobbying for High Education:

How Colleges and Universities

Wednesday, May 13; Josip

and Other Disasters," 8 p.m.

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Inland Lakes," 7 p.m. Tuesday,

The Marmoset of Bloomsbury. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13;

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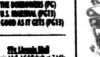






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## Park West auctions art works

SOUTHFIELD, Mich., May 7 /PRNewswire/ - When the auctioneer's hammer falls on May 24 and 25, Park West Gallery of Southfield, Michigan will offer more than 400 custom-framed original works of fine art at a public auction.

The auction, featuring creations by old and modern mas-ters, Altman, Peter Max, Tarkay and more than 30 contemporary living artists, begins at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 24, and at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 25, at the Mar-ciett East Lensing, 300 M.A.C. riott East Lansing, 300 M.A.C. Avenue in East Lansing, Michi-

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■ The important topic of food allergies enters the spotlight this week. The Food Allergy Net-work, a national non-profit organization, and the State of Michigan have declared it Food Allergy Awareness Week.

Following the announcement that May is Asthma & Allergy Awareness Month, The Food Allergy Network, a national non-profit organization, has declared May 11-15 Food Allergy Awareness Week.

According to Anne Russell, R.N., Plymouth resident and director of a local support group called Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Education & Support, Gov. John Engler likewise made the declaration for the State of Michigan.

"I am very pleased that Governor

Engler has approved May 11-15 as Food Allergy Awareness Week," Russell said. "Living with life-threatening food aller-gies is a challenging and often foot to gies is a challenging and often frighten-ing burden for children. Hopefully, this awareness week will serve to get accurate medical information to the general

public in order to increase their knowledge and sensitivity about serious food allergies."

Doctors across the country report an increase in the incidence of food allergy. Children are the largest group affected. One group of doctors reported a 55 percent increase in peanut allergy in chil-dren in the past 10 years. "Food allergies affect an estimated

four to six million Americans," said Anne Munoz-Furlong, founder of The Food Allergy Network (FAN), "yet most people believe food allergies are rare or affect only a small number of adults."

At the upcoming Friday, May 15, meeting of the Michigan Food Allergy Network, Dr. Marc McMorris, a University of Michigan pediatric allergist, will discuss peanut allergy diagnosis and management. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Arbor Health Building in

owntown Plymouth.

Food allergy is caused by an abnormal immune system response to a food. Reactions can range from mild to lifethreatening. Doctors estimate that hun-dreds of Americans die each year as a result of a food-allergic reaction. Symptoms can include hives, abdominal cramps, vomiting, diarrhea, swelling of the mouth or throat, difficulty breathing, asthma and respiratory diseases. Severe reactions can sometimes prove

Eight foods cause 90 percent of the allergic reactions in the U.S. they are milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, shellfish, soy and wheat. There is no cure for food allergies. Strict elimination of the food in question is the only way to avoid an allergic reaction.

Convincing others food allergies are real and getting accurate information about ingredients while eating at restaurants are two of the most difficult problems of living with food allergies, according to The Food Allergy Net-work's 18,000 members.

Restaurants offer an opportunity for improvement. Few offer training for employees to teach them how to proper-ly answer queries from food-allergic consumers. From a consumer's perspective, the fear of having a reaction because someone else didn't take them seriously or provide the information they need is well founded.

Allergic reactions have been reported and several people have died because restaurant staff were not properly trained in food allergy awareness.

Doctors reported that most allergy reactions occur when allergic individu-als, after being assured that their meal is "safe," eat a food that contains the ingredients to which they are allergic. One peanut-allergic individual reports, one told me the nuts on a danish were almonds and lo and behold, they were peanuts. I ate them, my throat got itchy, I got stomach cramps, diarrhea

and was gasping for breath to the point where I passed out."

Schools across the country are report-ing an increased number of children with food allergies. A study in the New England Journal of Medicine of 13 children were fatal and near fatal foodinduced allergic reactions, found four of the six cases of fatal food-induced allergic reactions had occurred in school.

Food allergy appears to be increasing and allergic reactions can be severe and have caused fatalities. "Until we educate others that food allergies are real, millions of Americans will continue to experience allergic reactions - for some, reactions may cost them their life, Munoz-Furlong said.

Munoz-Furiong said.

For free information, call 1-800-929-4040 or visit FAN's Web site at www.foodallergy.org. The monthly meeting of the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Education & Support group is open to the public. Individuals and children are welcome. The meetings are free and departions are accounted. For ings are free and donations are accepted. For more information, call Anne Russell, (734)

#### HEALTHY LIVING

This spring and summer, some Michiganders may experience eye allergies for the first time in their lives due to El Nino, warns David Bogorad, M.D., senior staff ophthalmologist with Henry Ford Health System.

"This year is especially bad due to warmer weather and a high pollen count. Some people may experience itchy, runny or burning eyes, which are all signs of seasonal eye allergies. For some contact lens users, eye allergies may make it nearly impossible for them to wear their lenses," said Dr. Bogorad.

Eye allergies may be alleviated by taking the proper precautions and medication. To minimize the problem, Bogorad first suggests trying to avoid the allergen or allergens that cause problems.

Ophthalmologists now have an arsenal of medications that can help relieve and even prevent the effects of eye allergies. There are types of eye drops ophthalmologist can prescribe. Each takes a different approach, such as:

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antihistamine drops, which reduce itching, burning and irritation; anti-inflammatory drops, which reduce swelling;

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ells releasing the histamines. Antihistamines and anti-inflammatories treat the ypptoms and may be taken as needed. Mast cell sta-ilizers treat the root of the problem by preventing hast cells in the eyes from releasing histamines. They hast be administered on a consistent basis during

Most importantly, be sure to keep your hands away from your eyes. When you rub your eyes, it causes your eyes to release more histamines which intensifies the allergic reaction," said Bogorad.

#### ESTIVE DISEASES AWARENESS MONTH

Many is National Digestive Diseases Awareness
Manth, Better Sleep Month and Breathe Easy Month
— observances that share a surprisingly common link.
Both sleeplessness and asthma can be triggered by
gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), a condition
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fact, the National Highway Traffic Safety Admin-ation blames drowsy drivers for an estimated 1000 reported automobile crashes in the U.S. annu-Likewise the National Sleep Foundation esti-es that sleep-deprived people are less productive tork, achieving only about 70 percent of their work ential and fueling increases in absenteeism. canwhile, there are other consequences of GERD often go unidentified: chronic cough, hoarseness asthma. According to a recent article in the Amer-layered of Medicine 75 except of natients with

# Home sweet home

## Home childbirth deemed positive option

most about the birth of her son, Hunter, is what a wonderfully rewarding experience the occasion

Although she admits the labor was the "hardest thing" she's ever done, the memory of the pain is bested by the sensation she felt cradling her first child just moments after he was orn; the pure emotion her friends and family expressed as attendants of the birth; and just as important - the control she maintained by having a

"Having my baby at home as opposed to a hospital meant being in control ... total control," said West-cott, a Livonia chiropractor who gave birth to her first child in 1995.

Westcott, 30, said as a chiropractor, her personal philosophy regarding sustaining a natural health regimen led her to begin searching for a mid-wife even before she became preg-

"I knew my midwife would be a guest in my home and that I could do what I wanted whether it meant being in the tub, eating or doing

ver," said Westcott. "I was so determined to have a home birth because I wanted to be in a comfortable and quiet setting where the natural birthing process wouldn't be interfered. Getting pregnant and having babies is the most natural a woman can do. I have great t for the human body."

Birthing practices have evolved from ancient women giving birth while standing or squatting, the invention of birth chairs during the Renaissance, the use of forceps in the 1950s to the state-of-the-art hospitals

of the 21st century.

The birthing position of having women place their legs in stirrups is said to have come out of "a point in history when Louis XIV commanded that a 'viewing table' be constructed so he could better see the birth of one of his mistresses' children ... the thing

of ms mistresses chauter ... the thing to do among the elite and eventually made its way into the accepted norm." At the very origin of childbearing, however, the process remains unchanged.

Despite modern medical advances and interventions, a growing percentage of women around the world have added having the baby at home to their list of birthing options.

"Historically, home was the place of birth until the 1930s," said Cheryl Resnick Ettinger, a childbirth counselor and educator from Southfield who gave birth to her second child at



Mom: Cheryl Resnick Ettinger of Southfield poses with her two sons, Jordan, 3, and Jaime, 1. After an unsatisfactory experience during the hospital delivery of son Jordan, Ettinger spent nearly two-years researching the option of homebirth, where she had Jaime in March of 1997 under the guidance and support of two midwives.

and Prevention released statistics and Prevention released statistics from 1990 that showed "direct-entry midwives had the lowest infant mortality rate - half that of medical doctors." The statistics reflected the infant mortality rates of live births in hospitals, birthing centers and at home. The Direct-Entry Midwife and Certified Nurse Midwife had overall lower incidents of infant mortality than medical doctors and doctors of esteonathy.

WHO statistics

The World Health Organization states that "no region in the world is justified in having a Caesarean rate greater than 10 to 15 percent." The Caesarean delivery rate in the United States for 1995 was 20.8 (source: Monthly Vital Statistics Report, Vol. 45, No. 11 Supplement; www.edc.gov/).

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The practice of home birth receives much criticism from the medical community at large as between 95-99 percent of all births currently take place in the hospital. Janet Ashford, child-birth educator, author and mother of three home-birthed children, estimates less than 5 percent of U.S. births take place in the home.

"Many studies indicate that home birth is as safe or safer than hospital birth. But most doctors have never seen a home birth or even a normal birth, so they just don't understand. It goes against their training. Most women, unfortunately, are afraid of birth."

Ettinger said over the last few Ettinger said over the last few lecades women have been made to seel that "birth is a potential life-threatening illness and that drugs and technology can control, and are superior to nature." The Southfield mother who gave birth to her first son, Jordan Elan, at a local hospital birthing center, opted for a home with for her second child after what the describes the hospital birth as visions ... for the best day of my life

turned out to be the worst."

Ettinger labored for several hours in the birthing center before it was determined that a Caesarean section was necessary. She says she requested to remain awake during the procedure with a epidural so her husband could attend, but was sedated without

was not allowed to see my own baby until he was 21 hours old. Even then I needed written permission," said Ettinger who left the hospital vithout a baby. "My surgical hospital birth was the most dehumanizing, depersonalizing experience of my life, and the cost for this medical nightmare was almost \$30,000."

#### Another option

Over the next two years, Ettinger says she joined the International Caesarean Awareness Network and met other women who shared their experi-ences about hospital births as well as researching extensively the option of home birth.

"I made a choice on my own to have a home birth to avoid the unnecessary interventions and drugs I was exposed to the first time," said Ettinger.

Jaime Aren was born in March 1997 at the Ettinger home. Two midwives spent more than 24 hours with the couple, according to Ettinger, who said she was supported and embraced by the midwives who were guests in her home. She says she went walking, watched her wedding video, ate homemade chicken soup and bagels, and rested in a pool of warm water before she and her husband embraced their son without the separation they

experienced the first time.
"All newborn assessments were done with him right there on my chest. We never needed permission to see him, he belonged to us and not an

institution. The cost of Ettinger's birth was \$2,475.

"Having been on both sides of birth I can honestly say that if we were to do this again we would take the lowtech, low-cost, high care and best results road to birth. Love gets a baby in and love helps get a baby out.

Home birth is an option for low-risk women with adequate prenatal care and a qualified attendant. Women who have chosen home birth as an option say they valued the one-on-one attention and care by the midwife and birth assistant. They sought the control to plan their birth with all the

freedom and intimacy possible.
"Home birth is nothing new, it's been done for centuries and is slowly making a comeback as people become more aware they have a choice in their birthing options." Editor's Note: Home birth may not

be a choice for everyone and not all women may be eligible as health con-ditions such as diabetes, high blood ditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and cardiac problems place them in a higher-risk category for complications during delivery. All of the persons interviewed for this article suggested taking advantage of the resources available regarding home birth before making a decision. The Internet offers a wealth of information and sources for you to consult. The best parent is an educated one ... Cheryl Resnick Ettinger contributed to this article; she can be reached for information on childbirth education at (248) 647-1122.

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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 ced cours

Both sessions take place at Clinton-wood Park. Session II 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. sions take place at Clinton

#### 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 nondents (full-day). Call 625-8223.

#### **Horseback riding**

Oxford Township Parks and Recre ation sponsors horseback riding classes for riders ages 5 to adult at the Michigan Riding Academy in Oxford.

The four-week sessions will be offerd from 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-

#### Girls hoop clinic

A girls basketball clinic for players grades 3-6 is offered June 22 to July 15 at the Clear Lake cafeteria, week-days from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

The clinic will include development of individual skills, team play, games and a program T-shirt. Cost is \$40 for residents, \$45 for non-residents.

#### **Hoop camp**

The staff of the Oxford High School girls' basketball program will be the instructors for a four-week girls' basketball camp for players in grades 7-12. The camp runs June 17 to July 10, and runs weekdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$55 for residents, \$60 for non-residents. For more information, call

#### Pistons make state

The Orion Pistons, a girls' U-11 AAU basketball team, reached the Michigan AAU state playoffs by win-ning their regional pool playoffs at the Aim High Sports Facility in Lans-ine.

# Wolves, Troy play give-away



Clarkston had a softball sweep in hand until a cou-ple of bad bounces doomed them to another lets in the m to another late-inning

hat goes around often comes around, a lesson Clarkston and Troy learned in their prep soft-ball doubleheader split Wednesday at Troy. Clarkston handed the Colts a three-run seventh inning that led to a 7-6 Troy win in the opener. Then the Colts turned around and committed four errors and two passed balls as the Wolves grabbed the nightcap, 6-

The Colts went into the bottom of the seventh trailing 6-3, but won the game when Alisa Valentino's single took a hop over the glove of Clarkston left fielder Tricia Brewer and rolled all the way to the fence, allow-

The Colts then gave up three runs, all of them nearned, in the fourth inning of the second game and

"I'm extremely disappointed (in the split)," Troy coach Tom Calnen said. "We didn't play the softball been playing. All the success we've had has been because of defense and (Wednesday)

**II** 'It was frustrating because we beat ourselves. They didn't beat us. Now we have to work that much harder.'

Tiffany Honey
—Clarkston senior

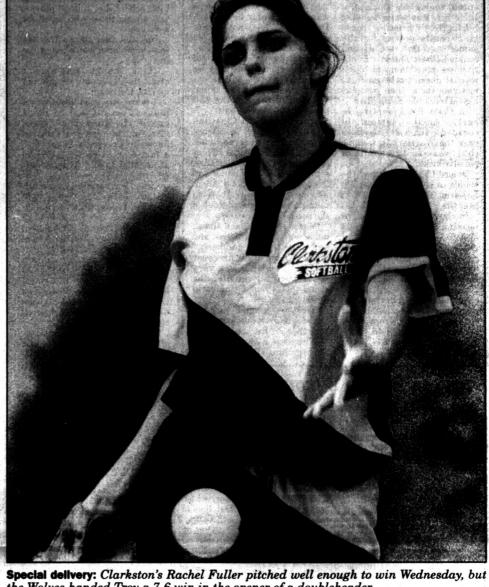
we didn't play it. It was the Wolves who didn't get the job done when they had the chance in the opener, wasting a solid per-formance from lefty Rachel Fuller. They led 6-3 going into the last inning, but Fuller surrendered a single to Andrea Solomon with one out. Megan Holt reached when her grounder squirted through the legs of Lindsay Simko. One out later. Jennie Granger singled to

Valentino then singled to t, and Brewer watched as the ball sipped right over her glove, allowing Holt and

Turnabout was fair play in the nightcap. The Wolves did their biggest damage in the fourth. Corinne McIntyre was safe on an error with one out and moved to second on Mandy Harrison's grounder. Simko singled to drive in McIntyre, then stole second. She moved to third on a passed ball and scored on an infield hit by Jenny Winn. Brewer was safe on an error, sending Winn to third, from where she scored on a single by

Melanic Arnold.

Tiffany Honey and McIntyre scored for Clarkston in the fifth, and Mary Warchuck, who had doubled, scored



Please see SOFTBALL C2 the Wolves handed Troy a 7-6 win in the opener of a doubleheader.

# Wolves' kickers can't shed light on Knights

all the breaks in a game, leaving the other team carrying the short end of

That's exactly what happened to Clarkston Wednesday night in a 2-0 loss at Royal Oak Kimball.

The loss dropped Clarkston to 3-9-2 overall, 3-4-2 in Oakland Activities

Association Division II play.

The Knights played solid defense, led by sweeper Stephanie Schaffran, who was the last person back for many

plays throughout the game.

"She (Schaffran) pyed tough," Clark-ston coach Brian Fitzgerald said.

The Wolves had the first great chance of the game just four minutes in when Katie Piechura was sent in alone from a nice set-up by the defense. Piechura got off a low shot that was stopped by Knight goalkeeper Michelle

Lowe was shaken up on the play and had to come out for the rest of the first

half, giving way to Jenna McIntosh. "We had three or four good chances," Fitzgerald said. "If we could have fin-

ished, it could've been a different The Knights broke through with 23:17 left in the first half when Becky Bianchi let loose with a shot from 40 feet out to the left of the goal and sent the shot up and over Wolves goalie

Sarah Morgan, putting the Knights up The Wolves again a quality chance but backup goalie McIntosh made the save and the Knights' defense cleared the ball before any Wolves could get to

The first ended with Kimball up 1-0. The Wolves again broke in alone, with Senkyr leading the rush, but Knights starting goalie Lowe was back in the game and ready for the task, stoning the break and preserving the 1-0 lead for the Knights.

## Falcons post diamond sweep of Wolves

veek to Troy and falling from its usual perch atop the state's Division I base-ball polls, Rochester has regrouped and with some vengeance.
The Falcons made Clarkston their

latest victim Wednesday at Clinton-wood Park, sweeping the host Wolves in an Oakland Activities Association

Since losing its first game season last
eek to Troy and falling from its usual

Division I double-header, 6-2 and 12-5.

The Falcons (19-1, 12-1) pounded out and allowing just four hits and two

22 hits on the day and had 13 players reach base via walks to back the pitching of senior right-handers Domanick Squires and Andrew Good.

In the opener, Squires (4-0) went five innings, scattering eight hits and striking out two, while Good (6-1) rebound-

earned runs in the nightcap.

"The loss (to Troy) kind of took the pressure off a little bit and now we've kind of went back to business,' Rochester coach Bob Dieters. "We're doing all right now. I think our bats are starting to come back a little bit."

Rochester, ranked second in the state behind Brighton and as high as No. 3 in the nation, only had produced two runs in games against Birmingham Groves and Troy last week, but seemed to possess lively bats against the Wolves (10-7, 6-5).

Senior Kevin Trebesh was 2-for-3 with two RBI, and senior Tim Frankhouse drilled a two-run double and scored a run for Rochester, which scored two runs in the second, one in the third and three more in the fourth frame, in the opener.

The only runs Clarkston could muster off Squires were back-to-back RBI singles in the third by junior Spencer Hynes and senior Jared Thomas.

In the nightcap, the Falcons jumped on Hynes, Clarkston's starter, for six runs in the first — four runs before the first out was made — capped by a two-run single by Squires. The Wolves were able to close the

gap to 6-4 in the second, thanks to three hits and a couple of Rochester errors. But the Falcons added four more runs in the fourth and one run apiece in the sixth and seventh

innings to put the game away.
"We had a rough inning where they got a couple of runs of Andrew (Good), but we made some errors and they capitalized on them," said Dieters. "But I've said it before that its going to take a very good pitcher to beat us. I don't think the guys were all that wor-

ried."
Senior Josh Clark had two hits and an RBI to pace Clarkston.



Rochester's snags the ball in time to apply the tag on Nick Upchurch of Clarkston during ons' doubleheader sweep of the Wolves Wednesday.

## OCA boots Eagles

After splitting two games this season with arch-rival Clarkston Springfield Chris-tian, the Oxford Christian

ian, the Oxford Christian girls soccer team can finally enjoy the last laugh.

Thanks to a two-goal effort from Teresa Schuster and a gutty performance from freshman goalkeeper Bekah Allen, the host Warriors won the rubber match Friday with a 2-0 triumph over the Eagles.

"I'll tell you what, when we play some of the lesser-(talented) teams, we slack off a little bit. But when we play Springfield Christian, these girls really get up for the game," said Oxford Christian coach Gilbert Quom. "Every time we play them its like a war. It doesn't take much to motivate them when you play a good team like Springfield."

In their first meeting in early April, Springfield.

early April, Springfield escaped with a 2-1 triumph over the Warriors in a game that went to 12 rounds of

that went to 12 rounds of penalty kicks.

Oxford Christian turned the tables in their next meeting, however, rolling to a 4-2 win over the Eagles.

In the final regular season meeting Friday, the Warriors (7-1-0) — who have not lost since that shootout defeat against Springfield — came out of the gates on fire and finally drew first blood in the 17th minute.

17th minute.

Schuster, a sophomore forward, knocked in a lose ball in ward, knocked in a lose ball in the bay from close the penalty box from close range past Springfield fresh-man netminder Hollie Vana-

Senior midfielder Amber ungart began the play with a ornerkick which deflected off Springfield fullback and

a Springfield fullback and right to Schuster, who pounced on the rebound.
Schuster also scored an insurance tally in the 72nd minute, knocking in a cross, again from Bungart, that put the game away for Oxford (Christian who rested a 20.19

Christian, who posted a 20-19 shots advantage.

"That goal kind of broke our backs," said Springfield assistant coach Ted Vanaman, who tant coach Ted Vanaman, who was sitting in for head coach Dennis Hopkins who was out with an illness. "We controlled play in the second half, but we just couldn't get one in. I told the girls at halftime that we needed to go to the ball harder and try to take it two them.

and try to take it two them. We seemed to go to the ball harder in the second half."

Still, Springfield Christian (5-3-0) couldn't get its offense untracked in the second half, largely because of the defensive effort of Oxford Christian senior stopper Katy Jones and the play of the 5-foot-4 Allen, who turned aside 11 shots en route to her second shutout of route to her second shutout of

She's so little back there, but she's very aggressive and she does a very good job," praised Quom of his first-year keeper. "And Katy is very physical in the middle. She ars things out of (the back) in the hurry.

"This is a group of very tal-ented girls that work hard together," he continued.
"We've come a long way from
the beginning of the season."

## **Dragons sweep 2 from Kimball**

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It's an adage Lake Orion took advantage of Wednesday, win-ning the conclusion of a suspend-ed game and then coming from behind in the regularly-sched-uled game for their first double-header sweep of the saccon er sweep of the season.

Steve Seargeant scored on a single by Ryan Goleski in the top

of the seventh inning to win 5-4 in the opener, which was being finished after being suspended April 8. Goleski then rapped a two-run home run among his three hits as the Dragons captured the nightcap, 8-4.

The wins came on the heels of a 22-0 loss to Rochester, which was coming off its first loss of the season.

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## Dragon coach tries out for Shock

When the doors opened on the open tryouts for the Detroit Shock Friday, Eve Claar was among the 350 or so hopefuls who scurried through, hoping for a chance to make history, to live out a dream, or simply to have a good time.

The Shock, Detroit's new entry in the WNBA, conducted the tryouts for such a large gathering at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus a week ago, scouring the local area for hidden talent it might use to fill out its roster. Claar, a successful high school and college player, was among those who hoped for a chance.

She was also among the 344

She was also among the 344 sent home after not making the

final cut.

Claar, though, was upbeat about the experience despite not making the roster.

"I felt pretty good about how I played," said Claar, a point guard who starred at North Farmington and for Central Michigan University. "I got off to a fast start. I really felt good about what I did. I gave my best effort."

Claar, the varsity girls' coach

Claar, the varsity girls' coach at Lake Orion High School, had as much reason to hope as anyone. When she played high school ball at North Farmington, she was a Dream Teamer, one of the school's all-time leading scorers who averaged 25 points a game with a deadly outside shot.

She got even better at Central Michigan, where she finished as the Chippewas' second all-time 3-point shooter and eighth on the career assists list.

She gets a lot of court time with her girls, and it was the Dragons who first planted the idea of "Shock"ing the basketball

During the season, and in post-season workouts, several girls encouraged her to give it a

"The idea came first from my team," Claar said. "They were very encouraging. They had faith in me, and I didn't want to let them down."

She also couldn't have been

faulted for thinking she had an inside track. Claar works for the Shock as their youth programming coordinator, and has been playing ball with coach Nancy



Shock treatment: Eve Claar (right) had to play some tough defense during her tryout with the Detroit Shock.

Lieberman-Cline and other members of the Shock organization. It was during those pickup games that the first kernels of hope started popping in Claar's mind.
"When I started out, I proba-

bly didn't think I had a shot," she admitted. "But I started to believe a little when I played with Nancy and a couple of the players. I started feeling I had a chance if I gave it my best shot.

She wasn't alone. The 350 players were divided into teams, generally with 10 players apiece, for a series of 20-minute games. Substitutions were made every five or 10 minutes, so players not only had to be ready to play, they had to beat the clock to do

"You had to be ready to go and show what you can do in that five minutes," said Claar, who gained something of an advantage as a point guard. "It cer-tainly helped to be a point guard and have the ball in your hands. The intensity level you had to play at was very high. Everybody out there is going at each other. It was a very long day. I went home and collapsed."

She was probably always a long shot, but that doesn't mean she didn't have her supporters. Aside from her own players Claar had one very important voter on her side: Lieberman-

"We're not supposed to cheer," the coach admitted, "but we were all hoping for (Claar). She did a great job. She got past the first two cuts. That next level is

very tough."

Claar knew it would be tough going in, and so did the others. So the level of competition among the players - former professionals, college players and high school hot shots — was fierce. When only six are going to be chosen from 350, the stakes are high. When it was over, emotions were spent.

"I saw a lot of tears," Claar admitted. "At some point you get caught up in living the dream. When you see the look on people's faces, you catch the fever."

Claar may have been a little more at ease than many of the hopefuls, since she had already en on the court with Lieberman-Cline and others. Claar felt that might help, because first impressions are important ones. She knew the value of familiari-

\*Among 350 people, you better hope you made some impact on these people before you get there, whether it's through your resume or your accomplishments," Claar said. "It made me feel more relaxed. I knew they'd en my play."

In the end, it didn't help because Claar was one of the 344 casualties of the grueling process. That doesn't mean she regrets having tried because, spite the outcome, she thinks she's in pretty good shape.

"Doing what I do now is a dream job for me," she said. "To play basketball for a living is a dream, but so is what I'm doing now. I'm very, very lucky. There are a lot of people who'd love to be in this position."

## Soccer from page C1

away when Katie Tourangeau chipped a nice feed pass under the crossbar with 11 minutes left to put the Knights up 2-0.

The Knights kept forcing the play, and Morgan made a nice save on a breakaway to keep the Wolves' hopes alive. But it wasn't their night, and they never managed to get a shot across.

The Wolves' regular season is winding down and, like teams across the state, Clarkston is tuning up for the district tournament. Fitzgerald likes wha the

ees and thinks this team is easily capable of winning its dis-

"Our record might not show it, but we're playing all right," Fitzgerald said. "We're playing our best of the year."

## Softball from page C1

on a grounder by Harrison in the Troy, meanwhile, managed

just one run off Clarkston starter Sam Hardenburgh. Amy Nelson led off the fifth with a single, was sacrificed to second scored when Wendi Kaufman get over that hump, we'll be

was safe on an error.

Clarkston coach Al Land was diplomatic about the split.

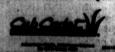
"We'll take it. Troy's got a nice ballclub," he said. "If we made three plays, they don't score those runs. We have to get over by Jane Ackerson, moved to making those mistakes in the third on a single by Holt and bottom of the seventh. Once we

The loss damaged Clarkston's chances of catching Brandon in the Oakland Activities Associa-

"It was frustrating because we beat ourselves," the Clarkston senior said of the split. "They didn't beat us. Now we have to work that much harder.'

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Tuesday, May 12

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Girls Golf - Lake Orion at Waterford Mott (at Pon-

reity Boys/Girls Track — Lake Orion at Ferndale (4:00); reford Mott at Clarkston (4:00).

Wednesday, May 13

Varsity Baseball — Lake Orion at Rochester Adams (4:00);

Clarkston at Troy (4:00).

Varsity Softball — Lake Orion at Troy Athens (4:00); Clarkston at Waterford Mott (DH) (4:00).

Varsity Girls Soccer — Oxford at Flint Metro League Tournament (TBA); Bloomfield Hills Lahser at Clarkston (7:00).

Thursday, May 14

Varsity Baseball — Otisville-Lakeville at Oxford (DH)

Varsity Softball - Otisville-Lakeville at Oxford (DH)

Varsity Girls Soccer — Troy Bethany Christian at Clark-ston Springfield Christian (4:30).

Varsity Baseball — Clarkston at Lake Orion (4:00).

Varsity Softball — Lake Orion at Rochester (DH at Hallach Field (3:00);

Varsity (Lt.) — Reserved (1:00)

Varsity Girls Soccer — Oxford at Flint Metro League Tournament (TBA); Clarkston at Birmingham Groves (7:00); Lake

Orion at Waterford Kettering (7:00).

Varsity Girls Golf — Lake Orion at Troy Regional (at Sylvan Glen) (9:30 a.m.).

Varsity Boys Tennis — Lake Orion, Clarkston at Port

Huron Northern Regional (TBA).

Varsity Boys Girls Track — Clarkston, Lake Orion at
Hally Regional (2002) Holly Regional (3:00).

Saturday, May 16

Varsity Baseball — Imlay City at Oxford (DH) (11:00 a.m.). Varsity Softball - Lake Orion at Troy Athens Tournament (at Flynn Park) (9:00 a.m.).

Varsity Boys/Girls Track — Oxford at Algonac (9:00 a.m.).

## Middle school boys win pair of track meets

Case Bannasch and Dan Howard won three individual events apiece and Clarkston Middle School won 15 of 16 events overall while crushing Brandon in a middle school track meet Wednesday.

Bannasch won the 200 dash (28.5), the 400 dash (1:03) and the high jump (5 feet) as the Wolves posted a 102-26 victory in the boys meet.

The girls weren't as fortunate, dropping an 80-47 decision to the Blackhawks.

Howard won both the 55 hurdles (9.10) and the 200 hurdles (30.0), and took the shot put with a throw of 33-1.

Justin Spicer won the 800 run (2.33), and Eric Sweeney won the 1600 run in 5:14. Jerad Morales won the 100 dash

(12.39) and the 70-meter dash feet-4. (8:43).

Casey Hunt used a jump of 15 feet to win the long jump, and Clarkston won three of the four relays.

The team of Tom Klein, Chris Hess, Justin Whetstone and Jared Ostrom won the 1600 relay in 4:42. The team of Garrett Grigsby, Robbie Hool, Eric Pinkos and Whetstone won the 800 relay in 1:56.

The team of Nick Craig, Spicer, Andrew Breen and Sweeney won the 3200 relay in

The girls won just six of 16 events in their loss. Three of the wins came on the feet of Laura Barnett, who won the 100 dash in 13.9, the 200 dash in 29.70, and the high jump by clearing 4-

Maureen McIntyre won the 3200 run in 14:14, and Clark-ston won two relays.

The 800 relay team — Heather Lauxun, Sarah Mehaffey, Teresa Kuhta and Lauren Welbourn — won in 2:03.

The 3200 relay team — McIntyre, Marissa Combs, Erin Sullivan and Anna Trim — won in

■ Teams split with Dragons
— The boys won just six events,
but finished second in 14 events
and edged Lake Orion 69-59 in a
meet May 4.

Josh Runion set a school record by running the 55 hurdles in 8.84.

Sweeney won a pair of events the 3200 run in 11:27 and the 1600 run in 5:25 - and Spicer

won the 800 run in 2:32. Ban-nasch won the 200 dash in 28:38. Clarkston also won the 3200 relay with the team of Mike Wood, Craig, Breen and Spicer finishing in 11:22.

The girls won just one event in a 93-35 loss.

Cassie Hart took the 800 run in 2:59.8. The Wolves did manage second-place finishes in nine events, including two relays. McIntyre was second in the 3200 (14:33); Jenny McLeod was second (10:75) in the 55 hurdles; Barnett was second in the 100 (14.08) and 200 (29.10) dashes; Kuhta was second (1:12.23) in the 400 run; Vicky Baetens was second (35.61) in the 200 hurdles; Lauren Hosner was second (10.90) in the 70 meter dash; and Heather Lauzun was second in the long jump at 12-4.

## JV wins three games

The week before Spring Break, the junior varsity baseball team went 3-0 against Rochester Adams, Orchard Lake St. Mary's and

The first team to fall to the unbeaten Wolves were the unlucky Highlanders. The Wolves pounced on them with a score of 4-0. Francis Hodges had two hits and one RBI, and Brett Gove also contributed two hits. Others getting hits were Adam Petrulis, Brett Crawford John Thomas and Dan Holody. John Thomas pitched seven innings, allowing just two hits while striking

OLSM was another of Clarkston's victims, losing 13-4. Crawford, Petrulis, Hodges and Thomas each had two hits and all contributed four RBI. Jon Robinson and Rocky Lund each had one hi and two RBI. One of the game's key moments came when pitcher Ryan Marino pitched three innings of scoreless relief to get the win. He allowed only one hit while striking out four.

The final win of the week



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came againt Rochester, with Clarkston boosting its record to 5-0. Contributing to the win was Hodges, who had two hits and an RBI; Crawford, who had one hit and an RBI; Lund, with one hit and one RBI; and Josh Rigg, who had one hit and two RBI.

Others getting hits included Robinson and Holody. Thomas picked up the win with three innings of relief, giving up just one hit. After Rochester closed the gap to 7-4 with two out, Josh Rigg hit a two-run single in the top of the fifth.

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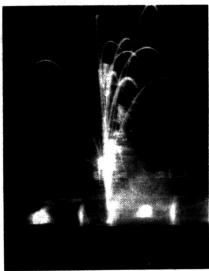
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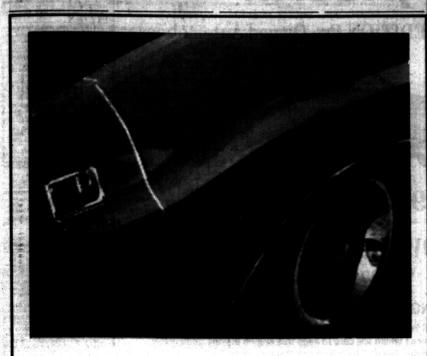
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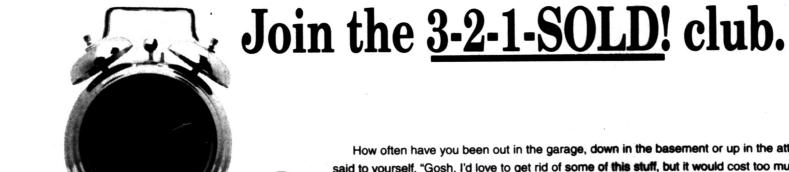
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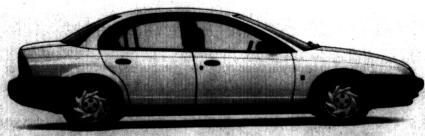
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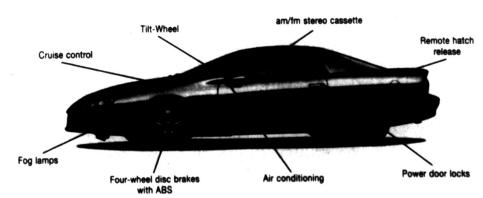
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doesn't use a key fab. The whole mechanism is contained in the key itself. The key is larger than most, but the lock, unlock and panic button are all right on the key itself. That's a neat efficient package.

The stereo package includes a case d compact disc player with sev dakers strategically placed around of sin. Really nice sound. Easy to play

Another really smart and efficient fea-ture is a flap that is immediately engaged-when you drop the rear tailgate. The flap provides a smooth transition between the gate and the vehicle itself and it makes everything much more attractive. I had only one real concern. While the-rear hatch pops up high and away for easy loading, it was really hard to bring it down. You can't do it with just one hand ayou've got to do it with two.

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Land Cruiser. It's not really easily accessible, but if you've got kids, they can just climb over the second row of seats. It tends to make the Land Cruiser more versatile, but I think I would rather have the extra cargo space on a full-time basis. There is very little cargo area with the third seat in place.

Did I mention safety? This truck's got it all, like everybody else's wheels on the road: Dual air bags, 4-wheel anti-lock brakes, daytime running lights, side-door impact beams, front seat belt pretensioners and an engine disabing anti-theft system. The better to protect your investment.

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The only options available are rear differential locks, a leather trim package, third rear seat, power moonroof and carpet and cargo mat sets. You would think, for all that money, they would just throw the carpet and cargo mats in as standard.

There are other features as well. Let's talk about the interior for a moment. It's laid out well, is oriented toward the driver and really easy to use. There are three power points for your cell phone, laptop or coffee maker. And there's an overhead storage console and cup holder for every seat.

Between the front passengers is a fairly leave console.

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The Land Cruiser is an expensive truck, but then again, how expensive is the safety of you and your family? Worth more than a passing look at this vehicle if comfort and safety are at the top of your list.

On that note, have a good week and happy motoring.

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And remember, no Land Cruiser will be comete without a Red Wings flag in the back two indows.

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# Having difficultly identifying marketable skills?



Q. Despite a long and successful run with one employer, I'm having difficulty identifying my marketable shills. How can I figure out what might be of interest to other companies?

Articulating skills and accomplishments is often a huge challenge for long term employees. In

our outplacement programs, new candidates often stare at me blankly when asked about achievements or ways in which they have contributed to a former employer's success. Some even suggest that they haven't really done anything of significance. We frequently hear statements such as: "I just went to work every day and did my job. It didn't require anything out of the ordididn't require anything out of the ordinary."

Well, we can't let that kind of low self-esteem stand, can we? The fact is that most of us do some pretty nifty things, but we just lose sight of how unique and important they really are. When the same task - no matter how significant - is performed repeatedly, it loses its lustre. Excitement is replaced by expectation. Most jobs feel routine after a while, I can envision a chief brain surgeon in the middle of her 407th operation thinking to herself: Geez, a monkey could do this job."

Have you noticed that your skills and accomplishments eventually become invisible to people close to you, especially bosses and parents? "Emily performed her first brain surgery evolves into "Emily is a surgeon" and later "Hey, Emily, are you still working over at the hospital?"

OK. let's articulate your strengths. You will first need to be hypnotized. Yes, I can do it through this newspaper. Ready? Let your eyes roll way back

in your head. WAY back. You are becoming sleepy - no, wait - make that uncomfortable. Now I'm going to ask

•What can you do that I can't do? A lot, I'm sure. I can't fix technical equipment. I can't use common spread sheet programs. I sure as shootin' don't know how to market a small business. I've never organized inventory. I don't know a debit from a credit. All you have to do to start the thinking process is look at one or two of the people around you - competent in their own fields - and do some comparative mus-

•Upon what have you been compli-mented at work? Many people go through an annual performance review in which strengths and weaknesses are defined and discussed with supervisors. These are supposed to be balanced conversations, so even if your report card wasn't stellar, the supervi-sor still should have said something positive. Have you ever received an award or recognition for making or saving the company some money, or for leting a training program? Better yet, did you ever get a pat on the back or a casual at-a-boy? Have customers or suppliers said nice things about

•Why do people come to you with questions? Perhaps you've never hought about it, but you have probably carved out your own niche at work. I'll bet that you are the resident expert regarding X, whatever X might be. When people need your help or opinions, what is usually the nature of their problem? Why do they want your advice as opposed to someone else's? What do you have that they are trying to tap into?

Now wake up. Write down your answers quickly before modesty sets in again. Remember, your accomplishments don't have to be worthy of the Nobel prize to be included on your resume or in your evaluation of a

career direction. The only criteria are that the victories were yours and that, looking back, you are proud of them.

In your next job, create a "me" file. Every time you get an award, complete a class, receive a significant kudo or make/save some dough, drop a little note into your file. If you need to plan another search someday, you will be well armed and ready to talk about what's so good about you!

## Q. I'm having real difficulty get-ting recruiters and networking contacts to call me back. Any sug-

A. Let me address this first as a recruiter (I'm not speaking for all recruiters). I often don't have the concrete information or feedback that candidates are seeking when they call. People frequently want to know if I have heard anything from the client company or if the employer has looked at the resume or if I know of any additional openings. Don't misunderstand: It is not "too much trouble" to give people basic information and we usually encourage a running dialogue. Personally, I'd rather have a candidate show some enthusiasm for an opportunity than fade silently and passively away after one interview. However, it is honestly not fun calling people back when you don't have anything substantive to report.

Now, if we have clearly ended our last conversation on a note such as The manager is gone until Thursday, but I'll call you immediately after I hear from him which I expect to be about THURSDAY, so let's talk then, long about THURSDAY, and you continue to call me twice daily to find out What's going on?" I might not put you at the front of the cue.

I often encourage people to be somewhat persistent with headhunters. It could even be beneficial to bug us a little, just to keep your name fresh. But there is a limit. When you and I have tacitly agreed to a call back

plan, stick with it.

If you are simply unable to get your calls returned when it is time to share important information, you've got a problem. It is probably unwise to recruiter because you could blow a potentially valuable resource. However, strongly consider er, strongly consider working with another firm.

In networking, it is important at the outset to have something in common with your potential contact, preferably a mutual acquaintance. Most business people are under a lot of pressure and a complete stranger who calls seeking advice or worse, time is not likely to make the list of call backs.

When you call someone in busi clearly state your purpose. We receive a number of calls each week that end up in our voice mail and sound some-thing like this: "My name is Bob Smith (313) 123-4567 - click." Who is Bob Smith? A candidate? A creditor? A guy who wants to give me a summons?

Also, be sure to enunciate. I had a message last week from a man who started out complimenting the column. That was nice. I wanted to call him back. Unfortunately, he said his name was Mr. Msfrxchnmtd, or it could have been Mr. Mzhnrschmft. I actually had the phone in my hand when it dawned on me...Who was I going to ask for?

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If you're asked about people skills, provide concrete examples

from your resume where you led/worked with a team, were required to solve people prob-

lems, etc.

2. What kinds of decisions are most difficult for you? Red flag. Trick question. The interviewer is trying to get you to disclose a weakness. If you're a manager or supervisor, the safe answer is always "disciplinary decisions" because almost every boss disalways "disciplinary decisions" because almost every boss dislikes giving bad news to subordinates. There is no need to go into the gory details of an incident. If you don't have supervisory responsibility, the safe answer is "juggling priorities", followed by: "In your position, I'm sure you can relate to how fast project priorities change." Omit gory details

details.

3. What are your biggest accomplishments? Your initial

response: "Do you want me to limit my response to the work-place?" Once you know the direction the interviewer wants to go, what do you say? If it's work-place-related, the accomplishments you cite had better be on your resume. After all, isn't your resume a statement of your accomplishments? If its non-work related, your safe bet is to discuss charitable and community work. But there is a bit of ty work. But there is a bit of trickery involved in the question. Many interviewers use this question to see how many times uestion to see how many times candidate uses "I", rather than a candidate uses 1, rather than collective words like: my coworkers, the staff, the team, our committee, etc. Using "I" all the time makes it sound like you are solely responsible for achieving your goals. Worse, it sounds like you are not a team player.

4. Are you an empowered worker? Red flag. Trick question. The temptation is to immediately say "Yes, I am empowered." Follow that with some examples of decisions you made when you didn't have the formal, organizational authority to do so. That would work in your favor if the organization is decentralized and team-oriented. Such organizations need empowered employees to thrive. ees to thrive.

ees to thrive.

However, hiring managers in a highly-centralized firm or department may believe that individual empowerment is really a way of bucking the system. So before you suffer from footin-mouth disease, you should think about what you know about the firm and what the interviewer and HR staff have told you. If you do run across an

interviewer that thinks empowerment is bad, chances are you have stumbled on a micromanager. Telling one of these fossils that you are capable of making decisions, even though you don't have formal authority, definitely won't get you the job. That said, you also need to keep in mind that a job interview is a two-way process. You are interviewing the company to evaluate whether its culture and values mesh with your career plan. plan. your

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## Netting is best choice to protect cherries

By Popular Mechanics For AP Special Features

Q: I have two cherry trees in my front yard that I have to use nets each season so the birds won't eat the cherries. Is there a way to protect the trees without using nets, perhaps using a high technology device? I've won-dered how big-time growers protect their tre

A: There is no high technology solution to the problem. I spoke to the local horticultural agent for the Cooperative Extension Service who said that many commercial growers pick the fruit before it is ripe. The birds don't find the unripe fruit very appealing and leave it alone. The cherries ripen during shipment or at

The best approach is to cover the trees with netting. This discourages birds and will not harm the tree or fruit. Some people use plastic owls and sound devices to scare off birds. This is not as effective as nets, however, and some communities have a noise ordinance that prohibits sound

Q: I have a problem with water seeping into my basement after a heavy rainfall. Perforated drain pipes under the basement floor do a good job of relieving hydrostatic pressure below the slab. However, the cavities in the concrete block walls fill with water, which leaks into the base-

Contractors recommended breaking up the floor at the perimeter and installing drain tiles and a sump pump. However, I recently heard about a plastic molding, similar to a baseboard radiator cover, that is sealed to the inside of the foundation wall along the floor. Holes are drilled into the blocks to drain the water from the cavities into the water from the cavities into the molding which carries it to a

ump. Does this really work? A: There is such a product and it does work. But the ideal way to correct a hydrostatic leakage problem in a concrete block wall is to intercept or divert the water before it reaches the foundation.

However, if you can't lay drainage pipes because the area around the foundation is paved or covered with expensive shrubbery, or is otherwise accessible, then you must control the seepage into the basement. You can do this as you describe, by punc-turing deep holes at the base of the te blocks and directing the effluent to a sump pit.

Q: I would like to install a strip
oak tongue-and-groove floor on
top of an above-grade concrete
slab. However, I've heard horror
stories of costly wood floors
buckling from moisture. How
can I avoid problems caused by
moisture that might accumulate
in the area under the slab?

A: A hardwood floor can be
installed on a concrete slab at or
above grade. The Oak Flooring Institute recommends against below-

above grade. The Oak Flooring Institute recommends against below-grade installations.

Moisture is the chief culprit in hardwood floor buckling, so test the slab for dryness. Tape 1-square-foot of clear polyethylene sheet to the slab, sealing its edges with plastic tape. If after 24 hours, no clouding or moisture droplets have formed under it, the slab is dry enough to install a wood floor.

To prevent moisture from reaching the underside of the hardwood floor, place a vapor barrier of either building felt or polyethylene plastic over the slab prior to installation.

ubmit a question, write to Pop-fechanics, Reader Service u, 224 W. 57th St., New York, 0019. The most interesting one will be answered in a

# Freeways bring secluded sub here

Woodcreek, a detached condominium community in Ann Arbor, offers all of the amenities of a university town with quick, easy access to the western and northern suburbs here via M-14 and I-

The development, 87 lots, is off Chalmers north of Washtenaw, just a half mile west of U.S. 23.

Rose Mary Simms, sales consultant, said she can get from Northville to Woodcreek in 20 minutes. And the site, itself, "is very private and secluded," she said. "Unless you know where you're going, it's a secret. It's a diamond in disguise."

"Woodcreek is uniquely positioned as one of the last-single family communities within the city of Ann Arbor," said Larry Cohen, the builder. "It's literally a pleasant walk to shopping."

"Ann Arbor is like a little Chicago. It's wonderful," Simms said.

"We're trying to provide product to a variety of people – singles, families, empty-nesters," Cohen said. "If you build it well and innovatively, they will

"Mr. Cohen allows people to come in and customize their homes so if they want to move a wall, a closet door, rearrange rooms, this can be done,

Eight floor plans are available, ranging in price from \$252,900 for a colonial of 2,190 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$287,900 for a story-and-a-half of 2,774 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

Architect Dominic Tringale had a hand in the designs.

Standard features in all plans include two-car garage, fireplace, base-ment, oven, cooktop and dishwasher, first-floor laundry and carpeting throughout.

For now, Woodcreek buyers have a choice of landscaping or a three-car garage as a bonus at no extra charge. Purchasers also will be able to consult with Gorman's Interiors for free on

Two models have been constructed.

The Whitney, a story-and-a-half of 2,593 square feet, situates the master suite on the main floor. The master with pan ceiling features a separate tub and shower, two-sink vanity, walkin closet and compartmentalized com-



Whitney Model: This story-and-a-half of 2,593 square feet features the master suite on the main floor, two bedrooms, a full bath and loft upstairs.

A living room, dining area, kitchen/ nook, family room, library and half bath also are on the first floor. The sink in the kitchen is angled toward the family room and nook.

A curved staircase leads to the second floor with a loft - "I call it an entertainment center; it's a nice size," Simms said – two bedrooms and a full

Base price is \$277,900.

The Arlington, a colonial of 2,558 square feet, features a living room, dining room, kitchen/ nook with island, a family room with a sloped ceiling and a library/ office tucked toward the back

The master with cathedral ceiling, separate tub and shower, dual-sink vanity and walk-in closet is upstairs, as are three other bedrooms and a second full bath.

Base price is \$264.900.

Woodcreek is serviced by city water and sewers. The development will

have sidewalks. It's within the Ann Arbor school boundaries.

The property tax rate currently is \$49.78 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$270,000 residence would pay about \$6,720 the first

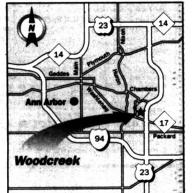
The annual association fee to maintain entrances and a retention pond that will be surrounded with trees natural setting is projected at \$188.

Marvin and Claudia Sauer, along with children Shelby and Tori, plan to move into a colonial.

"I like the location," Claudia said. "I live just down Washtenaw. I wanted to stay in the vicinity. It's easy access to the expressway, which is good for my husband. I like to be close to my

And the floor plan?

"It gave us enough space for what we needed," Claudia said. "I like the kitchen, family room and nook all in



back of the house. I like that it had a library and a living room as well. Sometimes, you get one or the other."

The sales office | models at Woodcreek, (734) 975-1150, is open noon to 5 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.

## Here's what to do before you start house hunting

You want to become a homeowner. You're tired of paying rent every month and never having anything to show for it. It's time to take that big step and buy a house.

A major purchase such as a house is a great endeavor and should not be taken lightly.

James D. Henry, president of the American Collectors Association (ACA) and owner of R.C. Wilson Co., offers some advice for those who would like to own their own home. "Purchasing a home is a huge enterprise," Henry said. "By planning ahead you can help avoid financial difficulties as a result of the pur-

The following are some tips from ACA that may help when you are planning to buy a

Create credit. Start establishing a good credit rating long before you ever plan to buy a house. This means paying your bills on time and using credit wisely. Most people are not able to buy a home with cash up-front and will need to seek financing. A poor credit rating could cause you to be turned down for a oan or to get approved for less money.

Save. Start a savings plan that will help you handle some of the financial burden of wning your own house. There are many hid-

den costs when buying a home and you should prepare for these expense

■ Make a budget. Decide how much you will be able to afford for monthly payments. You may want to meet with a specialist to help you create a financial plan.

■ Be aware of additional expenses. There are many other expenses you should be aware of when buying and owning a house. These include property taxes, utility costs and hookup fees, maintenance, moving costs and closing costs. These additional expenses can add up quickly and may take you by surprise if you are not prepared.

Get help. It often helps to get advice from a family member or someone who has recently gone through the experience of buying a house. They can be the best sources of information about problems or surprises you may experience. Have friends or family suggest a good Realtor

Owning your own home brings a lot of new responsibility and financial obligation. If you are prepared and plan ahead, the experiencecan be positive and rewarding. The most important thing is to think ahead and prepare for all possible factors, from securing a loan to paying for the house in the years to come.

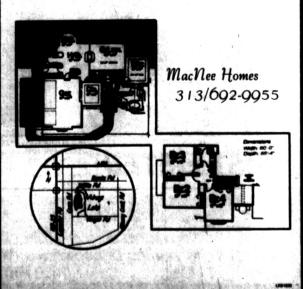


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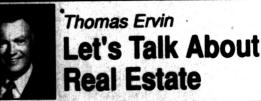
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