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VINTAGE



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A few more handy household hints from the book given away by Pontiac-area businesses in the early 1950s:

Hint 221: Men like sweater girls. Girls like sweaters. Keep yours shapely and good for all the wearings possible by following these rules. Never put sweaters on hangers. Before washing a sweater, sew the button holes together so they will not stretch out of shape. That's what is meant by the "stitch in time."

Hint 231: To restore drooping (hat) veils, dip them in a gum arabic solution, spread flat to dry and press carefully with a warm iron.

Hint 237: The "life-preserver" way to store woolen scarves, gloves and cashmere sweaters for the summer is to put them into perfectly clean fruit jars along with moth crystals, then seal the jars tight.

Hint 254: Men think beads are just gimmicks. Women know what they do to beautify the neckline. Don't risk losing your beads through breaking of the string. A good idea is to restring the beads with dental floss. Your beads will be safer and they'll hang gracefully.

Hint 256: Rhinestone pins and buckles turn "brand new" when soaked in gasoline for about 15 minutes, then rubbed with a flannel cloth.

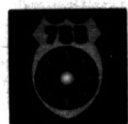
Hint 265: Does Junior howl when you want him to wear rubbers? Protect his feet from moisture by giving the soles of his shoes several coats of shellac.

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



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Local cops go on a bear hunt



■ As of Wednesday, Department of Natural Resource officers still had not captured a black bear on the loose in Independence Township. Meanwhile, the top local cop aiding in the search muses about the big bear hunt.

By mid-week, you kind of got the feeling that Lt. Dale LaBair, head of the Oakland County Sheriff substation in Independence Township, was rooting for the bear — perhaps having wearied of the media attention, decision-jockeying and hypothesizing that had overtaken the area since a black rogue was spotted here Monday.

By Wednesday, after two nights of watching the quiet green trees behind

Northcrest Condominiums off White Lake Road and wondering where the bear was exactly, there were two camps of thought, LaBair explained: Flush the bear out of the woods and tranquilize it for a trip up north — or — let him come to the baited trap when he's ready, as long as he doesn't hurt anybody.

Deferring for the most part to the Michigan Department of Natural

Resources' authority, the cooperative and good-humored LaBair (pronounced La-bear) said he wasn't going to take over the bear-hunting helm unless somebody started pointing a gun.

Actually, if he was the bear, LaBair said, he would have made haste by now — you know, beat it out of the bush, gone West — what with all the photographers and gawkers and all.

Besieged by people from the DNR, the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society, the broadcast and print media, the curious, and telephone calls, LaBair — who was just coming off the public glare of uncommon township incidents such as a recent small plane crash and a bomb

threat — agreed to allow a DNR press conference about the bear at the substation Wednesday afternoon.

At the conference, DNR representatives asked that members of the public stay away from the wooded site where the bear is believed to be hiding, for both the public's and the bear's well-being. He has been videotaped and seen by DNR personnel, one of whom said, as of Wednesday, there was no evidence that the animal had been in any of the four live traps set by the DNR.

A total of 27 police deputies,

Please see **BEAR, A4**



Road service: Bill Wease (left) and Carlton Smith (right) lift driver Catlin Smith, 7, and her quarter midget car to the ground in preparation for the race.

Start your engines!

Midget cars, drivers make for giant fun

It may look like pint-sized fun to the casual observer, but quarter midget racing is serious business to the children who participate in the sport at the quarter midget track adjoining Waterford Hills Road Racing Inc. off Waterford Road in Independence Township.

Approximately 150 cars were raced by boys and girls, ages 5-16, who came from as far away as Colorado for the Michigan Midget Racing Association's regional race held Saturday. The MMRA is a sub-club of the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

According to Kari O'Dell, mother of a racer, the quarter midget cars are launched with an adult push before an engine takes over and the cars circle the tracks some 30-40 times. A kill switch stops the cars at the race's end.

"It's really amazing to watch. It's amazing to see how much the kids know," she said during a telephone interview Tuesday night.

Children, grouped in categories based on age, size and their engines' weight, are strapped into their cars, which are surrounded by roll bars to help prevent injuries. They wear helmets, gloves, abrasion-resistant suits and arm restraints, said club president Pat O'Dell.

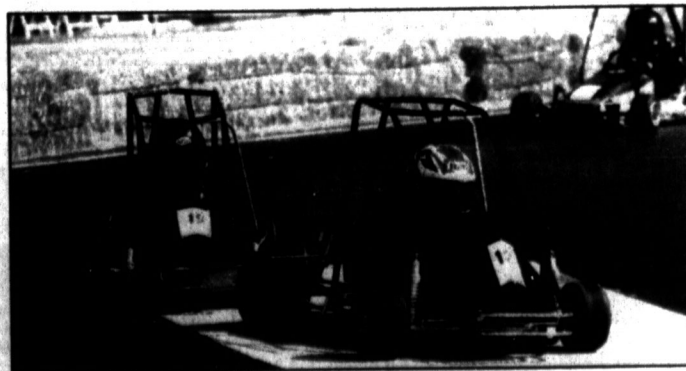
On Saturday, winners in each class were treated to trophies and hats honoring the fastest times.



Gearing up: Mom helps Jason Freeman don a helmet.



Waiting: Natascha Thompson, 8, waits her turn.



The race is on: Midget quarter cars take to the track at Waterford Hills. Drivers hail from as far away as Colorado.



Tired out: A mom carries tires after the race.

Teachers' pact ups pay, trims break

Clarkston's School Board unanimously approved a three-year teachers' contract last week that will include the following:

■ Teachers' salaries will be increased 3.71 percent in 1998-99, 3 percent in 1999-2000 and 2.25 percent or the state foundation grant — whichever is higher — for 2000-01.

■ Mid-winter break will be reduced from five school days to two.

■ Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be designated as a "no school" day.

■ The 1998-99 school calendar will add one day of professional development for teachers and reduce the days students attend school from 185 to 182. However, five minutes will be added to each instructional day to meet state mandates for instructional time.

■ Half-days of school will be reduced — at the elementary level, from six to four; at the middle schools, from eight to four; and at the high school from eight to six.

■ Staffing for new buildings will not be based solely on teacher seniority. The district will attempt to balance all building teaching staffs between new and experienced teachers.

■ Daily planning time for elementary teachers will increase. The district will guarantee four days of a "special" curriculum — music, art, physical education and health for each classroom.

Please see **CONTRACT, A7**

School trustee honored for 2 decades of commitment

Her current school board term has one more year to go, but when it comes to serving as a trustee, Independence Township resident Janet Thomas has seen it all, heard it all, responded to it all and won practically every award.

Last month, the 23-year board veteran was honored by the Michigan Association of School Boards for serving at least 20 consecutive years on the Clarkston School Board — longer than most modern marriages last.

In a recent interview, Thomas — an accountant, intermediate school district trustee, wife, mother of four grown children and grandmother of three — looked back on her long Clarkston board experience and characterized it as extremely rewarding, sometimes frustrating and primarily positive. With a school board election coming up on June 8, it's an overview that perhaps sheds light on board service beyond the nameplate.



Janet Thomas

Please see **THOMAS, A7**

Death of boy in wood chipper affects emergency workers

A veil of frustrated sadness fell over the fire and police stations of Independence Township last weekend as emergency personnel tried to come to terms with the death of a 5-year-old boy who was pulled into a wood chipping machine late Saturday afternoon.

Firefighters, paramedics and Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputies who responded to a 9-1-1 call on Stowe Trail at about 6:20 p.m. were greeted by a scene of horrific tragedy and chaos — too late to help Joshua Blazen of Grand Blanc who, according to Fire Chief Gar Wilson, probably died within a matter of only three to four seconds.

Following the accident, Wilson brought in a counselor for what is called "debriefing" for as many as 10 firefighters and police officers who went to the scene. Debriefing is used to help emergency workers cope emotionally

'You can't put it in perspective.'

Lt. Dale LaBair
— Sheriff's department

after they have faced terrible tragedy, Wilson said.

Counseling was also offered through Common Ground, on behalf of the fire department, for the couple who owned the Stowe Trail home site. A second counseling session may be provided for subdivision residents if there is a need, Wilson said.

"You can't put it in perspective," said Lt. Dale LaBair of the sheriff's Independence substation on Monday, as he struggled to find words for what happened. "You can't make a discussion about safety about a thing like this."

According to a police report, the child was brought to the site by his stepfather who, with a

crew of two other men, was clearing trees. The child had been shooed away from the equipment several times before he apparently climbed amid brush onto the feed of the chipper. The motor of the chipper had been left running, LaBair said.

Police speculate that the boy fell and in doing so, grabbed a lever that activated the feed.

The stepfather and two other men were working near the machine but were unable to reach the boy in time to save him.

According to LaBair and Wilson, the three hysterical men were taken by ambulance to an area hospital where they were treated for shock and later released.

A police investigation into the accident is ongoing and police do not yet know whether charges will be filed in the death, LaBair said.

Patrols stepped up after accidents

Oakland County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Pat Miles, who oversees the Springfield Township substation, has requested extra traffic patrol on Dixie Highway in the wake of two recent fatal accidents.

In the past month, a 17-year-old high school student, a 7-year-old girl and her unborn baby brother died in two traffic accidents on Dixie Highway between I-75 and Davisburg Road. In that length of road, there is no center turn lane, and traffic travels at 55 mph.

Miles said he hopes the pres-

ence of extra officers, which began Monday, will encourage drivers to be more careful.

"The purpose of the patrol is so people will have a more conscious awareness of the problems in that area," Miles said.

The 17-year-old high school student lost his life while attempting to turn on Dixie, while the girl and baby died when a car turning left was propelled into their southbound vehicle, head-on, after being hit from behind.

Four cars were involved in that accident, which occurred May 24 and also injured their mother and two other drivers.

Planning commissioner appointed

Independence Township's Planning Commission has a new member.

Richard Oppmann, who served on the board between 1987 and 1995, was appointed May 19 to the commission.

Oppmann, an employee of the General Motors Corp. and a resident of Independence Township for close to 20 years, replaces Caroline Place, who resigned due to health problems.

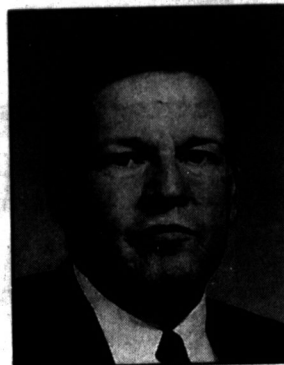
"I really feel it's critical we have someone with background on the commission," said Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart, who made the

appointment, which township trustees approved 7-0.

Proposals for development have been steady and numerous in recent years, and the Planning Commission is currently reviewing several significant projects, Stuart said.

Oppmann, who served as chair of the Planning Commission, ran unsuccessfully for township trustee in 1996.

"He's been very active in the community and has shown a great deal of interest in the community," Stuart said. "I'm hopeful that he will also come in with a fresh perspective."



Richard Oppmann

Susin Lake is on the agenda

The Springfield Township Board expects a larger-than-usual crowd at a July 14 public hearing to discuss Susin Lake and the future of its special assessment district (SAD).

At that hearing, the board plans to consider extending the Susin Lake SAD for weed control for one more year — and whether to initiate a lake board for the 50-acre lake near Dixie Highway and Davisburg Road.

Formally, the continuation of the SAD would require at least one additional public hearing in August, said Supervisor Collin Walls.

A lake board, which the board of trustees expects to discuss only in July, could be established by resolution of the board or by petition of the residents. In the past, some residents surrounding Susin Lake have opposed a lake board because they feared losing control over the lake, said Trustee Dennis Vallad, who lives within the SAD.

Walls said concerns against a lake board having too much control are ill-founded.

If established, a lake board, by state law, would be comprised of four individuals including representatives of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, the county drain commission, the township board and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. A fifth person, a property owner representing lake residents, would also be appointed, Walls said.

While a lake resident is not required, the township has established the policy of appointing residents because of their awareness of lake problems,

Walls said. Currently, lake boards oversee Dixie Lake and Big Lake in Springfield Township.

"We felt it was essential to have somebody who lived on the lake as part of the decision-making process," Walls said. "There are many people who have a comprehension of the lakes' problems and how to solve them. In my opinion that works exceptionally well."

The SAD was established in the early 1990s so lake-side residents, who formed an association, could collect money to treat weeds, Vallad said.

"All they really wanted to do was have a mechanism to get the lake weeded," Vallad said. "They want to control the lake, but they want the township to collect the money. What's happening now is we've run the full cycle of this thing."

"Basically it's controlling the lake — and where does the money come from?"

An SAD can only work to control the plant life of a lake, while a lake board could wield more authority, such as authorizing inspection and repair of the lake's dam.

Vallad said, there's a dam on Susin Lake that dates back to the 1940s. It is similar in construction to one that burst on Waumegah Lake in 1996.

Vallad said state law requires that dams be inspected every 10 years. The Susin Lake dam has not been inspected in the 18 years Vallad has lived near the lake, he said.

The public hearing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. July 14 at the Springfield board offices, 650 Broadway, Davisburg.

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CLARIFICATION

Independence Township's Planning Commission voted 4-3 on May 28 against a special land use request made by Trinity Investments, a developer proposing to build a day care center at the northwest corner of Clarkston and Pine Knob roads.



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD SECOND READING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its regular meeting on June 11, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan to consider the following proposed Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 69

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THAT ALL SIDEWALKS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP BE KEPT AND MAINTAINED IN GOOD REPAIR AND CONDITION BY THE RECORD PROPERTY OWNER, OCCUPANT, LESSEE OR OTHER PERSON IN CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO AND ABUTTING THE SIDEWALK.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 - NAME

This Ordinance shall be known as the Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance.

SECTION 2 - PURPOSE

This Ordinance is hereby enacted under the Provisions of Section 1 of Public Act 246 of 1945, as amended, being Section 41.181 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and Section 18a of Public Act 246 of 1931, as amended, being Section 41.288a of the Michigan Compiled Laws and is intended to establish that all sidewalks within the Township be kept and maintained in good repair and condition by the record owner, occupant, lessee, association, or other person in control of the land adjacent to and abutting the sidewalk(s).

SECTION 3 - DEFINITIONS

The following definition shall apply:

A. Sidewalk. A hard surface, usually paved, pathway or bike path established for the use of pedestrians and bicyclists, located along or adjacent to a public or private roadway.

SECTION 4 - REQUIREMENTS

A. The record property owner, occupant, lessee, association or other person in control of the land adjoining or abutting the sidewalk(s) are required to maintain, repair and keep safe sidewalk(s) in or along the public and private roadways in the Township. Such sidewalk(s) shall be kept:

- Free from hazardous defects and cracks of every kind and nature and maintained in good repair.
- Free from any deposits of trash, debris, rubbish, or other objects or obstructions which might or could be hazardous to persons using the sidewalk(s).
- Free from obstructions encroaching from adjoining or adjacent property, including, but not limited to, overhanging tree limbs, bushes, and the like.
- Free and clear from accumulations of snow, sleet, and ice.
 - Any snow and ice which falls or forms shall be cleared from sidewalk(s) within twenty-four (24) hours after the snow and ice ceases to form.
- Free from heaving caused by roots.

SECTION 5 - RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE

- The owner, occupant, lessee, association, or other person in control of the property adjacent to or abutting the sidewalk(s) shall be responsible for maintaining the sidewalk(s).
- No work shall be commenced on a sidewalk within a public road right of way until approved by either the Oakland County Road Commission or the State Department of Transportation having jurisdiction over the right-of-way where the sidewalk is located.

C. The Township Board may order the replacement, repair and maintenance of sidewalks for the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Township. In the event the Township determines that said sidewalks need to be replaced, repaired, and/or maintained, the Township shall notify the involved property owner(s), occupant(s), lessee(s), association(s), or other person(s) whose property abuts or adjoins the sidewalk(s). The notice shall specify the required replacement, repair and/or maintenance and set forth a time frame for the involved property owner(s), occupant(s), lessee(s), association(s), or other person(s) to complete the replacement, repair and/or maintenance. In the event of an emergency situation, as determined by the Township, this requirement for notice and an opportunity to cure may be waived.

D. If the property owner(s), occupant(s), lessee(s), association(s), or other person(s) whose property abuts or adjoins the sidewalk(s) fail to replace, repair and/or maintain the sidewalk(s) as specified in the notice, the Township may enter onto the property and replace, repair and/or maintain the sidewalk(s) and assess the cost not to exceed a five (5) year period against the abutting or adjoining property owner(s), occupant(s), lessee(s), association(s), or other person(s) whose property abuts or adjoins the sidewalk(s) or commit the property owner(s), occupant(s), lessee(s), association(s), or other person(s) within a specified time to have the sidewalks constructed, repaired and/or maintained according to Township specifications at their sole expense.

E. The cost of replacement, maintenance, and/or repair of sidewalk shall be charged against the property owner(s), occupant(s), lessee(s), association(s), or other person(s) in control of the land, and shall be based upon the actual cost or engineer's estimation plus twenty-five percent (25%).

F. The Township Board, in its discretion, may also, after replacing or repairing a sidewalk, authorize collection of the cost of such replacement or repair by civil process, counter-claim, or such other means as may be proper for the collection of debts by legal process.

SECTION 6 - LIABILITY

If the owner, occupant, lessee, association, or other person in control of the property adjacent to or abutting the sidewalk(s) shall neglect to keep or maintain the sidewalk(s) along the front, rear or side of the land owned by him/her in good repair and safe for use of the public, the owner, occupant, lessee, association, or other person in control of the property shall be liable for any damages sustained by reasons of such sidewalk(s) being unsafe and out of repair.

SECTION 7 - PENALTY

Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a municipal civil infraction notice of violation or citation.

SECTION 8 - SEVERABILITY

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9 - REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 10 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days after publication. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a complete copy of the proposed ordinance and related documents may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 1038, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular business hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk up until the time of the Second Reading. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
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Stop the presses!

Andersonville 5th-graders give up recess to write

Unlike most students, 11-year-old Trey Bergquist doesn't huff and complain about writing assignments, due dates or even a missed recess.

At least not anymore.

But then again, if more students were doing the kind of writing that Bergquist was able to do this past school year — submissions for the Andersonville Elementary School student newsletter — perhaps others his age would feel similarly.

"It's cool," said Bergquist, an Andersonville fifth-grader and the senior editor of the newsletter, which is put together for and by the school's students.

"It's not like working ... You're not just sitting down and writing on paper or in a little book," Bergquist said.

Seeing the final product and witnessing other students reading and enjoying the paper was also gratifying, he said.

"It's great how other kids read it. At first, I didn't think they would. But it was amazing. A lot of people read it."

Called the *Eagle Beat*, the newsletter was distributed to students for the first time in February.

And the behind-the-scenes process of the four-page newsletter closely imitates publishing in the real world.

The idea came from Andersonville parent Pam Henderson of White Lake Township. Henderson's 9-year-old daughter, Courtney, is one of six writers for the *Eagle Beat*.

Henderson estimated that each of the students — two editors, six writers and four production staffers — put in about 15 hours each per issue.

They will have put out three issues before the end of the school year. Their third issue was distributed Tuesday to students.



Little reporter: Andersonville Elementary student Chantelle Detkowski interviews Dr. Susan Barnes at St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland Hospital about bicycle helmets for an article in the *Eagle Beat* newsletter.

A variety of elements make up the "Eagle Beat," including a letter from the editors, information about health and other topics and a trivia section.

"I think the most important thing a child can do is learn how to communicate effectively," Henderson said of the project,

which came to fruition with the aid of Andersonville parents Diane Burder and Christine Cotter, and Andersonville teacher Amy Martocci.

The four women were the *Eagle Beat's* advisory board and worked with the student staff.

"It's one thing to visualize and

conceptualize things, but I think having to write those ideas down introduces them to a whole new communication process," Henderson said. "It forces them to take that mental picture ... and make it come together with just a pencil and pad of paper."

Students' interest in the pro-

ject was surprisingly high, especially since staffers would be required to give up one recess period per week to work on the newsletter, Henderson said.

In fact, after reading all the applications students submitted, the advisory board decided to expand the newsletter's initial

■ **'It's not like working ... You're not just sitting down and writing on paper or in a little book.'**

Trey Bergquist
—*Eagle Beat* senior editor

staff size from 10 to 12.

Support for the project came from St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland Hospital and Andersonville's parents organization.

In fact, *Eagle Beat* staffers even did the talking when it came time to ask the school's parents group for financial support, Henderson said.

But the students experienced at least two other displeasures of life in the business world — tight deadlines and the working lunch, Henderson said.

"It was comical one day — they were eating and they were working."

Eagle Beat writers also had the opportunity to conduct face-to-face interviews with physicians and staff from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Oakland.

Writer Chantelle Detkowski experienced a full-blown photo shoot when the hospital's public relations department showed up to document the student reporter interviewing a physician.

While Bergquist enjoyed the project's writing component and witnessed improvements in his writing ability, he seemed most enthused about the staff's teamwork and camaraderie.

"I really got along with the other kids, and we really work as a team," he said. "It's a lot of fun. You get to be with a group of your own and there's always something. You're never just sitting there and doing nothing. Getting the newspaper out takes a lot of teamwork. You have to work together."

Student reporter interviews doctor

Editor's note: Following is a story that appeared in the most recent edition of the *Eagle Beat*:

CHANTELLE DETKOWSKI
SPECIAL WRITER

One day last summer, my friends and I decided to go on a bike ride. I didn't wear my helmet because it wasn't cool; my friends weren't wearing theirs and I didn't want to mess up my hair. I can tell you that this summer will be different. I don't care what my friends do. After talking with Dr. Susan Barnes at St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland Hospital, having helmet hair and looking "uncool" is just fine with me.

Dr. Barnes spends some of her time helping kids who are in bike accidents recover. She said, "The No. 1 cause of head injuries in kids our age

is from bike accidents in which helmets are not worn. You can do a lot of damage to your head and might possibly have to relearn how to walk, talk and even eat again." I don't know about you, but that doesn't sound like much fun.

Many of you are probably saying to yourself right this very minute, "Yea, right. She's just trying to scare me." The truth is I'm not. Wearing a helmet when you ride is as important as putting on a safety belt when riding in a car. I'm not the only one who feels this way. A lot of people in our community care about our safety and have offered to make our summer much safer.

Included at the bottom of the article were coupons for 20 percent off bike helmets at Kmart on Dixie Highway and 10 percent off bike repairs at Scarlett's, also on Dixie Highway.

Hearing set for proposed subdivision

Independence Township's Planning Commission will hold a public hearing June 25 on a 256-unit residential development on White Lake Road between Dixie Highway and Clement.

The project's developer, Victor International Corp., is expected to also propose a 120,000-square-

foot commercial building and 24 condominiums at the site.

The commercial building would include several chain, family-style restaurants, offices and a large market.

Victor International's residential development, called Parks at Stonewood, would abut Pontiac

Osteopathic Hospital's property, where the health system plans to build a large medical campus.

How the two proposed developments would impact traffic volumes and congestion on White Lake Road and Dixie Highway have surfaced as primary concerns.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston May 28 to June 1.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On May 30, radios were reported stolen from a number of vehicles parked at a business on **Big Lake Road**.

On May 30, a bird bath was reported stolen from a site on **Dixie Highway**.

On May 30, cassette equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Foster Road**.

On May 31, a tackle box and wallet were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Parker**.

On May 31, stereo equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Ellis Road**.

On May 31, a lap-top computer was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Windcliff**.

On May 31, unknown persons reportedly broke into a vehicle

parked on **Windcliff**. Nothing was reported stolen.

On May 31, a calculator and cassette discs were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Windcliff**.

On May 31, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Ridgeview**.

Independence Police

Vandalism

On May 28, a window was reported damaged on a vehicle parked on **Middle Lake Road**.

On May 30, a windshield was reported damaged on a vehicle parked on **Dartmouth**.

On June 1, gang symbols were reported painted on walls, doors and a sign at Clarkston High School on **Middle Lake Road**.

Thefts

On May 29, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Deerwood**.

On May 29, a mobile phone was reported stolen from a site

on **Dixie Highway**.

On May 29, marble was reported stolen from a house under construction on **Cotswald Lane**.

On May 30, gold coins were reported stolen from a residence on **M-15**.

On May 30, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Middle Lake Road**.

Clarkston Police

On May 29, officers responded to a non-injury accident on **M-15** near **Middle Lake Road**. In that accident a Clarkston woman was ticketed.

Independence Fire

Between May 28 and June 1, firefighters responded to 41 calls. Among them were 11 medical runs, three personal-injury accidents and 21 downed wires. They included:

On June 30, firefighters attended a child who was having seizures at a residence on **Wahtawah**.

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Bear from page A1

reporters, cameramen and DNR officials, plus one helicopter, attended the press conference, in which Wade Hamilton, a conservation officer for the DNR, said they suspect the bear was at one time, in some way, a captive.

"It seems to be comfortable in its surroundings," he said. "For this to be successful and for us to live-trap this bear, we need to keep the human contact far enough away from this bear."

Prior to the conference, in a casual conversation that took place in the substation hall, LaBair shrugged and said he didn't know where the bear was but that he was opposed to tranquilizing or shooting it. A misplaced tranquilizer shot could agitate the bear, be ineffective or force it to run off, he said.

LaBair favored letting the bear wander into one of the four traps set Tuesday night. The traps — made of culverts that could accommodate the bear's size — were stocked with corn, bacon and other goodies that might attract the bear and were designed in such a way that they would close after the bear entered.

On Tuesday, just after word came in that the 150-pound black bear had been spotted at a

How this bear got into Independence remained a mystery, but there was speculation. Could be, LaBair said, that it was someone's dropped-off pet. Could be it wandered up from Ohio, where bear cubs are sometimes sold. Could be, though it was extremely unlikely, that it made its way down from up north.

deer feed behind a Northcrest home, LaBair sat with a few of his fellow officers and waxed philosophical about bears, in general, and Winnie The Pooh, in particular.

"There's no reason to shoot this bear. He's minding his own business," LaBair said. "He just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. He didn't seem to be upset with the human beings. He's just having a little lunch."

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According to the DNR, there are no bears living in Oakland County. "The question is, where did he come from? We don't know," said Sgt. Jeff Crockett. At the conference Hamilton confirmed that this was the first time the DNR had tracked a bear in Oakland.

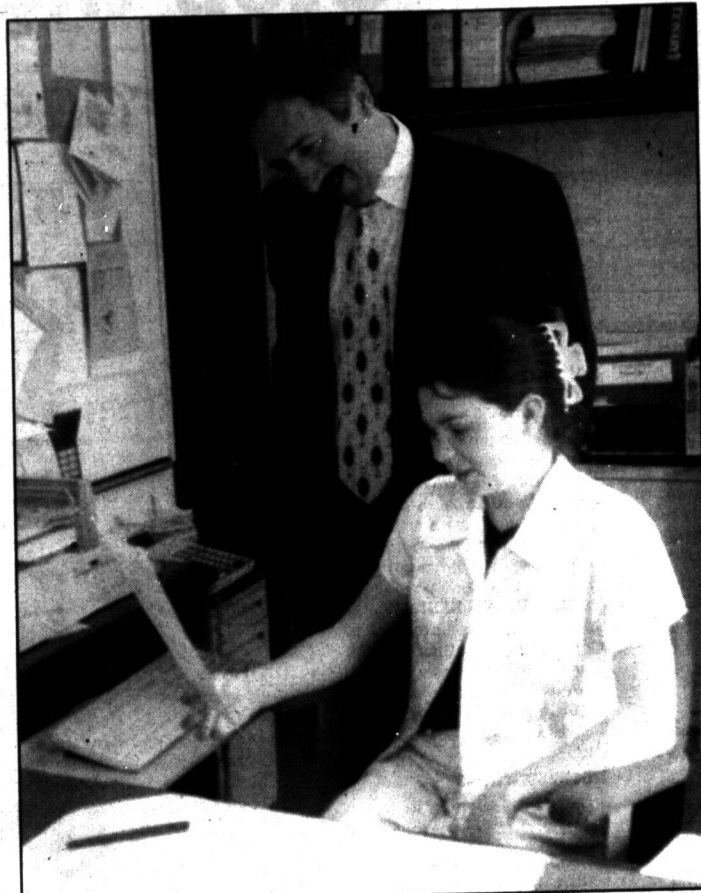
Crockett, who has hunted black bear, noted that the animals are generally harmless to humans and that they can run as fast as 35 mph.

"They've got quite a sprint," he said to LaBair's pre-conference musings.

"I spend all my waking hours humming 'Winnie-the-Pooh,'" LaBair said happily, his arms folded, his gaze back at home.

LaBair is the new father of an infant daughter and he explained that when his daughter's music chimes wind down, he has to provide the interim music while he cranks up the machine.

Principal for a day



The big boss: Stephanie Freiwald gets some tips from Sashabaw Middle School Principal John Dileggio while taking over for him May 28 at the Clarkston school. Stephanie earned the chance to be principal for a day by winning an essay contest sponsored by the school's environmental club, Students for a Better World.

School renovation work delayed

Sashabaw Middle School will gain new lockers, new windows, new bleachers, a new stage, a new boiler, some reconfigured and remodeled rooms and a new entrance — but not as soon as school officials originally planned.

Clarkston's school board concurred May 26 with a district recommendation to postpone the start of renovations at SMS until the summer of 1999. That project was initially slated to begin this summer.

According to Craig Kahler, director of business services for Clarkston schools, the district's contractors and architects advised school officials that the building would need to undergo more extensive and intrusive mechanical work to sustain long-term ventilation benefits. Kahler said that work most likely will span at least six months — and will be most safely performed in an empty building.

"Though we haven't decided on this yet, we might temporarily shift Sashabaw Middle School

students over to what will be an empty Clarkston Middle School building for the first semester of the 1999-2000 school year, while the mechanical work at Sashabaw is going on," he said. "Redistricting will be in place that year and Sashabaw will have less students to move."

Other Phase I construction/renovation projects will still begin this summer. Phase I buildings include: the district's new elementary school on M-15 and Hubbard Road, and Clarkston and North Sashabaw elementaries.

Phase II building remodeling will start next summer and include: Sashabaw Middle School and the existing Clarkston Middle School; Andersonville, Bailey Lake, Pine Knob and Springfield Plains elementaries; and the existing Clarkston High School.

Clarkston School District voters approved the building improvements as part of a \$57.6 million bond issue last June.

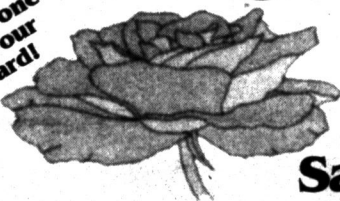
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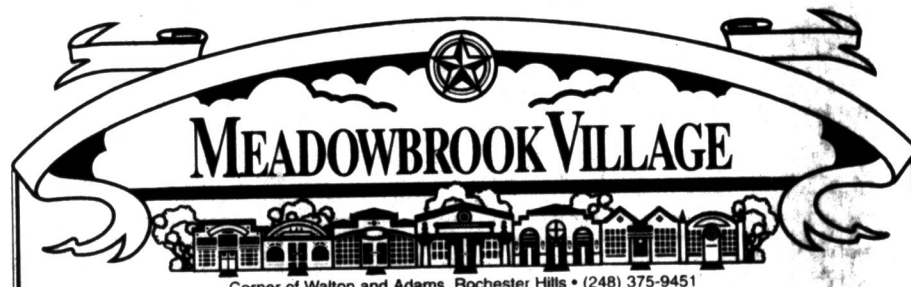
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ROAD WATCH

Road improvements could cause delays on the following Oakland County roads this week. Roads are open unless noted. Alternative routes are advised in all instances.

I-75

At: Rochester Road
Community: Troy
The north bound exit ramp will be closed through June 17. Detours are posted.

BALDWIN ROAD

From: I-75 to Delevan
Communities: Auburn Hills and Lake Angelus
The road is being widened from two lanes to a six-lane boulevard. The project is expected to be completed by Oct. 31.

BRIDGE LAKE

From: Rattalee Lake Road to Davisburg Road
Community: Springfield Township
A road paving project is being conducted through the end of August.

DEQUINDRE ROAD

From: Big Beaver to Wattles
Community: Troy
Dequindre is being widened from two to five lanes. The project is expected to be completed by Oct. 31.

ELIZABETH LAKE

From: M-59 to Cass Lake Road
Community: Waterford
This section of road will be closed through the end of June to repair a damaged sewer line.

ELIZABETH LAKE

From: Telegraph to M-59
Community: Waterford
Concrete is being repaired. One lane will be closed at all times through July 3.

GRAND RIVER

At: Farmington Road

Community: Farmington
Grand River will be reduced to one lane in each direction through Sept. 15.

ORCHARD LAKE ROAD

At: Grand River
Community: Farmington Hills
There will be alternating lane closures through Aug. 13.

MAPLE ROAD

From: Franklin to Telegraph
Community: Bloomfield Township
There will be periodic land closures for resurfacing through mid-July.

NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY

At: Telegraph Road
Community: Southfield
The ramp from northbound Northwestern to southbound Telegraph will be closed intermittently during non-peak periods. The ramp from northbound Telegraph to I-696 and northbound Northwestern will be closed until Oct. 30.

NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY

At: Service drive and Evergreen
Community: Southfield
The left service drive lane will be closed at Evergreen and the right lane of the Evergreen bridge will be closed through June 5.

ROCHESTER ROAD

From: M-59 to Avon Road
Community: Rochester Hills
One lane will be closed in each direction through July 1.

WALTON BOULEVARD

From: West of Sashabaw to Clintonville
Community: Waterford
Walton is being widened from three to five lanes. It is limited to one lane each way during construction. It is expected to be completed by July 31.

Housework chores vary from gender to gender

What does it take to get a man to do the dishes and clean the floor? The answer, a new University of Michigan study suggests, may be a divorce.

For the study, U-M Population Studies Center researcher Sanjiv Gupta analyzed data on 8,200 men and women from the National Survey of Families and Households to see how changes in their marital status affected time spent cooking, doing the dishes, washing and ironing clothes, cleaning the house and other household chores.

Gupta compared the amount of time spent on these tasks in 1987-88 and in 1992-93, to determine the impact of changes in marital and cohabitation status. His analysis took into account the number of hours spent working outside the home, school attendance and the number of children and other adults in the home, among other factors.

Among his key findings:

■ For men, moving in with a woman or getting married cut the time spent on routine household chores by three hours a week on average. Separating or divorcing increased the time spent on housework by an average of four-and-a-half hours a week. For women, however, moving in with a man or marrying increased housework time by four hours a week, while separating or divorcing decreased the same amount.

Separated and divorced men reduce their housework time by

five-and-a-half hours per week when they form new unions, Gupta found. "That there is no such effect for women suggests that divorced men may have a greater incentive to re-marry than divorced women."

■ Despite the more egalitarian gender role attitudes among those who live together, moving in together has about the same impact on housework time as getting married, for both men and women.

■ For men, additional children have no effect on their total weekly housework time, excluding child care. For women, each additional child adds more than three hours of housework a week, on top of the added time spent on child care.

Though men may have increased their housework time during the last two or three decades, as reported last week in a study by the Families and Work Institute, the U-M findings show that something else is going on as well.

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Drivers, beware

State road-financing law is expiring; could chaos follow?

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

It worked in 1993 when the Legislature deliberately created a crisis by abolishing local school taxes. The result was voter approval of 1994 Proposal A to cut property taxes and schools.

Will it work by Sept. 30, 1998?

That's when Michigan's 47-year-old road-funding formula is due to expire. The Legislature last year set that crisis date to force itself to write a new road law.

PA 51 of 1951 assigns 39.1 percent of road money to the state Department of Transportation, 39.1 percent to the 83 counties and 21.8 percent to municipalities (the 500 cities and villages).

If it fails, 20 percent of state money for roads will be sealed up.

"The ability of local and state road agencies to do maintenance and repairs will be severely hindered," said Brent O. Bair, managing director of the Road Commission for Oakland County.

That would "force municipal officials to postpone or cancel badly needed road work in cities and villages," added a Michigan Municipal League committee.

House Democrats, blistering Gov. John Engler, set up a Democratic task force on transportation and infrastructure issues.

Brown has bill

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights and a member of the task force, is pushing his own "scientific" idea for road planning.

"It's kinda like Proposal G of 1996, scientific management of game," Brown said. "I'm saying let's have scientific management of roads. We have one of the premier institutions in the state — the University of Michigan Institute of Transportation."

"What we've been saying is 'get more money and spread it around.' We should commission U-M's institute to work with MDOT on roads, cement quality, asphalt standards, bridge construction and truck weights," Brown said, declaring Michigan roads wear out too fast.

Brown's bill to hire U-M for a scientific study of roads is co-sponsored by a key House member — Clark Harder, D-Owosso, chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee.

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Failure costly

The state transportation fund for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 is about \$1.325 billion. If PA 51 expires, it will be cut by \$265 million. That would reduce:

■ MDOT from \$311.9 million to \$232.6 million.

■ Counties from \$546.4 million to \$410.5 million.

■ Cities and villages from \$304.6 million to \$228.8 million.

■ Local bus agencies from \$162.1 million to \$136 million.

CRAM (the County Road Association of Michigan) and the Michigan Municipal League are pushing their ideas for revising PA 51. Some details are hazy, such as writing a "distribution formula that simplifies the funding process and provides a more equitable distribution of funds." Local units have been saying that for 40 years. All agree the current formula is Byzantine in its complexity.

CRAM and MML call for "a comprehensive needs study" to "determine the priorities for a new road funding formula." That sounds much like Brown's bill.

Their plan calls for raising the diesel fuel tax to 19 cents a gallon. That would tax diesel fuel at the same rate as gasoline, which the Legislature raised by 4 cents last year.

The CRAM-MML plan would permit local governments to bid on state highway projects. Some Republicans will fight that idea, contending it's unfair competition with private contractors who pay the single business tax.

And CRAM-MML's plan would give some townships a chance to select road projects if townships contribute half. Currently, town-

ships have no road powers. Roads in townships are under county road agencies.

Federal bonanza

Everyone was happy, however, when the U.S. Congress boosted the road money Michigan will get by 61 percent.

The new ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act) will bring Michigan an increase of nearly \$310 million to a new total of \$825 million a year.

"A tremendous win for Michigan and our roads," said Gov. John Engler, who last year set a goal of \$200 million more for the state. His goal was topped by half.

Michigan among the 50 states was the seventh biggest winner, he said.

House Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, said the new ISTEA dollars "restore fairness for our state and put us on the road to recovery." He awarded bipartisan praise to U.S. Sens. Carl Levin (D) and Spencer Abraham (R) as well as the House delegation.

The new ISTEA awards 75 percent of the money to the state and 25 percent to local units. CRAM and MML want to keep it that way. Engler would like to see more of the federal money go to the state.

Finance costs cut

Meanwhile, Engler announced the state sold nearly \$40 million in Comprehensive Transportation Fund refinancing bonds at a 4.62 percent rate, "the lowest bond interest rate by MDOT in 40 years," said the governor.

The issue refinances bonds sold originally in 1988. The savings in interest payments will be \$7.2 million in debt service over the next eight years.

Deer crashes drop

For the first time since 1990, car-deer crashes have fallen in Michigan, according to auto insurers and state agencies.

In 1997 there were 65,451 car-deer crashes, 4.2 percent fewer than the 68,233 in 1996. The number of humans killed dropped from six to three in that year, though injuries rose slightly.

Officials credited more careful driving for the decrease.

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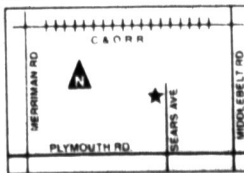
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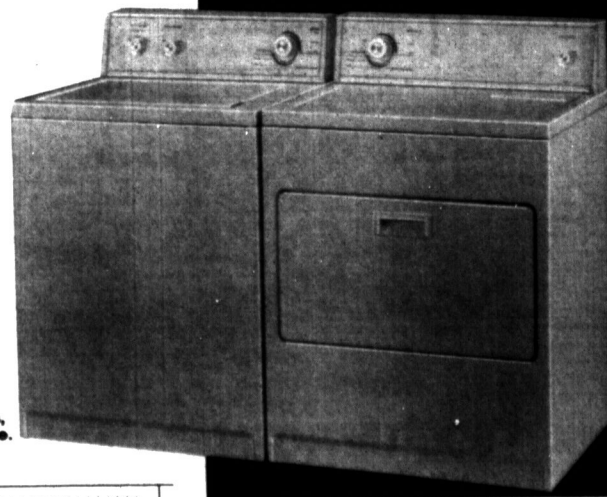
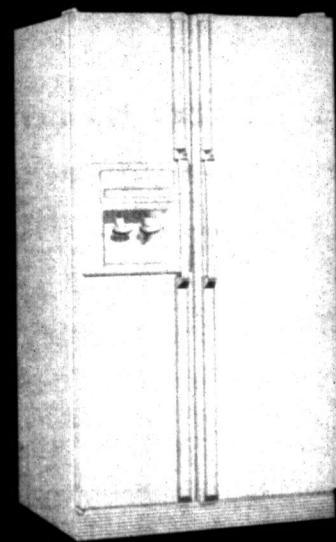
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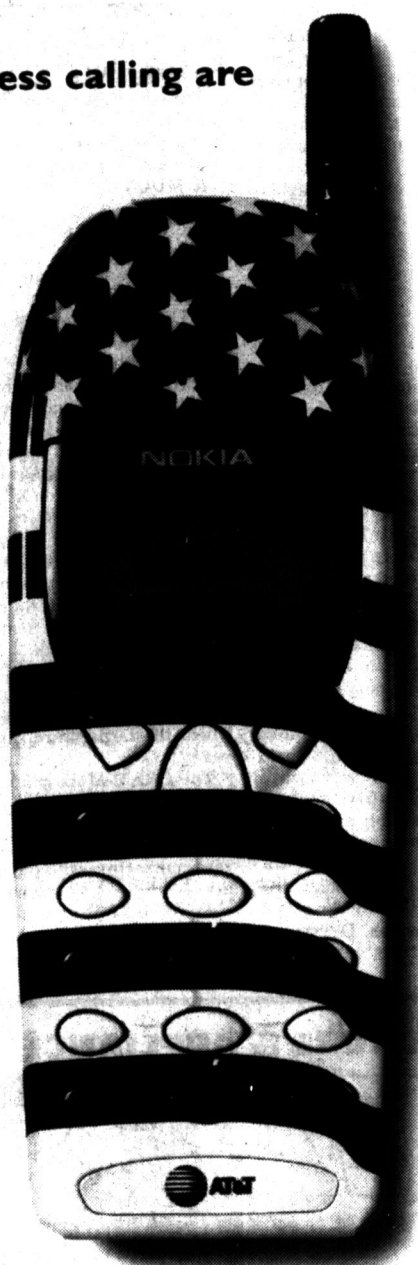


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Why did you decide to run for the Clarkston School Board 23 years ago?

"I was in the PTA, on the PTA Council, on the education committee at St. Daniel's (Catholic Church) and I was just involved in a lot of things and knew a lot of people. They encouraged me. In fact, my 'baby' (son Kevin) was 4-years-old when I ran and now he's 27! I can remember one time, (former Clarkston schools' superintendent) Mil Mason was picking me up because we were going to some county meeting or something and there was Kevin, this little curly-headed 4-year-old, saying, 'Momma, Momma! School board! School board!'"

What keeps you impassioned about serving the schools?

"It's when you think about why you're there. For instance, you go to a conference on the development of the brain and you come back and you think, 'We need to be addressing some of this stuff in Clarkston so we're serving the kids better.' You walk through a school building and you see all these little people and you feel you're really doing some good. That's what the whole thing's all about."

When have you felt particularly frustrated?

"Well, for instance, we finally have a (musical) string program here. And isn't that exciting? Good God! But many people wonder why we didn't have that 30 years ago. It's frustrating because people forget what Clarkston was. I grew up in Pontiac and when I was a kid, Clarkston was the little village you drove through when you were going up north if you didn't take M-24. It was a farm community."

"It was 'old' thinking when the elementary schools were built (in the '50s and '60s) and they didn't have multipurpose rooms on them. But that was reflective of the community at the time. I mean, the people here were operating farms."

"If newer residents weren't involved at the time, they also don't realize what a depressed economy it was in the very late '70s and early '80s ... I remember that for two years, we had the same (school) budget — \$13 million. It was incredible. And Clarkston was doing great things with the money we had."

Who most profoundly influenced the way Clarkston schools operate today?

"I don't think (former Clarkston superintendent) Milford Mason was ever given the credit for being the visionary that he was. And I think he tried to surround himself with good people — many of whom are still here. Because of that leadership, we did get multipurpose rooms and we did get media centers in each of the elementary buildings. And he was the first one to talk about a new high school — in 1984."

"Mason also started community education and made it self-supporting within six months. And he began practically all of the school communication that we have today. He encouraged parent volunteerism, established employee recognition and coordinated the curriculum."

And he did all those things at a time when there really wasn't any money. The kids were well-served. (Thomas pointed out



That's commitment: Janet Thomas was honored by the Michigan Association of School Boards for serving 23 consecutive years on the Clarkston School Board.

that her four children — Gina, Carrie, Kim and Kevin — graduated from Clarkston schools. All hold college degrees today.)

Has the community been supportive of the schools over the years?

"Basically, the community has always supported the schools. There may have been different conceptions at different points of time, but it wasn't because people were 'anti-schools.' They were 'anti-something else.' If people saw the need, they always supported the schools."

Is it important to have someone with a historical perspective on the board?

"Yes, because if you don't have any background into the area, then you might not understand why certain things didn't happen. However, a board member's historical perspective cannot be with his or her feet in cement because you still have to move forward."

Why don't educators just stick to teaching the 'basics' of the past?

"The students are different ... It doesn't make them smarter or dumber — it's just they learn different. These kids have never been without television. A good percentage of them have computers in their homes ... Teachers aren't going to be able to teach them social studies the way they have in the past when these kids have already been exposed to virtual reality programs."

Why does it seem that the field of education is so slow to change?

"People in education like to have meetings — and I'm including the board in that! It's probably because you do need to listen to everybody. And by the time you go through all the layers — the people in the classroom, the union that's trying to protect

them, the administrative level, the board level — you can talk something to death. I sometimes think that we don't give the professionals enough credit. All we should need to tell teachers is what we expect at the end of any year in any particular area. We shouldn't care how they get there. As long as they're serving the needs and the kids are all being brought along."

How would you characterize your stint thus far on the board?

"There's been peaks and valleys — but there's been more

peaks than valleys. A lot of times, it's because of something you don't have any control over. You don't have any control over the economy. If it's bad, you just have to say, 'No, we can't do that this year.'"

Will you run again for another four years after your current term ends next year?

"I don't know right now. Sometimes, I think 24 years is enough. But I'd like to stay on at the intermediate (school district) level because I'd like to stay in education. I think it's so vital."

OBITUARIES

Paula M. Jackson

Paula M. Jackson of Ypsilanti, formerly of Clarkston, died May 31, 1998, at age 60.

Mrs. Jackson loved caring for her three bulldogs — Ben, Emma and Rosie. She also enjoyed knitting and "Tea at 3" with her friend Phyllis.

She is survived by her sons, Robert (Ann Marie) and Bruce Jackson.

Funeral arrangements and service were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston with Pastor Demetrius Booker officiating. Graveside committal service will take place at Shelden Cemetery, Ontario, Canada. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Cancer Care Center, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor 48106. (Envelopes are available at the funeral home or by calling 248-625-5232).

Stergios "Steve" Hassopolis

Stergios "Steve" Hassopolis of Clarkston died May 27, 1998, at age 76.

He is survived by his wife, Aphrodite "Diti"; brother-in-law,

Nick Lekas; and two nephews.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Funeral service was held at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Bloomfield Township.

Ila I. Hall

Ila I. Hall of Clarkston died May 24, 1998, at age 84.

Mrs. Hall retired from General Motors, Fisher Body, in 1968 after more than 16 years of service. She was a life member of the First Baptist Church and UAW, Local No. 5690, both in Pontiac.

She is survived by her daughters, Marlene (Larnell) Soloway of Clarkston and Janice (John) Shaw of Prudenville; seven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Godhardt-Tomlinson Funeral Home in Keego Harbor. Interment was at Perry Mount Park Cemetery in Pontiac. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 9000 Highland Avenue, Pontiac 48341 or to the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan chapter, 23999 Northwestern Highway No. 210, Southfield 48075-6820.

Contract from page A1

A middle school "Advisor/Advisee" program will be established with a 10- to 15-minute daily "homeroom" for students in grades six, seven and eight.

Teachers who use less than the allotted quota of personal/sick days each year will qualify for a new cash incentive system. Under that plan, teachers who have accumulated more than 90 unused days can "sell" up to 20 percent of the those days back to the district.

Duane Lewis, the district's part-time contractor who over-

saw the negotiation process with the CEA (Clarkston Education Association), told trustees May 26, "It was a good settlement for the district."

In the audience that evening, Bill Curtis, president of the CEA, echoed similarly positive comments. "I think it's a fair and equitable agreement — not all we hoped for, but that's true of bargaining," Curtis said. "It's a give-and-take process. We identified problems early in the contract, and we let people come and hear about and speak to the issues."

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Oakland U to open on-campus copy center

Oakland University this summer will open a mail and photocopy center for students, faculty and campus visitors.

The center, on the upper level of Oakland Center, is expected to open in July. It will provide self-service and staff-assisted photocopying, color copies and services such as binding, lamination, faxing, packaging, stamps and notary. United Parcel Service, Federal Express shipping and campus wide courier service will also be available.

The center will serve as a drop-off site for university mail. Self-service copiers and stamp machines will be accessible after hours.

"The Copy and Mail Satellite is the university's

response to student groups," said Sue Smith, director of university services. "We want to become more involved with our students and have a stronger feeling of being an important member of the university community."

The project, partially funded by \$50,000 from the university's Strategic Plan Fund and Technology Fund, is among 15 1997-98 initiatives to advance the OU strategic plan. Other projects include the acquisition of a molecular modeling DNA sequencer; a system to expand on-line access to books, periodicals and other resources at Kresge Library; UNIX workstations in the School of Engineering and Computer Science; and a technology equipment upgrade in 13 classrooms.

County prosecutor cool, confident in handling his first murder trial

By stepping away from his administrative duties — and personally trying a court case — Oakland prosecutor David Gorcyca is following a precedent established by his two predecessors and endorsed by others.

In personally handling the trial of Detroit resident Kenneth L. Williams this week in Oakland Circuit Court, however, Gorcyca is doing something he's never done before — prosecute a murder case.

Williams is charged with murder in the stabbing death of his ex-wife Marcia D. Williams, 38, in Southfield on the night of Feb. 20, 1997.

Gorcyca had been an Oakland assistant prosecutor for more than two years before he left the office in July, 1990, to go into

private practice. But he had never prosecuted a murder case — something critics cited during his successful 1996 campaign to support their contention he lacked the experience needed to be an effective prosecutor.

But that didn't deter Gorcyca when he decided to personally handle the Williams trial this week before Oakland Circuit Judge Barry Howard. Prior to jury selection, Gorcyca said going into the courtroom would enable him to better understand the problems encountered by his staff and to be a better administrator.

If Gorcyca was nervous, it wasn't readily apparent, said Mitchell Ribitwer, the defense attorney for Williams. "I think he (Gorcyca) has done a good job

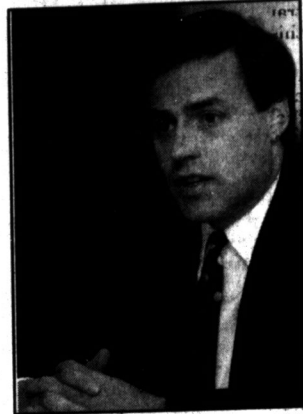
so far," he said Wednesday, as the case was winding down.

Ribitwer and Gorcyca both graduated from the Detroit College of Law, and they had faced each other in the courtroom before.

Both Gorcyca's predecessors — L. Brooks Patterson and Richard Thompson — personally went to court during their tenures, especially in high profile cases for which victory guaranteed good press and television exposure.

Other prosecutors, including Carl Marlinga of Macomb County, said going to court once in a while is a good way to keep the trail skills and to demonstrate proper methods to younger attorneys.

And it certainly doesn't hurt at the next election, they admit.



Dave Gorcyca

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to June 4.

BIRMINGHAM
Recommitting: Jacobsen's will build a new three-story flagship store in downtown Birmingham as part of the Birmingham City Center project, a revitalization district that includes the now-vacant Crowley's department store and Wabek office and retail center on Maple Road. The announcement comes on the heels of a new annual report that indicates the Michigan-based retailer has overcome its recent financial difficulties.

CLARKSTON
Memories come tumbling: Graduates of Clarkston High School

are feeling a bit nostalgic these days — and with good reason. The 38-year-old building is closing as a high school this month, to be replaced by a new high school building.

FARMINGTON
Closing time: After months of speculation, the downtown Farmington Farmer Jack store will apparently close in three weeks. While Farmer Jack management refused to confirm reports of the closing, workers said managers told them the store would close June 27.

LAKE ORION
Transportation needs: Representatives of Lake Orion and Oxford, as well as Orion, Oxford and Addison townships are considering pooling their resources

to provide transportation for area seniors. Representatives from all five communities are expected to meet within the next few weeks to discuss the project.

OXFORD
He's gone: Oxford Township Supervisor Curtis Wright has resigned his post, effective June 10, to become operations manager at Oxford-based TKMS Trucking. Wright has held office since 1994. The township board has 45 days from his resignation date to appoint a successor.

ROCHESTER HILLS
Gun rumor: Prompted by tragedies in Jonesboro, Ark. and Springfield, Ore., police swarmed around Rochester High School on May 28 after a rumor surfaced that a student planned to bring a gun to the next morning's annual senior class breakfast. The rumor proved untrue, but it prompted more than a dozen parents to call the school and police.

SOUTHFIELD
Birth centers: State Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, has introduced legislation to regulate birthing centers. Birthing centers, which offer a lower-cost alternative to hospital births,

are currently regulated in 37 states, but not Michigan. The issue was called to Peters' attention by representatives of the Providence Hospital Birthing Center in Southfield.

TROY
Joke's on them: A group of 15 Troy High School seniors will pay for throwing eggs, watermelon, oranges and mustard on their school as a graduation season prank. The students, all males, were suspended through the end of the school year as a result of the May 19 incident, but will be allowed to graduate with their classmates. No charges will be filed because the students and their families have offered to pay for damages.

WEST BLOOMFIELD
Water ban: Most lakes-area communities have agreed to Detroit Water and Sewerage Department demands for use restrictions caused by a downed Bloomfield Hills pump station. Commerce Township, Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake Village and Walled Lake have all imposed odd-even-day water use restrictions on residents. Only West-Bloomfield hasn't agreed to the restrictions.

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OU enrollment increases

Enrollment at Oakland University increased for the third consecutive academic term, climbing more than 1 percent this spring semester compared with the same semester in 1997.

This year's spring enrollment of 6,703 was up 1.5 percent from last year's count of 6,605. Total credit hours increased 2.3 percent, from 29,638 last spring term to 30,333 this spring.

Tuition deadline extended

Oakland University is pushing back its normal tuition payment due date this summer so students can take advantage of a new federal tax credit.

Payment for summer classes is due July 8 this year. The original deadline was June 10.

By extending the deadline, OU helps students who qualify for the Lifetime Learning Credit, a

federal income tax abatement that was part of the Taxpayer's Relief Act of 1997.

The credit, one of several new tax wrinkles aimed at helping middle-income taxpayers afford higher education, is available for certain tuition and educational fees paid on or after July 1, 1998, for programs of study that begin after that date.

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Drivers can renew licenses on the Net

The Michigan Secretary of State will permit Michigan motorists to renew vehicle registrations on the Internet starting this month.

Motorists will be eligible to renew using the Internet if they are willing to pay registration fees by credit card and have vehicle insurance with a company participating in the Secretary of State's electronic insurance verification program.

To date, the department has received electronic insurance verification for nearly 2.9 million vehicles from a total of 16 participating insurance companies.

Three more insurance companies are expected to join the program soon, which will raise the weekly percentage of registrations eligible for renewal by Internet and touch-tone telephone from 45 to 65 percent.

The Internet renewal program is similar to the touch-tone telephone renewal program. Motorists eligible to renew on the Internet must have a nine-digit number on the lower left side of their vehicle renewal notice. The number indicates that insurance for the vehicle has been verified.

To renew by Internet, the motorist uses a computer with an Internet connection and secured Web browser. Access the Secretary of State web site at: www.sos.state.mi.us/renew.htm

Motorists must complete the online renewal form. Payment of fees must be made by a valid Discover, MasterCard or VISA. By providing an e-mail address, the motorist will receive confirmation that the transaction has been received.

Once the transaction has been processed, license plate tabs and two copies of the registration will be sent by mail to the vehicle owner within seven days.

The Internet renewal option is also being extended to watercraft owners whose boat registrations are up for renewal.

The Secretary of State unveiled renewal by fax in April 1995 and watercraft registration renewal by touch-tone telephone in February 1996. A touch-tone renewal program for license plates was unveiled in November 1997.

Senators try to deter Internet predators

The state Senate moved toward curbing Internet predators on children when it unanimously passed bills by Sens. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, and Mike Roger, R-Brighton.

The action became urgent when a 13-year-old Michigan girl was allegedly sexually assaulted by a father and son whom she met over Internet. The men have been ordered to stand trial.

"The Internet is an important educational tool," said Hart, who recently took part in a link between seven schools on one district. "We cannot let predators use it for their own ends."

"Unfortunately parents must continue to be vigilant in monitoring their children's activity. But now, law enforcement officers have the tools they need to prosecute Internet predators."

The bills go to the House for action. If passed in the spring session, they could become law about Sept. 1. They are tied, meaning both must pass for either to become law.

Rogers' SB 1091 defines the crime. It would prohibit use of Internet to even attempt to commit the solicitation of a minor for sexual abuse, kidnapping, stalking or assault with intent to commit a sex crime. It also would prohibit use of Inter-

net to kidnap a child under 14.

"Internet" is defined as the worldwide interconnection of individual computers and networks. A "minor" is defined as someone under age 18.

Hart's SB 785 sets out the punishments: two years and \$2,000 for a first offense; five years and \$5,000 for a second. The prison terms would be served preceding any term for the underlying offense (the actual rape or kidnapping).

The Senate Fiscal Agency estimated costs of the bills at \$2.3 million a year. Its calculation was based on \$18,000 a year to lock up an inmate. It assumed 5 percent of the 1996 criminal cases with prison terms involved minors.

Refer to Senate Bills 785 and 1091 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

Yes to lawmakers

The Senate put the finishing touches on three House bills to require more legislative material to be placed on the Internet. The bills go back to the House for concurrence in amendments.

The lead measure, House Bill 4884 by tech guru Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, would require the Legislative Council to place on the Internet, at no cost to

users, the text of every bill introduced in the House and Senate beginning July 1, 1999.

"Why do we need this when it's already on Internet?" demanded Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian.

"We want future legislature to be bound by this," answered Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Milford, who handled the bill in his Senate committee. The delay, he added, was due to some equipment not being available yet. HB 4875 would cover the status of every bill - that is, what committee it was sent to, committee action, floor action and so on. It would take effect July 1, 1999. Sponsor is Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield.

HB 4886 would apply to the legislative calendar, notices of committee meetings and agendas, beginning Jan. 1, 2001. Sponsor is Patricia Birkholz, R-Holland.

HB 5006 covers the Michigan Compiled Laws search and retrieval system. It would take effect July 1, 1999. Sponsor is Lingg Brewer, D-Oakland.

The Senate Fiscal Agency estimated the cost to the public at \$100,000 for hardware, \$400,000 for five maintenance employees, and \$180,000 adding Michigan Compiled Laws.

Get a list of candidates

Want a full list of all state gubernatorial, congressional, legislative and judicial candidates?

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U.S. Sen. Carl Levin will discuss his two decades on Capitol Hill during the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan's annual luncheon 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 14, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For luncheon tickets, or for more information, call Phyllis Strome at (248) 646-2092.

MUSIC SHOW

SRO Institute of Music presents a string tour group concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, at Northbrook Presbyterian Church to benefit Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The group will perform pops and classical music. The concert is free, though a donation to MADD is requested. The church is at 14 Mile and Lahser roads in Beverly Hills.

MATH CAMP

Registrations are being accepted for Oakland University's free mathematics camp for gifted pre-college students. The 1998 Summer Mathematics Institute meets June 29 to Aug. 7. Students can earn college credit for the program. Classes are taught by full-time OU faculty members. To register, or for additional information, call program coordinator Marc Lipman at (248) 370-3430. Students can also inquire about the program by fax at (248) 370-4184 or by e-mail at lipman@oakland.edu.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Oakland County 4-H Clubs are joining with Habitat for Humanity to raise money to construct houses in the Pontiac area. 4-H youngsters will build Lego houses to call attention to the Habitat for Humanity program. They seek sponsors to help them acquire Lego materials. For additional information, call (248) 858-0889.

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She's the one

Re-elect Hughes to school board

Voters living in the Clarkston school district will have the chance on Monday, June 8, to re-elect a veteran school board member and steadfast school supporter, Sheila Hughes.

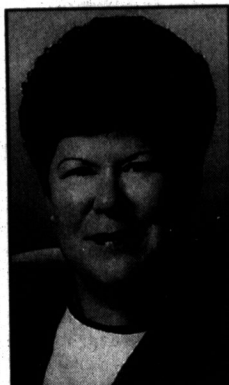
Hughes is one of two candidates running to fill a four-year seat on the Clarkston school board. We encourage voters to re-elect **Sheila Hughes**.

A school board member since 1990, Hughes can point to several accomplishments in her eight years on the board. Her more far-reaching accomplishments, and there are many, include working to secure voter approval for a new Clarkston High School, new elementary school and renovations to older buildings. She has also worked to bring new technology to all school buildings.

On the board, Hughes argues passionately for what she believes is right but doesn't take it personally or hold a grudge when her fellow board members disagree.

Hughes' involvement stems back to long before she was elected. The mother of two sons, Hughes worked as a parent volunteer at Pine Knob Elementary School. Seeing the need for multipurpose rooms at Clarkston's elementaries in the 1980s, Hughes spearheaded a grass-roots campaign to get those well-used rooms built.

Hughes became interested in the decision-making process of the school board early on in her involvement, regularly attending school board meetings. Sometimes she was the only person at the meetings other than board mem-



Sheila Hughes

bers. Hughes, 53, is a product of Clarkston Community Schools, having graduated in 1963 from Clarkston High School. She works as an accounts payable clerk for Parada Federal Credit Union. Realizing that few people today stay in the town they grew up in, Hughes is committed to providing today's students with what they need to compete in a global economy.

"I see change as a positive," she said in an interview, calling herself a visionary. "We have to be moving forward ... it's such a global world anymore."

Hughes' challenger has not shown a fraction of the interest or commitment Hughes has, even though he has lived in the school district for more than nine years. He has not even regularly attended school board meetings — a must, in our viewpoint, for serious candidates.

Even though two candidates' names will appear on the ballot, there really is no contest, readers. Sheila Hughes is far and away the best candidate. Be sure to vote, and give your vote to Sheila Hughes.

Campaign contribution list on the Internet: A great idea

In a time when government is waging an all-out war on the public's right to know, here's a cheer for a new Michigan Secretary of State policy that will make campaign finance records more widely available.

Secretary of State Candice Miller recently announced that campaign records will now be available via the Internet. This is an important breakthrough for news organizations like us, to be sure. But it's also a breakthrough for the public.

To keep democracy open and above board, it is absolutely vital that citizens know who is providing the financial muscle behind candidates and proposals and just how much muscle — read cash — is being provided. That is why this paper routinely reports on campaign financial filings for candidates from city council to the U.S. House.

But while records are available, gathering them can be cumbersome. Often, it involves a car trip to the county courthouse in Pontiac, or, worse, out to Lansing, to take a look at campaign committee reports.

As any of our reporters could tell you, it's a time-consuming process — and it's something they do as part of the job. For folks with other jobs, taking a look at campaign filings can be almost impossible.

While we're supportive of the secretary of state's Internet program, we do have a slight concern.

The Internet itself is still something of an elitist institution. For ready access, you generally have to buy the computer equipment, and

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computer equipment isn't cheap.

The secretary of state's office is trying to overcome that to some degree, by having computer screens available at its Lansing office for computer-less folks to use.

Public libraries, of course, provide Internet access, as do a variety of other places. But we would encourage the secretary of state's office to make computer terminals and printers available at select branch offices as well.

The secretary of state's office isn't the only Lansing-based institution placing information on the Internet.

Campaign records are among a number of items being placed on-line. Information on state Senate and House bills is expected to soon be available.

Here is a select list of other information already available:

For state campaign records:
www.sos.state.mi.us/cfr/cfnl.html
 For information on state rules and regulations:
www.state.mi.us/execoff/admincode
 For license plate renewal via Internet:
www.sos.state.mi.us/renew.html

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Should there be a tax levied to support the arts?



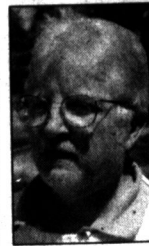
"I'm in favor of it. I think all those are important and we need to support them. Obviously what we do now isn't working."

Sue Brown
Independence employee



"Yes. I think a tax should be levied. The arts and creativity are important for the development of a thoughtful individual."

Linda Denstaedt
Springfield resident



"I think the arts are something that are being lost ... that really need to be continued somehow. I'm for it."

Kurt Boose
Springfield resident



"Naturally it should be supported that way. How else is it going to be supported?"

Ron Dunlap
Independence resident

This question was asked at the United States Post Office on M-15.

LETTERS

Vote for Hughes!

On Monday, June 8, Clarkston School voters will have their annual election. Incumbent Sheila Hughes gets my vote for another four-year term.

During Sheila's time on the board, she was a part of planning for the successful Phase I, II and III bond campaigns. The on-going curriculum updating for the 21st century is an area of pride.

Clarkston Schools are moving in a positive direction. Don't break up the school board team. Join me and re-elect Mrs. Sheila Hughes on June 8.

George S. White
Clarkston

I stood my ground

In withholding endorsement of my reelection (June 8) to the Oakland Community College board, the Eccentric chose just one incident in my 12-year tenure as a subject of criticism. It ignored the entirety of my service.

You said it was "grandstanding" when I objected to an expensive board retreat. You admitted that it was right of me to object. But then you argued — amazingly — that since I couldn't stop the retreat I should have supported it to keep the board "from gaining such a public black eye."

First, I didn't make this a public issue. My objections to this retreat were made privately weeks ago. However, I was called for comment on it by another newspaper, which already was preparing its story. Do your reporters think it's "grandstanding" when someone answers their questions? I didn't create the "black eye" — the publicity did.

Evidently the Eccentric thinks that "getting along" with other board members is more important than how taxpayer money is spent. I don't. The voters didn't elect me so that I would shut up when I disagreed. Your suggestion that I should have been quiet about a waste of money is completely contrary to what I'd expect from any responsible newspaper.

Does the Eccentric want board members who simply cave in to the majority, in the name of "harmony"? That's not me. I stand on my record of service to our great college.

Judith B. Wiser,
chairwoman
OCC Board of Trustees

Water safety laws needed

Our warm spring and quick changeover to summer temperatures gave Michigan an early start on this year's boating sea-

son.

But along with summer fun comes safety and consideration for others. In Lansing, we are working on water safety legislation to curb wild riders and reduce accidents that are related to a growing number of rambunctious and untrained operators. This is especially important to residents of Oakland County because of the increased congestion on our lakes during the past few years.

A study done by the National Transportation Safety Board showed 40 percent of all boating fatalities involved operators with no formal safety education. The recklessness of some boaters and personal watercraft riders has made regulation necessary.

The first bill in the package of water safety legislation, House Bill 5426, has been approved by both chambers and is awaiting Gov. John Engler's signature. The bill raises the minimum age for riders of personal watercraft vehicles, such as Jet Skis, from 12 to 14 and requires those from ages 14 to 19 to complete a safety course. It also sets limits for when the vehicles can be on the water — from 8 a.m. until one hour before sunset. This will go into effect January 1999.

This legislation is a step in the right direction. Considering Michigan issues the highest number of boat registrations in the nation, it is imperative state policy makers adopt measures to reduce accidents.

Making our waterways safe is everyone's responsibility, and legislation should not be limited to personal watercraft riders. House Bill 4248, which requires boaters and other motorized water vessel users born after Jan. 1, 1979, to complete a boating safety course, has passed the House and is in the Senate Transportation and Tourism Committee. Action on this bill needs to be taken to further the perimeter of water safety education.

While these bills won't end all lake traffic problems, it's a good start. We cannot legislate common sense, but we can educate people.

Tom Middleton
State Representative 46th District

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POINTS OF VIEW

Dieting frenzy: A summertime tradition

It's that season again. The lake is getting warm and people are dusting off last year's bathing suits.

I got out of the shower this morning and my wife said, "You've got to diet!"

I said, "What color?"

Twice a year we go through this. If we go South in the winter, we have to get our bodies beautiful before we go.

Of course, after we have been on vacation a couple of days, we are fat again so you wonder if the agony is worth it.

Then summer comes and it is time to do it all over again.

The big question is always what fat diet is in this year.

Last year the eat-no-fat, lots-of-carbohydrates diet was the in thing.

This year Dr. Atkins has been res-

urrected.

He believes you should eat protein and fat and avoid carbohydrates like starches and many vegetables.

Personally, this diet appeals to me for two reasons.

First you can eat all you want. Secondly, you get to eat all those things that were bad for you last year, like steak and cheese, and don't have to eat things like broccoli.

Another advantage is that it is a two-week experience and then it is over.

The problem with all of these diets is that you lose a couple of pounds, but like a yo-yo, you put them back on.

The sad part about it is your body should be kept in tip-top shape if you want to live a full life.

And it is a lot easier to maintain

ECCENTRICITIES



HANK HOGAN

Most of us keep our car in better condition than our bodies. We are afraid that our car might quit on us, but don't worry about our bodies.

your best weight through moderation of eating and drinking plus exercise,

than go through the torture of drinking water with a lime in it and avoiding the appetizers at cocktail parties.

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We are afraid that our car might quit on us, but don't worry about our bodies.

If you are forced to diet, you have to make some serious decisions, like who to believe.

The low-fat diet made sense because we were taught at an early age that fat was bad for us.

Add to it the elements of good and bad cholesterol, which I still don't understand (but then again I can't program my VCR, and am considered dangerous with a screwdriver, so I'm not much good around the house), but who wants to spend the rest of their life just eating vegetables and healthy

foods?

I understand the old drinking man's diet where you had to drink eight glasses of water everyday, but could never have meetings lasting more than half an hour because you had to run down the hall.

You could visualize the water washing out your fat globules and instantly making you healthy.

But this year I think I'll go for the diet I can't believe. While I'll miss the pasta, I applaud Dr. Atkins for forcing me for the next two weeks to diet on steaks, lobster, shrimp and coq au vin.

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

We can thank community for banner school year

Can you believe it is June already? Soon the youngsters will be enjoying their summer activities, and families will delight in some well-earned vacation time.

What a great year it has been for our school children, for their parents and for the community!

Our students had a banner year. Test scores were up, and pupils worked daily to meet performance standards.

Our citizens supported the school program, as is evidenced by their attendance at concerts, games, academic competitions and parent/teacher conferences.

And a new era of respect and coop-

eration has been initiated between school and municipal officials.

Why have we been so successful? Look in the mirror and give the image you see a round of applause.

The progress we have made can be traced directly to the decisions you made a few years ago and the encouragement you have provided.

The difference is our community's resolve to provide youngsters with the tools they need to succeed, to nurture good students and better human beings and to support long-standing values and discipline.

While celebration is in order, it is important to understand that the work of shaping young lives is an ongoing task.



AL ROBERTS

Our citizens supported the school program, as is evidenced by their attendance at concerts, games, academic competitions and parent/teacher conferences.

We must continue to tackle difficult problems, expand our expectations and extract the best from our kids and our community.

During the next two years, we will be building a new elementary school, adding to and renovating our other school buildings and working to extend the academic challenge to all learners.

We plan to share our facilities with the community and to establish partnerships that make our educational system stronger!

The "to do" list seems to grow by the day, but we can achieve greatness if we remember to:

Place children first

Keep an open mind

Listen to a wide variety of views and options

Understand that differences of opinion can lead to wise decisions because they result in the development of broader perspective

Stay involved even if you no longer have a child in our schools.

As I have said before, schools can no longer go it alone.

We need you at our PTA and board meetings, at teacher conferences and sporting events, at concerts and other school functions.

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

Students not bound for college deserve more help from schools

The Michigan Senate last week lost an opportunity to make a good idea even better. Sen. Mike Rogers, a solid conservative Republican from Brighton, introduced legislation to let 12th graders who have completed vocational education courses in high school enroll for further training in a community college or a vocational charter school. The advanced school would also get a cut of the state aid money, currently averaging \$5,462 per pupil.

Rogers' reasoning was perfectly sensible. "We shouldn't look down at people who work with their hands," he said.

He's right. For many years, American public schools have operated in a peculiar two-track mode, utterly inappropriate for a country that prides itself on not having a class system.

For kids who want to go on to college, schools offer all kinds of academic courses designed to prepare students to get good scores on the ACT or SAT tests that have a lot to do with college admissions. Teachers and counselors make it perfectly clear to kids that pupils have to show real achievement, both in grade point average and in extracurricular activities, to buff up their resumes to get into a good college.

But schools more often than not give the brush-off to kids who are not particularly interested in going to college — kids who want to work with their hands, in Rogers' words. Vocational education programs are scorned, not particularly well taught and placed in classrooms equipped with stuff out of the 19th century.

Modern manufacturing, for example, requires knowledge of statistical process control, administered through computers, and computer-controlled milling machines. But Michigan's high schools offer antique drill presses and hand-me-down socket wrenches in their shops.

And, excepting the building construction trades, Michigan has virtually no apprenticeship programs that provide kids with an opportunity to learn a solid trade and ease the transition from school to work.

Rogers' bill, helping kids who want to go on to advanced vocational training and making it easier to pay for it, is a good start at remedying this long-standing problem.

But when Sen. Ken DeBeaussiaert, a moderate Democrat from Macomb County, offered a helpful amendment to require students to pass their 11th grade proficiency test before taking advanced vocational training, the fur started flying.

Students would have to achieve the basic



PHILIP POWER

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MEAP standard," said DeBeaussiaert. "That's what the business community was asking for. We don't do it (prepare young people for jobs) by dumbing down the process." Rogers objected, arguing that the amendment would "add a barrier where there should be an opportunity."

"We need the MEAP to tell us if the high school is working," urged Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga. "They (students enrolling in advanced vocational classes) need the skills of math, reading, science and social studies. These are basic building blocks."

Particularly disingenuous during the subsequent debate was Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, who used the circular argument that because neither employers nor colleges now require MEAP results, the entire test should be abandoned. (Attentive readers will remember that Bouchard's district includes Birmingham, where more than 80 percent of junior 3 skipped the MEAP test this year and Troy, where only 23 percent of students took the test at one high school and only 58 percent at another.)

Eventually, DeBeaussiaert's amendment was defeated, on a straight party-line vote.

So it goes in Lansing. One step forward; one step back.

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

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Voter approval needed to merge courts

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

On their second try, state Senate backers of court reform won support for a constitutional amendment to merge county probate and circuit courts.

Five Democrats crossed over on May 27 to give a 27-10 victory for Senate Joint Resolution R. To get on the Nov. 3 ballot, the House also must approve it by a two-thirds majority. Voters would have to give it a simple majority.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, could claim credit for the switch. On his second try, he won GOP approval of an amendment to take away one gubernatorial appointment to the Judicial Tenure Commission, watchdog agency over judges' behavior, and give it to the judiciary.

Voting yes were Sens. John Cherry, D-Clio, who also represents Oxford and Oxford Township, and Mat Dunaskiss,

R-Lake Orion, who also represents Independence, Springfield and Addison townships plus the city of Clarkston.

Bipartisan supporters — such as Gov. John Engler and Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. — don't call SJR R a merger. They call it "completing the new family division of circuit court."

The work began in 1996 when the Legislature set up a new family division of circuit court, then transferred 80 percent of probate court work into it. But lawmakers couldn't abolish probate court by statute because it has constitutional status.

An amendment offered by Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County, to confine judges to two terms in office was defeated 6-31.

Resistance to passage of SJR R will come in pockets. All four Detroit senators opposed it, as did those from Saginaw, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, the western Upper Peninsula — plus circuit judges who testified in committee.

Opponent Alma Smith, D-Salem, said the Senate is "rushing to eliminate the probate court" and was fearful of probate's losing control over its own records.

Democratic floor leader Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, said "I really don't know why we want to kill the specialization that has occurred over (many) years in the probate court."

Sponsor of SJR R was Senate Judiciary Chair William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison. A big benefit, he said, will be eliminating 14 part-time probate judges who also practice law, giving the appearance of conflict of interest.

Lumping the probate into the circuit court, VanRegenmorter said, will allow some judges to specialize.

Historically, circuit has been a general trial court — major civil suits, divorces, criminal cases, appeals from district court. Probate has handled juvenile matters, estates and guardianships.

The problem, as Engler and

budget makers see it, is that courts have uneven workloads due to their rigid structure, both horizontally (between courts) and vertically (between counties).

The family court idea is seen as a method of letting a single judge handle all matters related to a single family — divorce, custody and juvenile problems.

As the debate neared its end, VanRegenmorter quoted Wayne Probate Judge Milton Mack as saying, "Change is difficult. But don't overlook the benefits (of a merger). As the two courts are merged, it will be important to preserve the best of both."

Cherry, the Democratic caucus leader, supported the merger. "This is a logical extension of what we have done," he said.

Cherry echoed Engler, who in an interview last week said the package "completes the family division reform."

Moore enthusiastic

During a May 20 committee

hearing, Oakland County Probate Judge Eugene A. Moore was enthusiastic about combining the two courts because "there's duplication of budget directors, personnel directors, etc. The money we save we could put in the Friend of the Court."

"Courts do not serve lawyers. Courts do not serve judges. Courts serve people," Moore said.

Moore said probate judges have little left to do but estates and guardianships. Combining circuit and probate, he said, would mean that the court that handles divorces also would handle juvenile delinquents.

"Eighty percent (of accused juveniles) are from broken homes. The problem should have been addressed at the time of the divorce," Moore said.

But circuit judges dug in their heels. Some saw inadequate protection for their jobs in the details of a bill that would implement SJR R.

"If there's a need to close down a judgeship, it shouldn't happen until a vacancy occurs," said Bay County Circuit Judge William Carpathe, president of the Michigan Judges Association.

"Judges make a life decision to give up a law practice. The rules shouldn't be changed now," Carpathe went on, arguing that the Legislature shouldn't be able to abolish a judgeship until the judge dies, resigns, is removed from office or voluntarily retires.

That went over poorly with senators. "We (legislators) have to go to the voters," replied Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township. "My company can be taken over; I could lose my job. Why do judges need protection?"

CAPITAL CAPSULES

No to 'Hash Bash'

Ann Arbor may continue to host its annual "Hash Bash" on the University of Michigan campus, but it will cost the city 10 percent of its state aid under a bill approved May 27 by the Senate.

Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, won an amendment to the general government budget cutting 10 percent of the shared revenue of any local unit that penalizes illegal drugs less than the state Public Health Code. It's aimed at Ann Arbor, whose pot fine is \$25. "I spoke to a group of high school students whose attitude was, 'Obviously it can't be bad for you. Ann Arbor does it every year.' They don't know the danger of THC," said Rogers, a former FBI agent.

"By their (Ann Arbor) doing this, it has an effect on our tax dollars. The University of Michigan spent \$20,000 on this in 1997 for one day. The city says, 'Why punish us? They encourage people to vend.' It (the Hash Bash) is not there because of the U-M; it's there because of the Ann Arbor ordinance."

Ann Arbor's ordinance was "grandfathered" in place when a state law was adopted, Rogers said, so the state's best hope of correction is to withhold shared revenue.

Rogers amendment passed 33-4, opposed by Alma Smith, D-Salem, and three Detroit Democrats.

Smith offered her own amendment requiring executive departments to provide lawmakers monthly reports on "personal service" contracts for \$100,000 or more. It failed in an unrecorded vote.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, lost an amendment to boost community polic-

ing aid by \$10 million to \$34.7 million. It lost 16-20, on an almost-party-line vote.

On final passage, the Senate approved the general government budget bill 36-1. It goes back to the House, which probably won't concur in amendments. That will force the bill into a conference committee, which is likely to remove many amendments.

2nd try works

On his second try, Sen. David Jaye, R-Macomb, won approval of his amendment to the welfare bill prohibiting the use of benefits for the purchase, installation, repair or maintenance of air conditioners.

He lost May 26 when the Family Independence Agency bill was on second reading and the roll call wasn't recorded. But on third reading, the roll call was a matter of permanent record, and Jaye won 20-17.

Exceptions would be allowed for welfare clients 55 or older and those with a physician's certificate saying air conditioning is medically required.

"It's too comfortable for people to be on welfare when they can stay in their taxpayer-paid air-conditioned homes instead of going out looking for a job," said Jaye, who is famed for offering many similar amendments that are less successful.

Democratic leader John Cherry of Clio denounced the Jaye amendment as "so restrictive it borders, if not achieves, the ridiculous."

Cherry argued "it means clients must shop in grocery stores that don't have air conditioning. They must go to doctors who don't have air conditioning..."

Voting yes were 16 Republi-

cans, including Mat Dunaskiss of Lake Orion; and four Democrats, including Macomb's Ken DeBeaussiaert and Art Miller.

Among those denouncing the amendment was veteran Appropriations chairman Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph. "All of a sudden, bingo! I'm 55, I can have air conditioning. What's the difference between one day and the next when one day you can have it, and one you can't?" Gast also suggested women clients would balk at admitting their ages.

"We have, I think, sunken (sic) to a new low," said Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian.

House bills

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, won House passage overwhelmingly of two pet bills:

■ Restrictions on "cold-call ads" — that is, mailed ads where an unsuspecting consumer is offered a "great deal" with incomplete information about the item's cost. The consumer is supposed to call for more information and is given a high-pressure sales pitch.

Brown's bill, which has passed the Senate and is on its way to the governor's desk, would give the buyer three days to back out of the deal. "Cold-call ads prey on vulnerable citizens by making promises that can't possibly be delivered," the sponsor said.

■ A requirement that mortgage lenders notify home purchasers when they may cancel their private mortgage insurance — usually when the buyer has reached 20 percent equity.

Mortgage insurance benefits the lender. "It protects the lender from defaults and helps lenders make loans to more families," Brown said, but its annual cost averages \$1,200. He said his bill, now on its way to the Sen-

ate, answers three questions for home buyers: "Why is PMI necessary? For how long? And how is it canceled?"

Cloning banned

Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, said four bills banning human cloning are through both chambers and on the way to the governor's desk for signing.

The bills would allow permanent lifting of the medical licenses of guilty doctors, provide for \$10 million in civil fines, set up 10-year prison sentences, and ban the use of state money for human cloning research.

Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, also is sponsor of part of the package.

The Senate is due this week to take up Bennett's bill to ban tobacco advertising on roadside billboards. If Senate Bill 341, reported out of the Transportation Committee, becomes law, Michigan would be the second state to pass a tobacco ad ban.

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Being a parent is harder than it used to be

As a mother, I find that letting go is a real nightmare — literally. When my children were babies, I wished they were more independent. When they had to be carried everywhere, I wished they could walk. When they had to be fed, I wished they could

I probably spend more time worrying about my kids' welfare than I spend on any other one topic.

feed themselves. But now that my kids are getting older and becoming more self-reliant every day, I don't want to let them grow up.

I have always been a bit over protective of my boys. It started before they were born. Due to problems with miscarriage, I spent lots of time worrying while trying to successfully have my two boys. Once they were born, I continued worrying that something might go wrong. First I worried about AIDS, then toddler mishaps or diseases,

Please see **ROCHELLE**, A15

Memory of late classmate inspires 8th-grade art scholarship winner

Sashabaw Middle School student Ashley Bonneau has been chosen to receive an art scholarship to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.



One student's memory will illuminate another pupil's future.

Ashley Bonneau, an eighth-grade art student from Sashabaw Middle School, will attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for a week in July because of an art scholarship created at SMS in January after the death of Ashley's former classmate, Mary Gallantine.

According to SMS art teacher, Sue Cassidy, it was Mary's family who asked that \$2,750 in memorial contributions be sent to the school's art department because of Mary's love of art. And it was the school's desire to put those monetary tributes to honorable use.

That led Cassidy to consider Ashley, a first-time art student.

"I thought I would try to find a student who could use the money to his or her benefit as opposed to buying materials or those kinds of things," the art teacher said. "Ashley is just so talented in art. Her work is far above most people's range. So I just thought, 'Why not send her somewhere where she can get some kind of private instruction so she can become focused?' We just don't do that very much around here."

Along with that suggestion, Cassidy also asked SMS principal John Dilegghio to dedicate the school's soon-to-be constructed display case in Mary's memory. That art showcase will be added to the school entrance when the building is renovated next year.

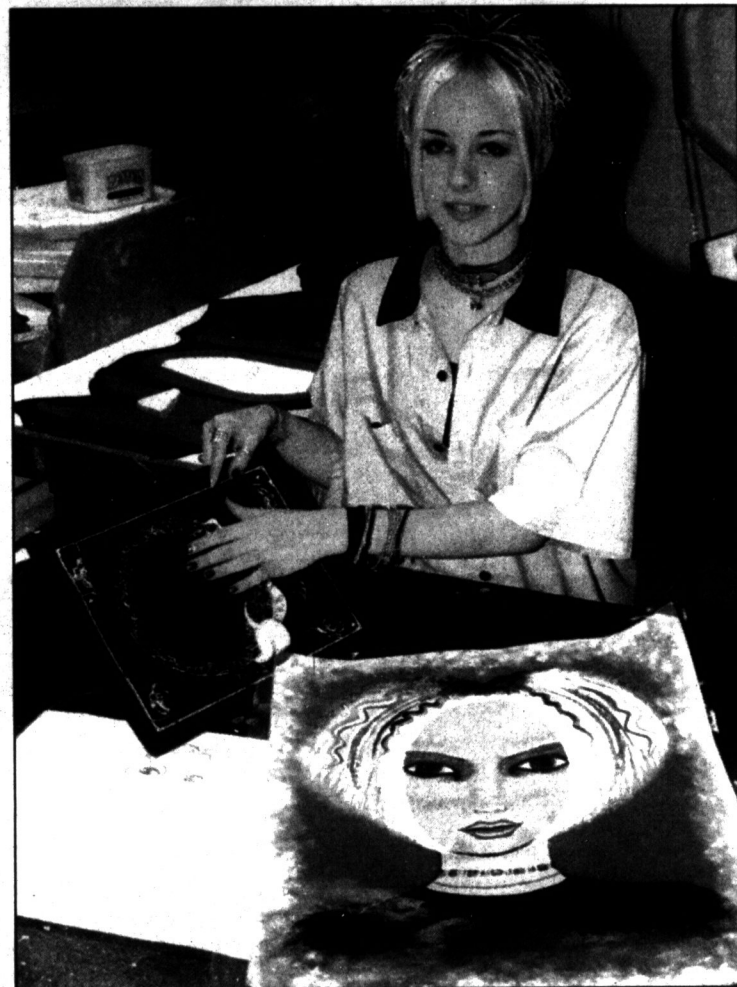
For 13-year-old Ashley, instruction at the northern Michigan art camp represents an exciting opportunity to grow as an artist.

"I've been interested in art for pretty much my whole life because my mom and dad are artists," Ashley said in a recent interview. "They've always been painting, and I've always been around the environment. That's where I learned how to do most of my stuff."

'I've been interested in art for pretty much my whole life because my mom and dad are artists. I've never taken any classes or anything. I just used to watch my parents all the time when I was little.'

*Ashley Bonneau
—Sashabaw eighth-grader*

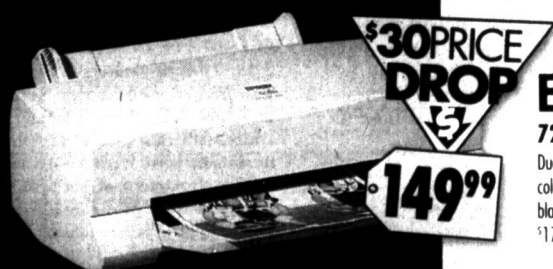
Please see **ASHLEY**, A14



For art's sake: Ashley Bonneau displays some of the art work that helped earn her a scholarship to the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp next month.

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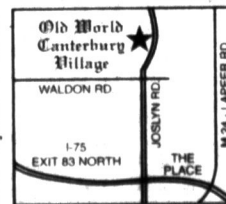
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Ashley

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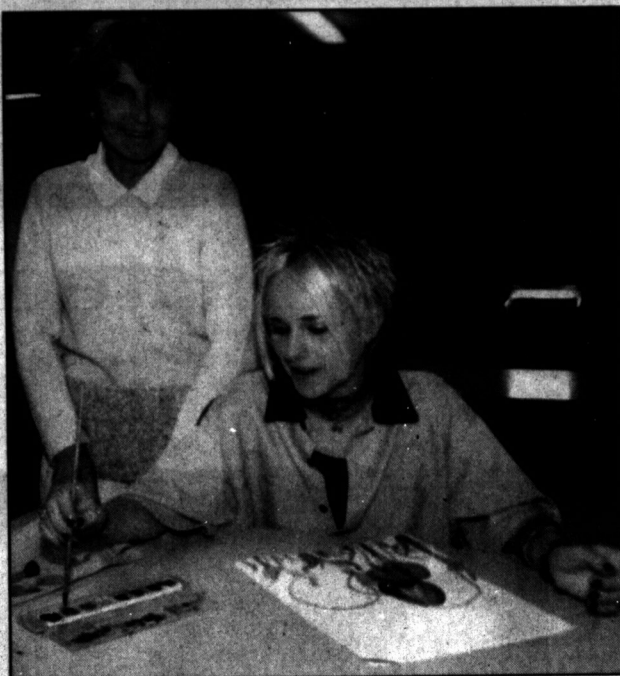
"What kind of art does she like to do best?"

"Drawing. I probably like it because you can erase," Ashley said with a chuckle.

"Though the young creator said she crossed paths with Mary only at sixth-grade camp and in one seventh-grade class, she described her former classmate as "quiet and very nice — someone who didn't say anything mean about anybody."

Cassidy pointed out that Ashley, too, is pretty low-key, despite her "to-the-extreme" appearance. "She never brags," the teacher said. "It's basically what she wears, what she looks like. That's how she emotes."

"I don't know if she mentioned this to you — she probably didn't want to make a big deal out of it — but she asked me for a picture of Mary," Cassidy said. "So I got one from one of the counselors. She's going to do a portrait of her. And knowing the way Ashley works and the beautiful work she does, I just think the (Gallentine) parents are going to be thrilled. It's going to go to them."



Mentor and mentee: Sashabaw Middle School art teacher Sue Cassidy (standing) said, "Ashley is just so talented in art. Her work is far above most people's range. So I just thought, 'Why not send her somewhere where she can get some kind of private instruction so she can become focused?' We just don't do that very much around here."

SCAMP home tour



This old house: This is an 1840s Greek revival house in Clarkston owned by Dan Stevens and Brad Madding. It's one of five homes on the Clarkston Home Tour 16, sponsored by the North Oakland SCAMP, the afternoon of Sunday, June 7. Lunch at Mesquite is included with the tour. Reservations may be made at Clarkston Schools Student Support Service (at the south end of the high school parking lot.) Donation \$25 (\$22, age 60 or older). Check-in will take place 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the tent in Depot Park. Call (248) 625-3330.

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

CLARKSTON HIGH SCHOOL

20-YEAR CLASS REUNION

If you are a classmate or know someone who graduated in 1978, call Ann at 620-0387 and leave a message. Only 75 out of 500 classmates have been contacted. Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, July 25.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m. Informal sharing meeting. Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road in Clarkston. Topic: Stress and Grieving. Objective: To discuss how grieving affects stress and what can help. Facilitator: Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., director of bereavement services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Walk-in, no registration. Free of charge. For men and women of all ages recently widowed. Refreshments served. All area residents welcome. Any questions or if anyone would like to be on their mailing list, call the funeral home at 625-5231.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

BINGO

7-9 p.m., Hart Community Center at the Mill Pond in Davisburg. Refreshments. No charge. While NWOCs, a volunteer organization, provides recreational activities, care givers have responsibility for direct supervision of participants. For more information, call 634-9570.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

PADDLES AND TRACKS

9-11:30 a.m., Independence Oaks Nature Center. Travel Crooked Lake looking for dragonflies and other winged wonders by canoe, then hike along Lake Shore Trail. Bring your own canoe or rent one from the park. Canoe rental: \$3. Registration required. Call 625-6473.

AAUW BRUNCH 'N BOOKS

10 a.m. The last branch meeting until the fall season of the Pontiac-Waterford Area Branch of the American Association of University Women will be at 3510 Lake Shore Drive in Waterford. After brunch, members of the Book Worms study group will provide suggested book titles for summer reading. A mini book sale will be held for members and guests to purchase books for their summer reading enjoyment. For information, call Kitty Daggy at 852-9073 or Susan Ritchey at 625-9467.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

YOUTH FISHING DERBY

Noon to 4 p.m., Shiawassee Basin Preserve, Davisburg. Contests for children such as largest fish, largest frog, best fishing hat and more. This is during Department of Natural Resources Free Fishing Weekend so no one needs a fishing license. Lunch will be available to purchase or participants may bring a sack lunch. All adults must bring a child, and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Fee is \$5 per family. Sponsored by Springfield Township Parks & Recreation, MSUE-Oakland County 4-H Youth Programs, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Hooked on Fishing International and Oakland County Parks and Recreation. For more information, call (248) 634-3382 or (248) 858-0894.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 12

MONTHLY DANCE

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

BOWLING

7-9 p.m., Cherry Hill Lanes (Dixie Highway at Clarkston, behind McDonald's, south of M-15). \$1.50 per game; shoes included. Refreshments. No charge. Sponsored by Northwest Oakland Community Services. While NWOCs, a volunteer organization, provides recreational activities, care givers have responsibility for direct supervision of participants. For more information, call 634-9570.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

JUNIOR NATURALIST AT NIGHT

7 - 10 p.m., Independence Oaks Nature Center. Ages 9-13 can discover nature's "night shift" through a feeder watch, night hike and Starlab planetarium show. \$10 per youth. Registration required. Call 625-6473.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

HISTORIC PORT HURON

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Independence Township Senior Center. Stops at the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, tour of Huron Lightship, two hours narrated sightseeing cruise aboard the Huron Lady. Lunch at the Thomas Edison Inn. Stop at Diana's Sweet Shop. Transportation will be via deluxe motorcoach. (Alternate plans will be scheduled in case of inclement weather.) Reservations are being taken on a first

come/first serve basis. Call 625-8231.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

ABWA MEETING

6 p.m. Social hour, dinner, program and meeting follows. Join the Inde-Spring Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association for an evening of enjoyment at the Elk's Club located on Scott Lake Road at Dixie Highway. Photo journalist Genna Rockafellow, who has won four Michigan Press Awards for her photos and stories, will show slides to help you "Take Better Photos." To make reservations or for more information contact Jana Barberio at (248) 634-9126 or barber@ibm.net.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

5TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance will be holding the outing at Pine Knob Golf course. Proceeds to benefit CYA-sponsored programs. \$100 donation per player includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, meals and door prizes. Hole in one wins 1998 auto. Other sponsors and prizes also needed. For more information or to make a donation, call 625-9007. Participation limited to 144 players or 36 teams of four each.

THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 29

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

GRAND LEDGE GETAWAY

7:45 a.m. - 6 p.m. Independence Township Senior Center. Agenda includes: historic driving tour, shopping/exploring time, lunch, historic museum tour and stern wheel paddle boat cruise to view the amazing river bluffs. Transportation via deluxe motorcoach. Registration now being taken on a first come/first serve basis. Cost: \$38 resident - \$40 non-resident. Call 625-8231.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

The following students from Clarkston were degree candidates this spring from University of Michigan in Ann Arbor: **Cooley, Janae Elizabeth**, Residential College-Bachelor of Arts; **DuRussell, Esther E.**, School of Nursing-B.S. Nursing; **Martin, Matthew Jason**, College of Engineering-B.S. in Mechanical Engineering; **Rigonan, Brian Patrick**, Law-Juris Doctor; **Salij, Natasha Ruth**, College of Literature, Science and the Arts-Bachelor of Arts; **Scanlon, Joseph Michael**, College of Literature, Science and the Arts-Bachelor of Arts; **Scanlon, Patrick J.**, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, Master of Science; **Nienstedt, Erica L.**, School of Art and Design-Bachelor of Fine Arts and Design; **Casper, James**, College of Engineering-B.S. Aerospace Engineering; **Frost,**

Julie Louise, School of Nursing-B.S. Nursing; **Geisler, Christopher Kennet**, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts-Bachelor of Arts; **Kammer, Shea Rogan**, College of Engineering-B.S. Computer Engineering; **Little, Matthew Patrick**, College of Engineering-B.S. Electrical Engineering; **McGeogh, Martin Patrick**, College of Engineering-B.S. Industrial and Operations Engineering; **Popelier, Matthew Michael**, College of Literature, Science and the Arts-Bachelor of Arts; **Rochford, Kevin James**, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts-Bachelor of Arts; **Shumake, Melissa Joy**, College of Literature, Science and the Arts-Bachelor of Arts; **Zurla, Brian Lee**, School of Education-Bachelor of Arts Education.

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then kidnapping or violence. The list goes on and on. As with most mothers, I probably spend more time worrying about my kids' welfare than I spend on any other one topic.

My friends keep telling me I have to give my kids a little freedom to make their own decisions. Personally, I would feel more comfortable making all of their decisions for them until they have reached an age where I know they will make wise choices on their own and not fall in with the wrong group of friends. Since that age is probably somewhere between 25 and 30, I could be busy for awhile. Seriously, I have been trying lately to take my friends' advice and give my kids a little more rope — just enough to test the waters, but not enough to get in too deep. Since my boys will be turning 10 and 13 within the next few months, I have been trying to keep from hovering over them constantly and have started to allow them short periods of time at home alone if I'm just running up to the corner for milk or taking a short walk. Unfortunately, although I know I have to give them some room to grow and develop independence, it's hard to know what is enough and what is too much.

With all the teen violence and shootings that have taken place in schools and neighborhoods lately, the television news reports have been filled with psychologists blaming lack of parental involvement on everything from gang violence to teen pregnancy. How is a parent to know when it's time to let go a little and when it's time to hang on for dear life? As a parent who promotes the "hang on for dear life" child-rearing technique, it's been a real dilemma trying to decide how much freedom my boys should be allowed.

Lately, this dilemma has become a real nightmare. While trying to take my friends' advice and let go, I'm struggling with the voice inside that says, "Keep them with you at all times." A few days ago, on a beautiful weekday afternoon, after I picked my boys up from school and before it was time to start fixing dinner, I decided to take a walk. My boys were across the street playing at a friend's house. I knew they would be upset if I made them leave their friend to take a walk around the neighborhood with me so I called them home just long enough to tell them that I was locking the house to go for a short walk and would be back in about 15 minutes. I asked if they needed to use the bathroom or get a drink before I left. Did they feel comfortable playing outside while I was gone? With

all the essentials out of the way, I proceeded to take a quick walk feeling good that I was giving my kids some independence.

That same evening, after dinner, my youngest son announced that he was going out to play. Since he knows he has to tell us where he is going before he leaves the yard, he stated, "I'll either be at Collette's house, Angela's house, Eric's house or riding my bike." I was tempted to point out that, with that many choices, we weren't really going to know where he was, but I caught myself and said simply, "Okay." Since all of these choices are within an eight-house radius of our driveway, I decided I could give him the independence to play at one of these locations without knowing exactly where he was until such time as he either came home or I decided to go looking for him.

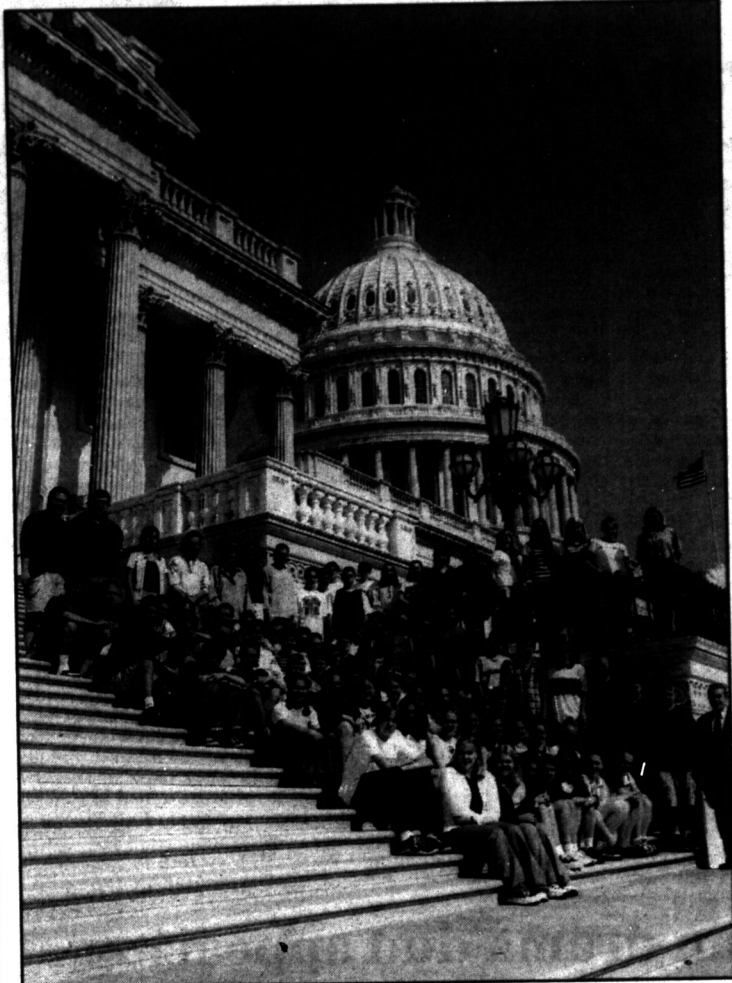
Although I was consciously patting myself on the back for "letting go" and fostering independence in my children, my subconscious was feeling like one of those parents from the news reports who isn't taking an active role in her children's lives. Apparently two acts of "letting go" in one day was more than I could handle. That night I dreamed that my boys had gone out to play at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and at 11 o'clock at night I started wondering where they were. In the dream, I was getting into my pajamas and I casually asked my husband if he knew where our sons were. "No," he replied, "I thought you knew where they were." Then we decided that they were either at their grandfather's house, their uncle's house or playing at a friend's house. The dream went on for a while and when I was truly starting to panic in the dream, I woke up with a jolt. I went into each of my boys' rooms and checked to make sure they were still there and safe.

It seems to be common knowledge that being a kid is not as easy as it used to be, but let me tell you, parenthood isn't getting any easier either.

Parents are supposed to stay involved; not be over protective; be good listeners; talk to their children about sex, crime, moral and social issues; foster independence; be in control; not be overbearing; be a strong support; build self-esteem and let go. With all those conflicting goals to strive for, it's no wonder parenthood can become a real nightmare.

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

Sashabaw students visit Washington



Hi, Dale: A group of Sashabaw Middle School students met with U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee recently in Washington, D.C. Kildee spoke to the students on the steps of the U.S. Capitol building and answered questions. The students then toured the Capital building and visited the Lincoln, Jefferson and Vietnam memorials and the Smithsonian Institute.

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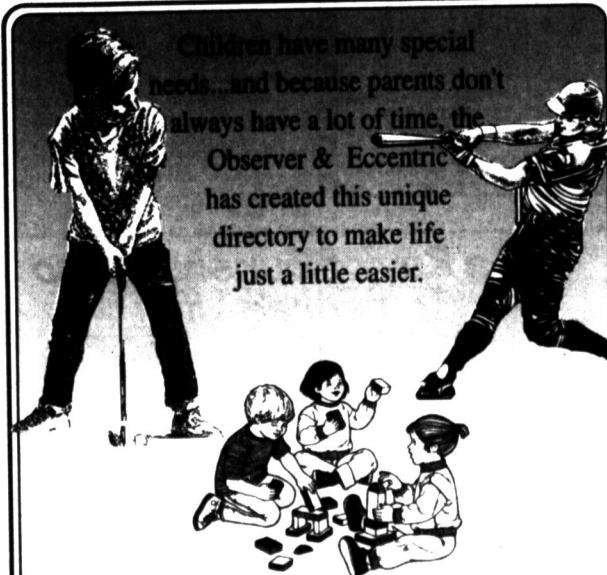
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BELIEFS Values

Jehovah convention coming to county

It's been nearly five decades since former Unionville, Michigan resident Jennie Klukowski attended her first big assembly of Christians in St. Louis, Missouri.

Now 70-year-old Klukowski is returning to her Michigan roots for another huge religious gathering as she attends the International Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses at the Silverdome in Pontiac June 12-14.

Delegates from 30 countries will attend the program, "God's Way of Life" which will provide information on improving family life, managing stress and finding joy in a troubled world. All are welcome including those of other religions or those with no religion at all.

"I can think of lots of good reasons for people to attend this event," said convention coordinator Paul Fralin. "There will be talks, lively discussions, interviews, true-to-life presentations called demonstrations, and a moving Biblical drama with costumed actors are scheduled."

Some 41,700 delegates from around the world are expected to attend the three-day event. At the same time seven other cities across North America will host

international conventions welcoming delegates from 28 countries.

A special feature at this year's convention will be the presence of many foreign missionaries who will share their experiences of working in other countries. Those reports will be presented at 11 a.m. Friday, at 11:10 a.m. Saturday and at 11:10 a.m. Sunday.

Klukowski will be among the missionaries who will share stories of 48 years spent as a missionary in Brazil. Some 84 of her Bible students later got baptized as Jehovah's Witnesses.

"In my personal ministry, it has been more than gratifying and satisfying to hear students say that, 'Bible truth and principles saved my marriage,'" Klukowski said. "And I am happy to call Brazil my home — a country of friendly and outgoing people."

The Silverdome convention will begin at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 12, when the keynote address "Christ's Ransom — God's Way of Salvation" will be presented. A symposium entitled, "Parents, Inculcate God's Way in Your Children" will follow at 2:10 p.m.

Bible-based talk on the subject, "Is there Life after Death" will begin at 4:20 p.m. to conclude the Friday afternoon sessions.

On Saturday, a baptism and ordination ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday's program will begin at 11:10 a.m. with a Biblical drama entitled "Families Make Daily Bible Reading Your Way of Life." The drama will portray a story from the Bible demonstrating that the Bible is not just a book of ancient history, but that its counsel is truly beneficial to both young ones and adults today.

The main topic of the convention will be presented by Daniel Sydlak, of the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses from Brooklyn, New York, at 1:50 p.m. on Sunday. The subject will be "The Only Way to Everlasting Life."

Jehovah's Witnesses acknowledge God's Kingdom under Christ as the government soon to rule over the earth in righteousness. They trust in this Bible-based promise and are therefore neutral toward all human governments.

The modern organization was incorporated in 1884 and the

society has published more than 21 billion Bibles and Bible-study aids used by Jehovah's Witnesses during the past 114 years.

There are more than 5.6 million Jehovah's Witnesses in 232 countries.

They are organized into more than 85,000 congregations, all of which work under the direction of a central governing body located in Brooklyn, New York.

Each witness is ordained a minister at his baptism, an event which is accompanied by a formal ceremony. He thereafter ministers to family, friends and public by preaching under the direction of his local congregation.

"We allow nothing — neither race, nationality, nor ethnic background — to cause us to hate our neighbors. We will not kill anyone," Fralin said.

All convention sessions are free and open to the public. No collection will be taken. The program will begin each morning at 9:30 a.m. and afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

To learn more about Jehovah's Witnesses visit their Web site at www.watchtower.org.

Instilling values requires deliberate parental action

FOCUS ON THEOLOGY



REV. TIMOTHY F. BABCOCK

As you read this column, it is between two popular and important national observances — Mother's Day and Father's Day.

These observances highlight the major contributions of one

of life's most important callings — to be parents. I thought this might be an appropriate time for a few reflections about this most important role.

In doing so, I hope to continue some fine thoughts presented here two weeks ago by my fellow "Focus on Theology" colleague, the Rev. Ronald Byars.

Around the time of Mother's Day and Father's Day, it is not uncommon for various forms of the media to publish things like, "What My Mother Taught Me," or "Things I Learned from My Dad."

One of these I read asked local celebrities of various walks of life to reflect about what were the most important things that their mother had taught them. I found many of these very interesting.

Some were interesting for what they said, others for what they did not say. I wondered how some of the mothers felt as they read what their offspring thought were the most important things they had learned from their mother.

I would suggest that among that many things parents hand on to their children, the most important are a strong sense of clear values. Where else can children learn their "core" values?

How else do they learn about measuring life, particularly behavior, in terms of what is good for them personally and for others with whom they relate? How do they come to an awareness of what they should strive for in life? Where else will they receive a basis for their priorities as they grow older and as they make lifestyle decisions in the future?

Parents need to be very aggressive in the effort to teach values to their children. These children are going to grow up in a world of very mixed, and often very shallow, values. They need to have a strong clear foundation upon

which they will base their decisions about what they seek, and what they do.

Parents cannot just hope that their children will turn out right. They need to be strong teachers of those things which elevate human attitudes and behaviors above the level of simply personal comfort and desire. They need to help their children learn the importance of evaluating the circumstances and behaviors they face, and then of making choices that will be not only for their personal benefit, but also for the good of those they love and, indeed, society as a whole.

Parents generally deal well with day-to-day behavior. They try to teach good patterns of behavior and guide their children in daily choices. Often, however, parents need to be much stronger in taking the children deeper into the basis for attitudes and behaviors.

What values guide their choices? How do they determine not only what is attractive and satisfying here and now, but what is best from them in the long term?

Secondly, parents need to be very clear that they teach as much by what they do as by what they say. If parents are willing to live a consistent lifestyle, guided by beliefs and values, they will teach a clear lesson.

If, however, parents in their own patterns of behavior frequently set aside their values in the interest of some immediate satisfaction, and this behavior is observed by the children (very few behaviors are not), they send a confused message and weaken the teaching they pass on. Parents, as primary teachers, must teach first of all by example, and accept this responsibility willingly. They must be willing to make the sacrifices necessary to offer a consistent example to their children.

Honesty, practice of religion and faith, respect for self and others, accepting responsibility for one's behavior, sacrificing short term satisfaction in the interest of long-term goals, self-discipline, thinking of others and not only the self and seeking the highest good are only a few areas that parents need to be ready to teach by example. "Do as I say, not as I do," doesn't work when it comes to passing good things on to children.

Moms and Dads, work hard to pass on good values to your children. Make it one of your most important responsibilities. Be very clear what your values are and what is the basis for them. Teach your children not only what, but also why, these things are important. Make sure you have it clear in your own mind first.

My suspicion is that if you want to be honored, and ultimately remembered for something by your children, it will be for the good values you gave them. For this to happen, you have to be aggressive and strong in the values you teach. As the song says, wishing doesn't make it so. It comes from the consistent, enduring effort to teach and model, clear values while you have the chance.

God bless Moms and Dads for whom this is a major concern.

Christian drama duo appearing at Evanswood

Evanswood Church of God of Troy and Metropolitan Church of God of Detroit are co-sponsoring a special weekend of Christian drama June 12-14.

Custer and Hoose present 40-plus years of experience in music, comedy, and drama.

They present full musical theater productions and perform a variety of sketches on different topics and family issues.

Custer and Hoose have been a duo since 1989. Together they have worked with a wide range of national and international ministries.

They have helped create an instructional video series with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, made presentations and developed radio spots for Promise Keepers, created charac-

ters voices for Focus on the Family and worked with Touch Ministries International, presenting workshops in Asia.

In addition, they are respected authors, having published with Word and Lillenas. They are the founders and editors of The National Sketch of the Week Club.

Jim Custer is a recognized figure in the Christian acting community. He has toured with Jeremiah People.

His experience includes Christian films and professional stage work. Bob Hoose has worked extensively in both Christian and secular theater and radio for more than 20 years.

He has produced Christian National touring groups, including the Jeremiah People.

A dinner theater presentation will be on Friday evening, June 12 at Evanswood Church of God. The dinner begins at 7 p.m. and costs range from \$3-5 per meal; registrations are required for dinner by June 10.

Custer and Hoose will perform at 8 p.m. Cost for performance are \$5 per person and the public is invited. Admission fee will be collected at the door.

Children under 5 are not encouraged to attend the program — child care is available for \$1.00 per child.

Drama Workshop will be held at Evanswood Church of God on Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Box lunch included in cost of the event. Costs for workshop range from \$10-\$20. Only children over 8 years old, please.

Registrations are due by June 10. Walk-ins are welcome but meals may not be available.

Custer and Hoose will also present "Father's Anonymous" at Metropolitan Church of God in Detroit on Sunday morning, June 14 at 11 a.m. Metropolitan Church of God is located at 13400 Schaefer Highway. Pastor Robert Dulin welcomes visitors.

"Father's Anonymous" is free at Metropolitan Church of God. The dinner theater and drama workshop are open to the public and costs are minimal. Call Evanswood Church of God at 248-879-9240. Evanswood is located at 2601 East Square Lake, between John R and Dequindre.

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Charming, smart, successful, adventurous SWF, 45, 5'7", blonde, enjoys traveling, dining, entertaining, boating, fun out of life. Seeking SWM, 45+, #2844

I NEED A MAN

Attractive, employed, educated BF, 50 (looks much younger), exercises daily, 45-55, no dependents, no hangover baggage, for one on one monogamous relationship. NIS mandatory. #2892

LOVE IS A STRANGER

SWF, 37, attractive, petite, single mother, seeks male 35-45, likes classical music, theater, gardening, camping. #2893

TAKE THE BAIT

Outgoing, energetic, caring SWF, 20, 5'4", 110lbs, blonde, enjoys travel, out of life. Seeking college student, or down with college. #2835

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW

Pretty, slender, intelligent SF, 52, retired, fun, amiable, seeks gentleman, 50-65, intelligent, tall, articulate, classy, confident, interested in finding someone with my above qualities. #2898

LOVING TRADITIONAL VALUES

Educated SWF, 57, blonde, curvy, outgoing, not heavy, in need of a good place to live. Seeking a man, 40-55, sincere, romantic, fun, 35-50, an individual who wants an LTR. #2855

TICK TOCK

SWF, 35, slender, blonde-green, slender, enjoys golfing, traveling, and quiet romantic evenings. Seeking SWM, 40-55, similar interests for possible lasting relationship. #2477

DANIEL IN DISTRESS

Attractive SWF, 38, 5'11", blonde-green, seeks tall, nice SM, 30-42, to rescue me from having too much on my hands. For possible LTR. #2439

PRESCRIPTION FOR ROMANCE

Beautiful, successful DW, 30, 5'5", slim, sincere, honest, accomplished, well-traveled, fun, amiable, seeks a man, 35-50, intelligent, successful, mature, fun, 35-50, for relationship to start family. #2856

BEAUTIFUL, BLUE EYES

SWF, 28, enjoys music, dancing, romance, seeks SM, 35-45, tall, 27-32, for LTR only. #2894

LOOKING FOR LOVE

Pretty, romantic, intelligent SWF, loves family, enjoys movies, dancing, concerts, the arts, looking for a man, 40-55, sincere, romantic, fun, kind-hearted. No games, no players. #2792

SUMMER ROMANCE

SWF, 27, seeks SWM, 27-32, good personality, sense of humor, who enjoys sports, outdoors, concerts, movies, romance, to have fun with the summer, and a LTR with right person. #2793

STILL LOOKING

SWF, 28, 5'3", blonde, enjoys dining, dancing, Red Wings. Seeking commitment-minded SWM, 25-35, for possible relationship. #2714

LAST CHANCE

Pretty SWF, long hair, brown eyes, enjoys hockey, baseball. Seeking nice, physically fit SM, for monogamous LTR, leading to marriage. No games. #2188

LET'S ENJOY LIFE PARTNER

Honest, caring, college-educated, down-to-earth SWF, 27, brown, blonde, NIS, enjoys movies, concerts, theater, enjoys bowling, honest, easygoing, fun, sincere SWF, 26-32, NIS. #2495

WE'VE BEEN HIDING

Now seek SWF, 35-45, blonde, Eastern-looking, Godly SF, 30-33, seeks Godly, attractive, born-again SM, 35-40, G, for lasting relationship. #2795

HAWAIIAN HEART

Attractive, sincere, kind-hearted, humorous, Hawaiian DW, 38, 5'7", dark/brown, part-time college student, enjoys traveling, billiards, dancing, sunshine. Seeking nice, sincere, fun-loving SWM. #2220

LOOKING FOR SMART MAN

SF, 35, very intelligent, college-educated, caring, rugged-looking SWM, 45-50, 5'8", 5'11", in shape, Mickey Rourke type, no dependents under 18, financially independent, able to be willing to work on a relationship. No blonds. #2757

GREEN-EYED LADY

Outgoing, college-educated SWF, 26, medium build, NIS, enjoys sports, movies, dining, dancing. Seeking SWM, 25-32, who has similar interests, and a good sense of humor. #2789

OLD-FASHIONED

Divorced mother of one, 30, very shy, blonde, blue eyes, 5'7", 110lbs, enjoys dining, caring, old mids, winter activities. Seeking caring, tall, romantic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy. #2846

LET'S ENJOY SPRING

Attractive, affectionate, down-to-earth DW, 36, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde-green, NIS, one child, enjoys running, warm weather, swimming, hiking, seeking nice, fun, secure SWM, 35-49, NIS, to enjoy life together. #2824

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

SWF, 24, 5'4", dark-skinned, curvy, feminine, seeks financially secure SWM, 30+, for fun, and friendship. #2737

BEAUTIFUL, SLEAVE

Attractive, athletic SWF, 49, 5'7", slender, college graduate, enjoys sports, movies, concerts, dining, and laughter. Seeking healthy, honest, sincere, spontaneous SWM, 50-55, NIS, social drinker, college graduate, for LTR. #2854

LEGGY, SLENDER, & STYLISH

Blue-eyed, honey blonde, 40s, 5'8", active, intelligent, outgoing, bubbly, attractive, seeks professional, witty, fit, handsome, uncommitted, male companion for fun, extreme fun, travel, adventures. #28148

ALL ORIGINAL

DW, one of a kind, long sleek body lines, blonde, 30-42, to help her live a life. Seeking comparable model, 6'-5", 50-58 to go for a test drive. #2797

JILL SEEKS TIM

This medium-blond, 48, 5'3", single again, NIS, no kids, from Royal Oak, has the tools but needs the right guy to teach her how to use them, maybe we can build an LTR. #2851

CUTE, PETITE BLONDE...

Mid-40s, under 5'10, blonde, great shape, secure, honest, caring, trusting, NIS, NIS, independent, seeks tall, fit, attractive, honest, humorous SWM, 42-52, #2852

PREFERRED STOCK

Attractive, slender, intelligent, affectionate, outgoing, energetic SWF, 48, 5'8", who's independent, seeks tall, fit, attractive, honest, humorous SWM, 42-52, #2853

GREAT COOK

Tender housekeeper, DW, 46, attractive, tall, slim, outgoing, brown/blond, enjoys fishing, gardening, dining out. Seeks well-groomed, emotionally stable, easygoing, sensitive S/DW, 40-55, for monogamous LTR. No kids. #2137

A ROMANTIC AT HEART

Very attractive SF, 38, blonde-green, 5'8", 130lbs, likes movies, dining out, horseback riding, etc. Seeking attractive, caring SM, who likes children, for possible LTR. #2418

ROMANTIC

Pretty, petite, trim DW, 57, 5'4", blonde/green, enjoys dining, dancing, theater, and more, seeks tall, handsome, fit, intelligent SM, 45-55, who is fun, outgoing, responsible, and has a sense of humor. #2843

LOTS TO OFFER

Attractive, intelligent, fit SWF, 50, enjoys arts, travel, fitness, education, and fun. Seeking sincere, educated, open, caring SM for a partner. #2792

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DWPF, 40s, 5'8", blonde, seeks large, funny, teddy bear, 5'8" plus, who enjoys music, theater, concerts, movies, sports, dining, and being together. #2778

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Attractive DW, 49, 5'4", blonde/brown, NIS, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and more. Seeking intelligent, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #2152

GORGEOUS GENTLEMAN

SF, 40, 5'7", 130lbs, MA degree, into hiking, reading, antiquing, golfing. Seeking SWM, NIS, degree, fit, outgoing guy. #2160

MOTORCYCLE?

Loves Harley man, it must be something in the genes! Romantic, passionate, blonde, 40s, works out regularly, looking for strong, alert, nice, Old Country. #2856

A-Z THIS IS ME

Affectionate, Outgoing, Creative, Down-to-earth, Extroverted, Forty-something, Giving, Hard-working, Intelligent, Joyous, Kind-hearted, Lively, Modest, NIS, Optimistic, Pretty, Quasi-modern, Romantic, Spicy!, Thoughtful, Understanding, Versatile, Witty, X-factor, and more. #2792

SPARKLING, EXPRESSIVE

Pretty DW, 55, enjoys dining out, dancing, concerts, Seeking sincere, fit, 50-55, no dependents, seeks a man, 40-55, sincere, romantic, for friendship. LTR. Must have own transportation. No baggage. #2794

WESTLAND AREA

Sincere, honest, friendly, outgoing DW, 43, 5'8", 155lbs, blonde/brown, hair, well-traveled, fun, amiable, seeks a man, 35-50, intelligent, successful, mature, fun, 35-50, for relationship to start family. #2856

FOX LADY

Trim, very attractive, fit lady 50, 5'7", sparkling green eyes, enjoys all things walking in the woods, and the simple things in life. Seeking spiritually minded SWM, 50-62, #2719

JUST LISTED

Traditional Irish charm, with much potential of character and very low maintenance, updated and in mint condition, 1900, hurry this one will not be on the market long. #2796

LOOKING FOR SIMILAR

Degraded DW, 42, 5'8", blonde, good-looking, fun, amiable, seeks a man, 40-55, sincere, romantic, for friendship. LTR. #2716

HEY, GUYS!

Anybody out there looking for SWF, 53, attractive, open-minded, intelligent, humorous, who enjoys weekend getaways, good conversation, camping, indoors and outdoors, and much more. #2791

BUNNETS & MOKKAWAT

SWF, 44, 5'7", blonde/brown, NIS, enjoys sports, jazz, CAW, quiet times at home. Seeking romantic, honest, family-oriented SWM, 35-45, 5'7", NIS. All calls will be answered. #2793

SHY BUT SEXY

SWF, 35-55, 110lbs, who's professional, very classy, and attractive, seeks a man, 35-50, NIS, who is adventurous, optimistic, and romantic. You must be kind, loving, and value family and friends. #2788

OLD SCHOOL WAYS

Humorous SF, 41, 5'8", 130lbs, broadest no kids, never married, enjoys comedy clubs, drag racing. Seeking commitment-minded SM, 39-49, nice, fun, important, for a mutually satisfying relationship. Type T or similar. #2781

FOR A PRETTY LITTLE LOVE

SWF, 43, 5'7", 127lbs, seeking alternative lifestyle, into self growth, yoga, hiking, singing, natural health, laughing, speaking truth, I'm spunky, unique, loving. Seeking NIS, soul connection SWM, 38-48, #2713

SINCERE

Petite, easygoing, overweight DW, 42, 5'10", NIS, from South Lyon, enjoys swimming, walking, bowling, cards, travel. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, NIS, #2820

LOG CABIN DREAMING

SUV owner wanted. Spontaneous, college-educated SWM, 30-50, 5'10", NIS, no dependents, enjoys old-fashioned values, country lifestyle, who enjoys nature, outdoors, up North, log cabins, dogs, lake, bears. Serious about settling down. #2131

BIRMINGHAM AREA RN

Attractive DW, 48 years young, caring and sensitive, enjoys life and all it has to offer. Seeking, caring, educated man with a sense of humor for friendship leading to LTR. #2139

FUN-LOVING, UPBEAT LADY

Attractive, honest, fit SWF, 39, 5'8", blonde/brown, NIS, enjoys summer activities, golf, dancing, travel, and more. Seeking attractive SWM, 36-44, 5'11", with similar qualities, interests, for LTR. #2134

WALLED LAKENOW

I'd love to be perfect. Young, rich, fit, I'm honest, enjoys life and all it has to offer. Can you appreciate a DW, 58 and 50lbs overweight, who's great, loving, gentle? Imperfect people get lonely too. #2424

LOOKING FOR MY KINDED

Beautiful, intelligent, strong, secure, passionate, humorous, caring SWF, 24, loves mood music, adventure, and romance. Seeking SWM, 25-35, to share life, love, and dreams with. #2479

SWEET, NEAT, PETITE

Widowed WF, 67, lives theater, walking, dining, intelligence, dancing, concerts, seeks male, NIS, NIS, for tender loving care. #2143

BELIEVE IN MAGIC?

Shapely, fit, pretty, petite 5'4", 118lbs, SWF, 41, professional, NIS, with a balanced personality. Looking for educated, professional, 40-50, to share in life's treasures and active lifestyle. #2422

CUTE, CARING, CHARACTER

Full-figured, sensitive SWF, 40, 5, no dependents, NIS, enjoys writing, long talks, seeks kind, witty, intelligent SM, who has no games. Oakland County area. #2185

SPIRITUAL

Spiritual, positive, sincere, traditional DW, 46, seeks SM, with similar qualities, to share interesting life experiences. #2502

LOVES PLAY

Romantic, artistic, imaginative, spontaneous DW, 46, blonde, enjoys life, camping, fishing, concert, travel, art, motorcycles, sunshine, good time. Seeking established, caring SWM, 30-50, long hair, beard, similar interests. #2501

REAL

Attractive SWF, 40, 5'2", fit, single, no children at home, enjoys music, movies, travel, plays, concerts, seeks a man, 40-50, who is both honest, sincere, and people who enjoy convertible days. Comedy club nights. Let's talk. #2498

ROMANTIC-GIRL

DW, 38, 5'1", blonde/brown, romantic, caring, kind, seeks SWM, 35-43, for friendship, enjoyable sense of humor, with similar interests, for dancing, and good conversation. #2452

LOOKING FOR LOVE

Vivacious, lovely SWF, 48, enjoys movies, plays, music, dining out, sports, quiet times. Seeking loving SWM, 44-58, who is a sense of humor, with similar interests, for LTR. #2731

GENTLEMAN ONLY PLEASE

Little lady, 45, likes dancing, to look, enjoy classic cars, weekend trips, nights, seeks patient good-looking 40-50, under 6'5", moderate drinker, easy to laugh and talk with. #2732

TALL GENTLEMAN WANTED

Tall, attractive SWF enjoys movies, theater, sports, and more. Seeking tall, educated, Catholic SWM, 55-65, who has a good sense of humor, good conversation, and more. #2548

ARE YOU MY SOULMATE?

SWF, 62 years young, 5'6", medium build, intelligent in traveling, good conversation, fun, dancing, barbeque. Seeking SWM, with similar interests, for possible LTR. Will respond to all. #2802

TALL GENTLEMAN ONLY PLEASE

Slender DW, 50s, 5'7", youthful, red-head, enjoys exercise, spiritual growth, reading, jazz, and classical music, nature, dancing, good conversation, travel, and more. Seeking DW, 45-60, NIS, NIS, to share special times. #2760

I HAVE A DREAM

Attractive, affectionate DW, 52, 5'8", medium build, enjoys finding a special tall, honest, loving, educated, non-smoking outdoorsman, who loves life, to retire with. #2798

BROWN-EYED GIRL

Outgoing, friendly, fit lady 50, 5'7", 130lbs, single, blonde, with good sense of humor, enjoys dancing, theater, movies, reading, cooking. Seeking honest, down-to-earth, caring SWM, 35-45, for friendship. #2794

LOOKING FOR LOVE...

At the wrong place. Would you like a little lady, 40, 5'7", blonde, with a good sense of humor, good food? Are you a SM, 50-60 and under 6'7" if so, give me a call. #2799

STIMULATE MY MIND

College-educated, giving, honest, sincere, humorous, intelligent SF, 21, seeks strong, intelligent SM, 30-40, for when I'm Summer in the Motor City and "Cold Outside". #2736

HONEST AND LOVING

Full-figured, hard-working, blonde DW, 46, 5'8", traditional values, NIS, NIS, seeks same type of man to live, laugh, and love with. #2781

YOUR DREAM WOMAN

SWF, 20, 5'7", dark hair, long, beautiful smile, open to new experiences, enjoys music, cooking, hiking, long walks, dining, movies, laughter. Seeking SF, 23-32, for monogamous relationship. #2779

MEANT FOR EACH OTHER?

Attractive DW, 40, fit, blonde, enjoys movies, Red Wings, golf, and more. Seeking romantic, caring, attentive SWM, 40-50, NIS, NIS, who is honest, romantic. We could be meant for each other. #2791

OUTDOORS, YOUNG BOB

Physically fit DW, 30s, 5'8", blonde, enjoys outdoors, hiking, travel, beach, boats. Seeking honest, sincere SM, NIS, financially/emotionally/physically secure for monogamous relationship. For all the right reasons. #2790

LADY IN WAITING

Foxy, professional DW, 45, 5'5", 145lbs, honest, down-to-earth, SM, 25-45, for friendship, possible relationship. I like movies, concerts, special times together. #2821

51 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, successful, giving, loving, looking for her knight in shining armor. Fun, exciting, charismatic. Any sincere, successful well-gentleman, 45-70, please reply. #2772

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

Active, outgoing SWF, 38, 5'8", 115lbs, NIS, college-educated, financially/emotionally secure, likes movies, staying in shape, dining out, seeks SWM, 32-45, NIS, similar qualities, interests, for LTR. #2814

HONEST AND SINCERE

DW, 33, 5'5", blonde/blue, has variety of interests, enjoys hiking, traveling and dining out. Seeks warm, caring, SWM, 35-48 with sense of humor for companionship and possible LTR. #2806

CUDDLE ALERT

Attractive, passionate, caring, sensitive, fit, romantic DW, 39, 6'2", 195lbs, Libra, enjoys music, laughing, movies, reading, romance and life. Seeking attractive, fit, affectionate, cuddly SWF, 38-42, for fun and LTR. #2820

AN INTIMATE JOURNEY

Attractive SWM, 5'10", 170lbs, love all sports, rollerblading, Seeking SWF, 33-43, with similar interest. For friendship, possible LTR. #2823

BAM BAM SEEKS PEBBLES

Attractive SWM, 5'10", 170lbs, love all sports, rollerblading, Seeking SWF, 33-43, with similar interest. For friendship, possible LTR. #2823

WILL YOU BE MY BUDDY?

Very athletic, nice, sweet, honest SWM, 30, 180lbs, NIS, shy at first, racing motorcycles for 11 years, enjoys hiking, rollerblading, outdoors, seeks outgoing SWF, 24-33, athletic, athletic, cute, funny, girl-next-door type. #2829

ABOVE AVERAGE

DW, 44, 5'10", 200lbs, home owner, Plymouth area, handy with tools, enjoys outdoor activities, seeks outgoing SWF, 35-45, who is a lady I'm looking for. Call me and escape. #2819

NEW TO AREA

SWM, moved from Chicago to Birmingham, born and raised in Detroit area. With to share interests with mature woman, 36+, who's a woman who's honest, enjoys a healthy lifestyle. #2818

PROFESSIONAL AND 25

Honest SM, 5'10", 165lbs, enjoys movies, dancing, piano, working out, rollerblading. Seeking attractive SWF, 20-28, for romance and love. #2150

STARTING OVER

Got a new HWY, looking for a friendly new princess. SWM, 44, 5'10", stocky, brown/blond, seeks SWF, 25-40, who is proportionate, for possible LTR. #2819

SEEKING SPECIAL ROMANCE

Down-to-earth, financially/emotionally stable, college-educated, fun-loving SWF, 47, 5'11", 195lbs, blonde/blue, no dependents, NIS, with nice smile, a good conversation, seeking special person to share summer romance, may be late romance. #2803

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Do you enjoy life? Seeking an understanding man, for special times, free from accountability. Seeking a nice-looking, mature, intelligent, emotionally stable, financially secure DW, 40, 5'8", 165lbs, who is a woman who's honest, enjoys a healthy lifestyle. #2818

ORION-ORFORD

Attractive SWM, 37, 5'7", 170lbs, NIS, likes horseback riding, dancing, piano, working out, rollerblading. Seeking attractive SWF, 20-28, for romance and love. #2150

WHY BE ALONE?

Caring, affectionate, handsome DW, 51, 5'7", 180lbs, loves movies, dining out, seeking woman, petite to medium, for friendship leading to monogamous relationship. #2818

LET'S ENJOY RELATIONSHIP

Would consider honest, friendship, trust, communication, romance, passion, adventure, fun. Handsome, intelligent, successful SWM, 25, 5'11", enjoys music, people watching, hiking, outdoors, seeks sincere, pretty, slender SWF, 18-34, 5'8", 115lbs, who is a woman who's honest, enjoys a healthy lifestyle. #2818

LOVE AND SINCERE

Attractive DW, 38, 5'4", NIS, slim, in good physical shape, enjoys movies, dining out, seeking a man, 41-49, for a special relationship. #2816

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MAYBE YOU & ME

She's a shy, never-married SWF, 34, 5'7", who enjoys baseball games, the outdoors and movies, in search of a athletic SWCM, 28-39, for friendship first. Ad# 4211

WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU

I am a Catholic DW mom, 37, 5'5", professionally employed, pretty and has a great sense of humor, and am looking to meet a Catholic SWM, 35-44. She enjoys gardening, the theater, dining out and dancing. Ad# 6644

MOVE QUICKLY

SWCF, 56, 5'2", 122lbs., blond hair, green eyes, seeking a SWCM, 50-60, who is respectful and appreciates a good woman. Ad# 6258

CAN YOU RELATE?

QWC mom, 44, 5'1" with red hair and blue eyes, enjoys playing guitar, writing songs and camping. She's looking for a caring DWCM, 38-50, N/S, who shares similar interests. Ad# 4283

BE PART OF HER LIFE

She's a retired WWWF, 57, 5'3" with dark hair/eyes, and a friendly personality. She loves the theater, dining out, walking, traveling and hopes to meet a SWCM, 55-70. Ad# 2639

SHARE LIFE WITH ME

Pretty, petite, trim, DWCF, 57, 5'4", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys soft music, dining out, dancing, the theatre and being outdoors, seeking a tall, handsome, romantic, fit SWCM. Ad# 5554

MAKE THE CONNECTION

SWF, 34, 5'6", full-figured, who is a blue-eyed blonde, enjoys a wide variety of interests, is searching a SWM, 35-45, who has a positive outlook in life. Ad# 3064

SO HOW ARE YOU?

Attractive, outgoing SWCF, 41, 5'7", a professional, enjoys outdoor activities, dining out, the theatre and more, seeks a SWCM, 30-45, who is serious about life. Ad# 5656

READY TO SETTLE DOWN

Catholic SWF, 56, 5'2", blonde hair, green eyes, seeking a compassionate, Catholic SWM, under 60, to enjoy the simple things in life. Ad# 6021

FOR COMPANIONSHIP

Catholic WWWF, 51, 5'3", brown eyes, a professional, enjoys the outdoors, bowling, travel, movies, sports, gardening, golf, dining out and more, seeks a SWM, under 60, with similar interests. Ad# 1980

GET TO KNOW ME

Easygoing SWF, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, employed, enjoys being around family and friends, barbecues, working out, bowling and more, seeks a SWM, over 44. Ad# 1952

WELL-EDUCATED

Outgoing SWF, 62, 5'6", employed, enjoys singing, shopping, reading, traveling and flea markets, seeks an intelligent, active SWM, 55-65, who is a gentleman, for companionship. Ad# 2000

PRINCE CHARMING

Catholic DWCF, 51, 5'5", N/S, enjoys long walks, movies, antiques and travel, would like to meet a sincere, humorous DWCM, 50-60, without children at home. Ad# 1106

GOD COMES FIRST

Outgoing WWWCF, 44, 5'6", employed, enjoys traveling, walking, reading and exercising, seeks a SWJM, 44-58, who loves God, for friendship first. Ad# 7788

THIS IS IT

Outgoing and friendly SWC mom, 38, 5'0", enjoys dining out, movies, casinos, Bible study, seeks SWCM, 38-46, with similar interests. Ad# 1959

MAKE A WISH FOR ME

SWCF, 50, 5'7", brunette, enjoys church and long walks, seeks a SWM, 38+, with good communication skills, for friendship first. Ad# 7454

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

Personable SWCF, 46, 5', participates in Christian activities, enjoys square dancing, listening to music, playing cards, boat races, singing, going to church and sports, seeking a SWCM, 43-53. Ad# 7328

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

College-educated DBCF, 42, 5'5", easygoing, gentle, calm, enjoys Bible study, going to movies, learning new things, dining out and good conversation, seeks a SCM, 40-56, to share quiet times with. Ad# 8355

CIRCLE THIS AD

Catholic, DWCF, 50, 5'1", outgoing, educated, enjoys sports, reading, traveling, gardening, seeks Catholic, SWM, 46-54, with similar interests. Ad# 1895

VERY FRIENDLY

Outgoing SWF, 22, 5'3", full-figured, brown hair/eyes, enjoys the outdoors and more, seeks an intelligent, down-to-earth SWM, 22-29, for friendship first. Ad# 1572

LAY IT ON THE LINE

Cheerful, mature, professional SBF, 20, 5'5", enjoys bowling, golfing and shooting pool, seeks financially secure, professional SM, 23+, with similar interests. Ad# 4577

I AWAIT YOUR CALL

Professional SWF, 27, 5'6", 120lbs., loves sports, running, rollerblading and socializing with friends, seeks a secure, professional SWM, 24-30. Ad# 2874

FASCINATING

SWF, 46, 5'2", brown hair/eyes, enjoys hockey, golf, music, movies and family life, wishes to share activities and friendship with an honest, caring SWM, 39-49. Ad# 1124

TRUE & SINCERE

Catholic DWCF, 44, professional, active in volunteer work, enjoys music, the theatre, concerts, fireside discussions, learning to golf and dining out, in search of a hospitable SWCM, 45-52. Ad# 8411

JUST BE YOURSELF

Attractive, SBF, 52, 5'7", friendly, N/S, enjoys bowling, dancing, music, outdoor activities, seeks N/S, professional, SM, over 35, with similar interests. Ad# 5220

ROMANTIC AT HEART

Loving SBF 25, 5'4", enjoys all sports, traveling, dining, shopping, writing poetry and drawing, is seeking a SM, 28-40, to spend time with. Ad# 8791

RESCUE MY HEART

SWF, 68, 5'4", 118lbs., seeks sweet SWM, 68-73, N/S, who likes bowling, dancing, golfing, football and traveling. Ad# 7112

BE REAL

SBF, 45, 5'9", enjoys traveling, sports, movies and dining out, seeking an honest, sincere SBM, 40-55, without children, for friendship first. Ad# 1945

LET ME KNOW

SWF, 48, 5'6", enjoys long walks, cozy evenings, movies, the theatre, dining out and a variety of other activities, seeking a SWM, 44-58, N/S, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 8214

CAREFREE SPIRIT

WWWF, 55, 5'5", 130lbs., fun-loving, a good listener, enjoys traveling, biking and family, looking for a SWM, 55-65. Ad# 4321

DEEP BELIEFS

Attractive DWCF, 46, 5'5", 115lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, seeking a professional, emotionally secure, athletic, honest and optimistic SWCM, over 44, to share good times. Ad# 4646

HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Attractive DWCF, 40, 5'4", full-figured, outgoing, friendly, enjoys music, the arts, museums and movies, seeks a caring SWCM, 40-51, for possible relationship. Ad# 6788

A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

Bi-racial SCF, 30, 5'3", dark brown hair, enjoys concerts, movies, loves to browse in markets and interesting shops, in search of Born-Again SCM, under 42, for friendship first. Ad# 3722

ONE OF A KIND

DWCF, 36, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, outgoing, physically fit, enjoys cooking and the arts, seeks a SWM, 34-46. Ad# 1954

A BRIGHTER SIDE

Easygoing SW mom, 23, 5'2", Catholic, enjoys meeting new people, dining out, quiet times with someone special, seeks a SM, age unimportant. Ad# 1739

WISHING UPON A STAR

SWF, 32, 5'8", outgoing, enjoys traveling, long walks, music, line dancing, movies and quiet nights at home, seeks a SWCM, 28-35, to share similar interests. Ad# 2732

LOVES THE LORD

Active, carefree, professional SWCF, 38, 5'11", 140lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks tall, enthusiastic SWCM, friend, to enjoy all that life has to offer. Ad# 6755

SPEND TIME TOGETHER

Catholic SW mom, 24, 5'4", lives in Canton, enjoys volleyball, tennis, hockey, movies, playing cards, seeks SWM, 24-32, for friendship first. Ad# 8648

LIGHT UP MY LIFE

Catholic DWCF, 58, 5'2", 118lbs., brown-eyed brunette, lives in Livonia, seeks honest, romantic, trim SWCM, 54-62, who enjoys dancing, travel, movies, concerts, fine dining and conversation. Ad# 3355

HARDWORKING

Attractive SWCF, 35, 5'10", sociable, employed, enjoys spending time with her child, seeking easygoing, handsome, physically fit SWCM, N/S. Ad# 3876

A WARM WELCOME

Professional DWCF, 40, 5'7", slim, brown hair, blue eyes, marriage-minded, a pet lover, seeks SWM, 35-48, for a possible relationship, children okay. Ad# 3957

LONG-TERM?

Fun-loving, open-minded SWCF, 19, 5'3", lives in Canton, seeks a childless, compatible SWM, 21-29, who is never-married. Ad# 3842

COLLECTS TEDDY BEARS

Friendly SWCF, 22, 5'6", enjoys biking, walks, movies, concerts, camping, writing poetry, seeks sweet, kind, caring SWCM, 23-35, with same interests. Ad# 4545

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TELL ME ABOUT YOU

Get together with this never-married, handsome, professional SWM, 35, who enjoys designing cars, outdoor activities, quality time with friends, golfing and is looking for an understanding, honest SWF. Ad# 1550

LONG-TERM

Take the time to listen to this SWCM, 40, 6'1", slim who is searching for a slender, athletic, attractive SWCF, who enjoys getaway weekends, playing golf and swimming. Ad# 5555

OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING

This outgoing Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", enjoys outdoor activities and more. He is looking for a slender, professional, family-oriented SWCF, age unimportant, who has a passion for life. Ad# 7404

FUN-LOVING

Outgoing SWM, 22, 5'4", is a SWCF, 18-23, without children, for friendship. He loves amusement parks and movies. Give him a call! Ad# 1701

PERFECT CHEMISTRY

He's an outgoing SWM, 38, 6', who enjoys sports, music, dining out and the theatre, in search of a SWF, under 36, with similar interests. Ad# 6789

GET TO KNOW ME

Catholic DW dad, 54, 6'1", professional, enjoys spending time with his family, sports, walking, dining out and more, seeks a Catholic SWF, 47-54. Ad# 5206

SENSE OF HUMOR

Catholic SWM, 49, 5'11", 180lbs., black hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, reading and music, seeking SWCF, 30-45, with good morals. Ad# 1899

TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF

Never-married SWM, 31, 5'9", medium build, a Catholic, enjoys biking, rollerblading, going to movies, skiing and playing tennis, seeking a SWF, 24-35, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 7777

THE DIFFERENCE

Outgoing SWM, 41, 6', self-employed, enjoys riding motorcycles, boating, music, dancing and quiet evenings at home, seeks a SWF, under 40, with similar interests. Ad# 8025

CAN YOU RELATE?

Catholic SWM, 42, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, educated, employed, outgoing, enjoys music, concerts, being with friends and family, seeks passionate, caring, SWF, 27-42. Ad# 4242

FIND OUT TODAY

Attractive, outgoing SWCM, 21, 6'1", brown hair/eyes, employed student, enjoys a variety of activities and interests, seeking attractive, honest SWCF, 18-23, never-married, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1616

STOP RIGHT HERE!

Professional DW dad, 49, 5'10", 200lbs., grey hair, blue eyes, interests include jogging, soccer, movies and staying in, seeks DWCF, 35-55, for long-term relationship. Ad# 5141

SENSE OF HUMOR INCLUDED

Energetic, professional DWCM, 52, 5'11", enjoys social activities, traveling to Las Vegas, antiques and dining out, looking to meet an honest, sincere SCF, who has similar interests, age unimportant. Ad# 9009

WAITING FOR YOU

Easygoing, romantic DW dad, 38, 6', a college graduate, employed, participates in Bible study, enjoys dining out, movies, spending time with friends and good conversation, seeks a SWCF, 30-38. Ad# 1825

YOU COULD BE THE ONE

Catholic DW dad, 39, 5'9", brown hair, hazel eyes, professional, outgoing, enjoys sports, camping, cooking, dancing, walking, being with his kids, romantic nights, seeks Catholic DWCF, 30-40, who has children. Ad# 5858

TRY ME

Shy SWCM, 25, 6'11", enjoys walking, dining out, music and movies, spending time with friends and more, looking for a SWCF, 24-26. Ad# 8585

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Active SWM, 58, 5'8", N/S, enjoys family activities, Christian and country music and long leisurely drives, seeks a SWCF, who desires to be treated like a lady. Ad# 1200

WIN ME OVER

Handsome SWCM, 29, 5'9", blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, concerts, playing pool, biking, dancing and dining out, seeks a sincere SWCF, 23-35. Ad# 8962

HEART OF GOLD

SW dad, 32, 5'8", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys taking care of his son, seeks an attractive SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 1965

CHECK THIS OUT

Sincere, romantic SWM, 38, 6'1", 190lbs., enjoys tennis, golfing, outdoor activities, the theatre, movies and weekend getaways, wishes to meet a slender SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 3615

MEANINGFUL

Affectionate, open-minded SWM, 43, 6', seeks a professional, slim SWF, 28-45, to spend romantic, quality times together. Ad# 1212

END MY SEARCH

Honest, sincere SWM, 31, 5'7", 175lbs., brown hair/eyes, sports fan, enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors and quiet evenings at home, seeks a SWF, under 34. Ad# 2233

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?

SWM, 34, 5'9", athletic, enjoys weight training, participating in sports and being outdoors, seeking a courageous, communicative SWF, 21-44, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 1013

YOU'RE THE ONE FOR ME

DWCM, 44, 6', 182lbs., outgoing, believes in a relationship based on God, love and honesty, seeks a SCF, age unimportant, for possible relationship. Ad# 1296

BEST THERE IS

DWCM, 60, 5'7", 150lbs., brown hair/eyes, retired, shy, enjoys dining out, quiet evenings and more, seeks SWF, 55-65. Ad# 1122

SHARE MY LIFE

Never-married SWM, 50, 6'3", N/S, drink and drug-free, interests include bowling, outdoor activities, quiet evenings, seeks SWF, 46-54, for long-term relationship. Ad# 8777

THE KEY TO MY HEART

Catholic SWM, 31, 5'9", outgoing, financially secure, enjoys movies, quiet evenings at home, dancing and dining out, seeks a spontaneous SWF, 25-38, with similar interests. Ad# 3188

APPRECIATES HONESTY

SWM, 42, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, educated, a professional, enjoys jogging, long walks, reading and good conversation, seeks a slender, educated SWF, 27-40, who is passionate about life. Ad# 5757

FASCINATING

Easygoing SWM, 24, 6'2", 240lbs., dark brown hair, enjoys movies, shooting pool and socializing, wishes to meet and spend time with an attractive, petite SWF, under 28. Ad# 2322

ATTRACTIVE

Athletic, attentive, sincere SWM, 43, 6'1", seeks outgoing, big-hearted SWF, 28+, who has direction in life. Ad# 1111

MAYBE MORE!

Catholic SWM, 31, 6'1", outgoing, caring, generous, friendly, enjoys being outdoors, children, sports, seeking an attractive, kind, nice SWF, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 2415

RESCUE MY HEART

Catholic SWM, 44, 6'1", 180lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, affectionate, caring, professional, enjoys going to church, dining out and movies, seeks a Catholic SWF, 28-45. Ad# 7456

ROMANTIC AT HEART

Articulate, athletic swm, 42, 6'2", 190lbs., brown hair, green eyes, enjoys traveling, romantic times, outdoor activities, seeks slim, attractive, professional SWF, to spend quality time with, age unimportant. Ad# 2525

HEALTHY & HAPPY

SWM, 41, 6'1", athletic, outgoing, enjoys having fun, seeking trim, marriage-minded SWF, age unimportant, who enjoys athletic activities as well as quiet times. Ad# 2626

THOUGHTFUL

Handsome SWM, 43, 6'2", enjoys all athletic activities, is seeking a romantic, slim-build, SF, with similar interests, who is looking for a long-term relationship, with marriage in mind. Ad# 4123

SIMPLY THE BEST

DWCM, 48, 5'9", 195lbs., brown hair/eyes, outgoing, employed, enjoys outdoors, family activities, cards, dancing, seeks a SWF, under 50, who leads and active life, with similar interests. Ad# 8732

HEAVEN IF YOU HEAR ME...

Catholic, never-married SWM, 41, 6'1", seeks a SWF, age unimportant, for a relationship that will lead to marriage, children welcome. Ad# 1944

A REAL GENTLEMAN

DWCM, 39, 5'9", blond hair, blue eyes, smoker, non-drinker, outgoing, enjoys outdoors, family, seeks SWF, 35-40, for serious relationship. Ad# 7728

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Talkative, definitive SWM, 38, 6', with multiple interests, seeks slim, trim, fun-loving SWF, 29-44, to share activities and friendship. Ad# 1027

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Progressive, team-oriented apartment community located in Westland has immediate opening for Full-Time Seasonal Groundkeeper. Must be experienced in all aspects of grounds maintenance, including mowing, fertilizing, and weeding. Excellent working environment and competitive salary. Apply in person at Willow Creek Apartments, one block south of Ford on Newburgh. EOE/DFE.

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This is a great position for person who loves the great outdoors. Full-time. Opportunity for advancement within a real property maintenance company. Call Linda (248) 569-8880. EOE.

MAINTENANCE
Join our team at our Carleton apartment community. Part time. 35-40 hours/week. Good pay. Relaxed atmosphere. Reliable & hard working. Need only apply. Call Debbie at: 734-981-6994.

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GROUND PERSON
Dependable person needed for outside maintenance and landscaping for community in Southfield area. Part time, \$7.00/hr. Call: (248) 358-1538.

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Dependable person needed for outside maintenance and landscaping for mid-size apartment community in Plymouth area. Flexible hours full or part time. \$7.00/hr. Call: (734) 453-6050.

500 Help Wanted General

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Nationally recognized property management company is seeking an energetic & responsible individual for the position of Grounds Keeper. Must enjoy working outdoors. Please call 248-669-5566 or apply at The Springs Apts., Nov. MI. EOE.

GROUND PERSON
needed Part-time for Birmingham high-rise. Call Bob, (248) 445-1283.

500 Help Wanted General

GROUND PERSON Part Time: Responsible for grounds of the Community in a safe, clean & orderly manner. Must possess good attention to detail & ability to perform minimum 50% of the job. Apply in person at Walnut Woods Dr., Westland, 5555 Dorcas. Call (248) 861-2900 for information. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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We offer an excellent benefit package (401K, medical, dental, stock purchase program) as well as competitive compensation programs. If you are interested in exciting employment opportunities throughout Michigan, forward us your resume to:

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Permanent, Full & Part Time. Excellent wages & health care. Must have experience in refrigerant recovery & profit sharing plans. Air conditioned vehicles. Call or Stop.

AIR - MASTER
248-399-1100. 248-399-2913. 2670 Colledge Hwy. Berley, MI.

500 Help Wanted General

HEATING & COOLING INSTRUCTORS
For Southfield technical school. Minimum 5 yrs. field experience. (248) 358-9299.

HELP DESK TECHNICIAN
Heim, Inc., a progressive, successful Distribution and marketing support organization is seeking an experienced Help Desk Technician for a challenging work environment in a Novel, IT operating system. The successful candidate will have a working knowledge of P.C. hardware, various types of printers, Windows 95, and Microsoft Office products. On-site support environment with previous support Desk and Novell, or CNA Certification a plus. Send resume to: Heim, Inc., 14310 Highland Ave., Highland Park, MI 48203. Fax: 313-965-5927.

500 Help Wanted General

INTERIOR DESIGNER
Michigan's leading Knoll furniture dealership is seeking an experienced self-starter individual to fill its interior design position. Must have at least 2 years experience with systems furniture and be proficient on AutoCAD 12.13. Excellent benefits, 13% commission. Candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to:

INTERIOR DYNAMICS
Human Resources Dept.
1742 Crooks Rd.
Troy, MI 48064
Equal Opportunity Employer

500 Help Wanted General

CANTON
Immediate opening for full-time Janitorial positions. All shifts available for Warehouse cleaning. Please call: (734) 663-7056.

JANITORIAL EQUIPMENT
needed, full time. Must have experience on equipment. Please send resume to: Box 82999, Observer & Eclectic Newspapers, 3000 Woodward St., Detroit, MI 48202.

500 Help Wanted General

JANITORIAL
Full & part time. Suburban area. Must have transportation. 248-647-4630.

JANITORIAL
Wanted for Janitorial. Evening hours. Ford & Liley area. Must be dependable with own transportation. Call: (313) 331-9272.

500 Help Wanted General

LAB ASSISTANT
Needed for evenings 7PM to 2AM. Call after 7PM for Michelle, Detroit Medical Lab, 4800 Woodward St., Detroit, MI 48202. (248) 471-4111.

GENERAL LABORERS
willing to train person in the field of roofing, siding & general carpentry. Must be dependable with good transportation. Call: (248) 524-5872.

500 Help Wanted General

LABORER
The City of Novi is accepting applications for a Laborer. Candidates must possess a Commercial Drivers License and be able to perform heavy manual labor for extended periods of time in all types of weather. Must be physically strong and work well with others. Experience in public works, maintenance or construction is preferred. Send resume with a comprehensive benefit package. Obtain and submit an application by June 12, 1998 to: Human Resources Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile, 248-347-0452.

500 Help Wanted General

HUMAN RESOURCES
Assistant/Receptionist needed for busy Western Michigan University Office. Duties will include answering phones, greeting visitors, and scheduling. Screening and testing process. Immediate opening! Call today for fax resume to:

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(734) 722-7990
FAX (734) 722-8132

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HVAC COMMERCIAL
Minimum 5 Yrs. experience. Paid Blue Cross plus 401K. 800-540-4947.

HVAC FULL SERVICE TECH
Experience preferred. Full benefits and company truck. 732-432-0572.

500 Help Wanted General

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Experience preferred. Benefits, great pay, vacation, holiday. Ask for Lisa: (734) 729-1300 ext 14.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS
for the following positions:

- Yard Care Ideal for high school students
- Sales Associates for annual & seasonal products
- Weekend receptionist

Please apply in person or call: Eaton Nursery, 5999 W. Maple, W. Bloomfield 248-651-5440.

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IMMEDIATE OPENINGS
Long term, permanent positions. Thursday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For those with solid work histories. Assembly. Shipping/Receiving. Machine Operating.

INDUSTRIAL - MACHINE OPERATOR
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INDUSTRIAL SHOP HELP LATHE OPERATORS
Day and Afternoon Shifts Available.

Manufacturing company in Redford is in search of aggressive, self-motivated individuals to train in large diameter rough steel machining. Applicants should know basic math and be able to use a tape measure. Prior experience working in industrial environment a plus. Complete job application Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 12000 Beach Dr. between Plymouth and Schoolcraft or call 313-536-1788.

500 Help Wanted General

HANDYMAN
Experienced. Part time. Needed to perform routine maintenance & cleanup on commercial properties. (248) 354-4110.

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needed for various jobs in apartments, shopping centers & homes. 313-861-3050 Fax: 313-981-3285.

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INSTALLERS NEEDED
Carpet, wood and vinyl installers needed for occupied and unoccupied homes. Must have reliable transportation, insurance and must take pride in your work. Please apply: Innovative Floor Services, 13250 Newburgh in Livonia 313-353-4100.

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Needed for immediate full time positions. Excellent pay. Some travel. (248) 356-6300.

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INSTRUCTORS
A national training company is seeking an instructor for small engine repair. Part time during the day in the Detroit area. Qualified applicants should send resume to: (734) 522-1758 or call: (734) 522-1758.

INSULATION INSTALLER
Start today! Wixom company needs installers! Must be 18, have valid drivers license. Will train. Overtime & benefits. Call: (248) 669-0660.

500 Help Wanted General

INSURANCE AGENTS
Insurance agency seeks CUSTOMER SERVICE REP to work in our non-smoking Farmington Hills office. Experience necessary. (248) 478-4800.

INSURANCE INSPECTOR
Opening for individuals to complete on-site insurance inspections. Positions available in Wayne & Oakland Counties. Must be flexible and comfortable with public contact. This is not a sales or collection position. Send resume along with income expectations to: CPI, 650 E. Camel Dr., Ste. 170, Farmington Hills, MI 48332.

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INSURANCE PERSONAL LINES
CSR needed for agency in Novi. Insurance experience required. Excellent working environment & benefits. Don't miss this opportunity. Contact Theresa at (248) 980-6190.

LEGAL SECRETARY
Southfield litigation law firm. Windows 95, Wordperfect and 5 years litigation experience required. Excellent salary & benefits. Call Donald Cutler, (248) 424-8844 or fax (248) 443-1506.

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LIBRARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT
for college prep high school, 2 yr. LTA degree preferred or equivalent experience. Send resume for permanent position. To: Box 3925, 3925 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.

LIFEGUARD
Wanted for beach in W. Bloomfield. Joel (248) 682-0285.

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LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
Quality inspectors, part-time to full time. All shifts. Will train. Full benefits available. (734) 459-5100.

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LOVE PLANTS?
If so, this is the job for you. Reliable, self-motivated people needed to care for plants in business locations. Must have reliable transportation. Full & part time available. For more information call: 1-800-783-1939 x 478.

MACHINE OPERATOR
Livonia area. Will train. All shifts. Full benefits. Send resume to: 734-462-2278.

500 Help Wanted General

MACHINE OPERATORS
(homebased & college students welcome) - Full & part time. High school diploma or GED. Will train. Must have reliable transportation. Benefits. Call (248) 547-4482.

LAMINATOR
Full-time, experienced laminator for Livonia custom cabinet manufacturing company. Only experienced need apply. Wage commensurate with experience. No week-ends. Over-time available. Benefits. Call Mon-Fri. 8-5. Ask for Carmen. 248-474-0646.

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LANDSCAPE HELP NEEDED - All levels of experience. CDL and good driving record a plus. (248) 347-1360.

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Full-time. Own transportation & valid license. \$8/hr to start. (734) 459-9755.

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Experienced only. \$12-20 per hour. Farmington area. Leave message: 248-426-0656.

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Light duty landscape & flower planting. \$8 to 10. Experience helpful. Call 248-478-4429.

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Are you bored with your current position? Are you in a dead end position? Well, let Snelling Personnel Services help you get out of that rut. Entry level to Executive level positions available immediately. CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT TODAY!

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LAWN & LANDSCAPING CREW - Summer work for well established company. Good pay. Dependable. Call 734-522-8644.

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Competitive wages - pay commensurate with experience & skillset. First Rate Services, Inc. 248-844-0399.

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Bloomfield area. Top pay for experienced & productive people. American Property Services 248-646-9709.

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Rochester Hills community looking for Full or part time Leasing Consultant. Must be able to sell. Excellent benefits. Call: 248-373-1230.

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Enthusiastic socializer who likes to make money? If we just described you, WOODCREST has a position for you!

Previous sales experience preferred, but not required. Must be professional & able to work evenings & weekends.

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CLARKSTON SPORTS SCENE

Select soccer tryouts

The Lake Orion/Brandon/Oxford Select Soccer Club (LOBOS) will be holding tryouts for the 1998/1999 season at the Orion Township Park on Joslyn Road, 3 miles north of I-75, across from Canterbury Village.

Tryout for Boys U9 through U14 will be June 22 and June 24, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. Tryout for Girls U9 through U14 will be June 23 and June 25, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. on the first day of tryouts. Players must attend both sessions.

Boys U15 and U16 will be June 16 and June 18, 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. and Boys U17 through U19 will be June 24th, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. Girls U15 and U17 through U19 will be June 25, 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. and Girls U16 will be June 16, June 17 and June 18, 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.

Bring water, cleats, and a ball to tryouts. If you have any questions, please contact Marty Kimmel at 248-627-4771 or Jim Jones at 248-628-0511.

Soccer coaches needed

The Lake Orion/Brandon/Oxford Select Soccer Club (LOBOS) is in need of coaches for the 1998/1999 season for the following teams: U9 Boys, U9 Girls, U10 Girls, U11 Girls and U14 Girls. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Marty Kimmel at 248-627-4771 or Jim Jones at 248-628-0511.

County sponsors sports camp

Oakland County Parks offers a "sports sampler" at its week-long Sports Camp, sponsored by The Sports Authority.

Athletes ages 8-13 are introduced to sports that encourage teamwork and sportsmanship.

Daily activities include a mix of soccer, street hockey, flag football, kickball, volleyball and more. Parents/guardians are invited to attend the Sports Camp Information Day June 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Waterford Oaks Court Games Complex.

Camp dates are set for June 15-19; June 22-26; July 6-10; July 13-17; July 20-24; July 27-31; and Aug. 3-7. Camp hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information call (248) 858-0916.

New soccer league

The Oakland Developmental Soccer League is Oakland County's newest youth co-ed soccer league, providing an opportunity for children who want to compete at a level above recreational soccer.

The ODSL will provide experienced trainers for each age group, and will consist of ball skill development, speed and running development. Open registration will be conducted June 1-July 15, and will be accepted on a first-come basis.

Registration forms can be picked up at Global Soccer (formerly Soccer World) in Lake Orion, RARA Office in Rochester and the City of Auburn Hills Recreation Department on Squirrel Road across from Oakland University.

Whitt camp

Dates have been set for the annual Ernie Whitt Baseball Academy, designed to provide youngsters ages 7-18 with an opportunity to learn more about the game and to improve their baseball skills through positive reinforcement. The camp is run by Whitt, a 14-year major league veteran, best remembered for his years with the Toronto Blue Jays.

The camp will provide instruction in several areas, including rotational hitting, pitching and throwing mechanics, catching, infield and outfield mechanics and baserunning and sliding.

The camp will be held in Harper Woods June 15-19 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and at Macomb Community College (South Campus) June 22-26, also from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information call (810) 465-1095.

Select soccer

Tryouts for all boys and girls select

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Clarkston eyes regional success



■ Clarkston secured its first district championship in five years last Saturday. Up next for the Wolves is a regional semifinal date with the team many consider the favorite to win the Division I state title - Rochester.

The biggest concern Clarkston baseball head coach Roy Warner had entering the state playoffs was whether his team could generate clutch hits.

The Wolves did exactly that Saturday, pulling away in the late innings in two victories which gave them their first district baseball championship in five years. Clarkston downed host Lapeer West, 7-3, in a Division I dis-

trict final.

Clarkston (18-10-1) now advances to Saturday's regional semifinal at Port Huron High School against powerhouse Rochester (29-3). The game is scheduled to start approximately 30 minutes following the Anchor Bay-Utica Ford semifinal which begins at 10 a.m.

In the district final, Clarkston's

Derek Kasper led the hitting attack with two key RBI hits at the beginning and near the end of the contest to keep West from battling back. Jared Thomas survived some control problems, giving way to Josh Clark and Chris Mitchell in late innings. Even though the Wolves were threatened late, solid defense prevented a comeback.

"We did get some key hits when we needed them," said Warner, who saw Clark strike out five hitters in less than three innings versus Lapeer West. Clark's effort was even more impressive in the wake of his performance earlier in the day when Clark

pitched a complete game in a 12-2 victory over Lake Orion.

"It was a real team effort out there," Warner added. "You could see the guys were really into the games and wanted to win (the district title)."

The victory over the Dragons was closer than the final score indicated.

Both teams struck in the opening inning with the Wolves holding a 4-2 lead through five innings before they exploded for eight runs in the final two. Mitchell and Thomas each had RBI hits to start the six-run inning which gave breathing room for Clark,

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Safel: Clarkston's Carmen Lund (right) beats the throw home during the fourth inning of Clarkston's 6-4 Division I district championship win over Lapeer West on Saturday.

Wolves advance with two close wins

When two very good pitchers are involved in a dynamite pitchers duel, it's usually the team that makes the fewest mistakes that comes away the victor.

That was the case at the Division I softball district Saturday at Lapeer West.

Previously ranked Clarkston, with senior left-hander Rachel Fuller, and 10th-ranked Lake Orion and senior right-hander Mary Conner, collided in the semifinals in a pure diamond classic and it was Fuller and the Wolves who prevailed in a 10-inning marathon, 4-2.

Clarkston (24-13) also came back and defeated the host Panthers, 6-4, in an anti-climactic final to advance to this Saturday's regional semifinals at Port Huron.

The Wolves will face Waterford Kettering at 10 a.m. with Romeo and New Baltimore Anchor Bay playing in the second semifinal at noon. The regional final is set for 2 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Lake Orion finished the season 27-8.

"This was just an excellent game played by both teams, nobody wanted to lose," said Clarkston coach Al Land about his game with Lake Orion. "It was unfortunate that two teams like this had to face this early in the tournament, but that's the way it goes sometimes."

"We were fortunate to make fewer mistakes and come out on top because these type of games can go either way."

With the scored tied at 2-2 heading into the 10th inning, Clarkston was able to finally break the deadlock. Jenny Winn led off the inning with a walk, and with two strikes on the next batter, Tracy Honey, Land decided to take a gamble.

Honey's sacrifice bunt attempt was

fielded by a diving Conner to the right side of the pitcher's mound, but Conner's errant throw to second base went into center field and to the fence, allowing both Winn and Honey to score.

Fuller (16-10), who finished with six strikeouts, then retired the Dragons in order in the bottom half of the 10th to end the game.

Conner (14-6) took the loss despite surrendering six hits and striking out nine Clarkston batters.

"The girls are taking it hard and are disappointed, but they'll be fine later on," said Lake Orion assistant coach Gary Kibby. "We played a very good game and Mary was really strong on the mound, we just got the unlucky bounce I guess."

"Looking back, though, we won the league and we had a very good season," he continued. "We should be very proud with what we accomplished."

The Dragons took a 1-0 lead in the

sixth when Mary Conner scored on an RBI single by junior Bobbi Conner.

The Wolves finally got on the board in the third inning when Winn laced a two-run single to center.

Fuller then held that lead until the sixth, when Lake Orion freshman Melissa Wilson scored following senior Sam Miller's single to right and a throwing error by the Wolves, sending the game into extra innings.

In the final against Lapeer West, Clarkston used a two-run double — a one-hopper to the fence in center field — by Corine McIntyre in the bottom of half of the sixth to break a 4-4 tie and send the Wolves into the regionals against Kettering.

"We were very emotionally drained after that Lake Orion game, and then we had to come right back and play again," Land said.

"We were tired, but we still had enough to bounce back and beat (West). We did the necessary things to win."

Venegoni finishes seventh in 'A' long jump

See state track results page B2

Jordan Desilets might have been feeling under the weather, but his performance Saturday was something that would make anyone feel great.

The Lake Orion junior had the best finish of any local competitor at the Lower Peninsula Class A state track & field meet at Auburn-Bay City Western, placing third in the 1600 meters with a season-best 4:15.6 clocking.

Rockford junior Jason Hartman won the race in 4:12.8 — the second fastest state-meet time since the MHSAA switched to the metric-system in 1983 — and Nov's Kevin Avenius was second in 4:13.5. All three are juniors.

"Despite a bad cold, congestion and feeling absolutely horrible, Jordan was

able to run a great race," said Lake Orion coach Rich Burrell, whose team finished 32nd with six points. "I guess that just exemplifies what a great competitor he is."

Desilets also posted a 9:37 showing in the 3,200 meters, which placed him 11th in a highly-competitive field.

"There were a lot of great distance runners there," Burrell said. "And most of them were juniors. So it should be interesting again next year."

Clarkston senior Marc Venegoni, meanwhile, concluded his career with a seventh-place finish in the long jump (20-9.5) to lead the Wolves.

"Everybody that qualified did really well," Clarkston coach Walt Wyniemo said. "It wasn't the best pit for Marc to jump in, but he came through and medaled."

"Our 3,200-(meter) relay team also ran exceptional," Wyniemo continued. "They just missed out on a medal, but they broke a very old school record and I am very pleased with their effort."

The unit of junior Matt Baker, senior John Burklow, and sophomores Brett Quantz and Kevin Breen crossed ninth in the 3,200 relay with an 8:02.1 clocking, where Breen anchored with a 1:56 split.

East Lansing wound up winning the team title, edging Rockford 39.5-39.0

for the championship. Detroit Mumford (30), Lansing Eastern (29) and Saginaw (28) rounded out the top five in the team standings, where 67 teams scored points.

At the Lower Peninsula Class B meet at Saginaw High School, Oxford senior Jason Zurbrick had a personal-best toss of 52-8 in the shot put, which landed him in fifth place. Zurbrick was seeded eighth heading into the meet.

"Jason really did better than expected," said Oxford coach Pat Donahue. "He really came up big in his last meet of his (high school) career."

Senior Jeff Bowden also placed 15th in the 1,600-meter run (4:31.0) for the

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Eagles fall in MACS final, 1-0 Track from page B1

Even your best sometimes is just not enough. But in the eyes of Dennis Hopkins, he isn't complaining.

Hopkins, the second-year girls soccer coach at Clarkston Springfield Christian, witnessed his squad fall in the state finals of the Michigan Association of Christian Schools Saturday for the second straight year to host Davison Faith Baptist, 1-0, but he knows that his third-ranked Eagles left their very best on the field of battle.

"I told the girls before the game if they go out and expend all of their energy on the field and we win, then we should be

excited," said Hopkins, whose squad lost 3-0 to Faith last season in the MACS finals. "And if we do the same thing and we lose, then we should still be excited because we did our best."

"We went out there and played one of our best games of the year, we just couldn't score and we came up a little bit short," he continued. "We have nothing to be ashamed of, though. We really did give our best effort."

Top-ranked Faith Baptist (10-2-1) scored the game's only goal in the 31st minutes on a wild, ball-mouth scramble with the ball eluding Springfield freshman goalkeeper Hollie Vana-

man, who finished with six saves. But the Eagles (8-4-0) couldn't net the equalizer as Faith won its second straight title.

Senior sweeper Anne Armstrong spearheaded Springfield's defensive effort with strong help from freshman stopper Amanda Vanaman and sophomore full-back Kelly Fornwall, which kept Faith's high-powered offense at bay the rest of the way.

"Our defense was really on," praised Hopkins. "We really shut down their leading scorer. The player that scored there goal was a reserve and that was just one of those strange goals that

kind of sneaked in there.

"We had our several quality chances to score, we just couldn't get one in there," added Hopkins. "But I can't complain because we did some nice things with the ball. We were just a little unlucky."

Springfield only loses five seniors total, including just two full-time starters.

"We hope to make another run next year," added Hopkins. "We have the core of our team coming back and we are really looking forward to it."

■ **Sunday: All-Area Soccer.**

Wildcats, while classmate Matt Bautel was a semifinalist in both the 100 (11.3) and 200 (23.4).

"I think all three of them did really well," said Donahue. "We are happy with the results."

Corunna captured the state crown with 58 points, while Oxford finished in a seven-way tie for 46th place in the team standings with four points.

In the girls Class B meet, Oxford senior Liz McKinnon threw the shot put a career-best 36-10, advancing her to the finals, but came up just short for a medal as she placed ninth.

Senior Kelly Ghiaciu (shot put), senior Bonnie Payne (300 hurdles), junior Jenny Ferrell (400), and sophomore Karen

LeRoy (1,600) also competed at state for the Wildcats, where Detroit Renaissance captured the girls title with 66 points.

For Clarkston, which enjoyed a fine season, the Class A finals ended up in disappointment as the Wolves failed to medal in six events.

Competing for the Wolves were freshman Amanda Chicalas (300 hurdles), senior Britanni Brewer (100 hurdles), senior Megan Plante (800), junior Jennifer Roeding (800), senior Erica Holman (400) and both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter relay teams.

Ann Arbor Pioneer captured the Class A state title with 82 points. Detroit Cass Tech was a distant second with 48.

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who seemed to get stronger the more he pitched Saturday.

Warner was not surprised his top pitcher performed so well in nearly 10 innings of work despite hot and humid conditions.

"In the first couple of innings, I think Josh was a little tight," Warner said. "But he just kept

getting better. Lake Orion is a very good hitting team, and he just found a way to slow them down."

For Clarkston, a district championship was the culmination of a goal the Wolves had established at the beginning of the season.

Playing in Division I of the

Oakland Activities Association, they knew there was little chance of a league championship given the depth and talent of such opponents a defending state champion Rochester, Rochester Adams and Troy.

Now, anything is possible for the Wolves. The state champion will have to win four more games, something Clarkston is very capable of doing.

"It seems as the year goes on, we're getting better and better," Warner said. "Right now we're playing our best baseball of the season. We knew the division was going to be tough this year and so we set some goals we felt could be met."

The Wolves know their Saturday opponents well, having lost to the Falcons three times during the regular season. The question is will the fourth time be a charm?

"It's hard to get a big inning on Rochester because they are so disciplined," Warner said. "They have great balance, pitching and don't make mistakes on defense."

Warner expects his squad will see the right-handed slants of Andrew Good on the mound for Rochester Saturday. Good, while not considered to have an overpowering fastball (although

he consistently throws above 80 mph), has great command of his pitches, and works in and out to batters with pinpoint control. He is considered one of the top pitchers in the state.

Clarkston will counter with Clark, with whom Warner has utmost confidence in.

"It's going to be a good matchup between two great pitchers," he said. "This is what our guys wanted, another shot at (Rochester)."

To stay sharp during the week, Clarkston battled Davison at home yesterday afternoon in a crossover game.

■ **FENTON 8, OXFORD 6:** Maybe lightning never does strike twice in the same spot.

After winning the Flint Metro League baseball championship on a seventh-inning rally a little more than a week earlier, the Oxford Wildcats found themselves needing another one in the district semifinals Saturday.

None was forthcoming, and the Wildcats, ranked eighth in the state, dropped a surprising 8-6 decision to Fenton in a Division II district tournament at Linden.

The Wildcats, who finished 28-7 record, had a 6-4 lead in the bottom of the fifth but couldn't hold on.

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Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a meeting on Thursday, June 18, 1998 beginning at 8:00 P.M. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, to hear the appeal of:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bradley J. and Sally A. Gill, 8660 Shore Drive, Davisburg, MI 48350 to allow construction of an attached accessory structure, with 1) a front yard setback of 4 feet rather than the required 50 feet and, 2) a side yard setback of 10 feet rather than the required 15 feet. P.I. #07-10-402-008.

2. Brian and Margaret Quigley, 11564 Haylock Street, Davisburg, MI 48350 to allow construction of a detached accessory structure with 1) a front yard setback of 7 feet rather than the required 50 feet and, 2) two side yard setbacks of 8 feet each rather than the required 15 feet each. P.I. #07-28-376-048.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, during regular office hours Monday through Friday until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at this meeting should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance of the meeting.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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teams for the 1998/99 fall and spring season takes place at Clintonwood soccer fields June 22-26 from 5-9 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-resi-

dents (half-day) or \$70 for residents, \$80 for non-residents (full-day).

Call 625-8223 for more details.

State Cup soccer champs

Six champions were crowned over the weekend in the Boys State Cup Soccer Tournament held at Borden Park in Rochester. Vardar III '84 defeated Canton Lightning, 3-1, in the finals of the U-14 division, Vardar III '83 stopped USL Team United, 3-1, in the U-15 title game and Vardar III '82 downed MYSL North Metro Rangers, 4-1, in the finals of U-16. The U-17 finals saw Vardar III '81 clip Michigan River Rats, 3-1, and the U-18 had Rochester Thunder hold off Vardar III '80, 3-1. Vardar III '79 drubbed the Michigan Wolves, 6-1, in the U-19 championship game.

LONG JUMP - 1. Joe Ails, Sterling Heights Stevenson, 22-6.50; 2. Levar Sommerville, Ann Arbor Huron, 22-1; 3. Charles Reed, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix, 22-0.50; 4. Deroid Sligh, Saginaw Heritage, 21-8; 5. Jason Herrick, Dearborn, 21-2; 6. Lorenzo Parker, Walled Lake Western, 21-0; 7. Marc Venegoni, Clarkston, 20-9.50; 8. DeAndre Taylor, Detroit Cooley, 20-9.

1600 RUN - 1. Jason Hartman, Rockford, 4:12.80; 2. Kevin Avenius, Novi, 4:13.50; 3. Jordan Desilets, Lake Orion, 4:15.60; 4. David Cook, Portage Northern, 4:16.70; 5. Ben Wojcik, Wyandotte Roosevelt, 4:17.80; 6. John Hughes, Traverse City Central, 4:17.81; 7. Ben Evans, Birmingham Brother Rice, 4:19.00; 8. Brent Erickson, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer, 4:21.90.

Class B Boys Final Results (May 30 at Saginaw High School)

FINAL TEAM SCORING - Corunna 58; St. Joseph 36; River

Class A Girls Final Results (May 30 at Bay City Western High School)

FINAL TEAM SCORING - Ann Arbor Pioneer 82; Detroit Cass Tech 48; Southfield 41; Detroit Martin Luther King 36.50; Ypsilanti 36; Portage Northern 25; Romeo 22; Traverse City Central 20; Lansing Sexton 20; Okemos 19; Pinckney 18.50; Rochester Adams 18; Holt 15; Brighton 14; Rockford 14; Grand Blanc 14; Pontiac Northern 13; Flint Central 13; Fraser 12; Westland John Glenn 12; North Farmington 12; Midland Dow 11; Saginaw 11; Portage Central 10; South Lyon 10; Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 8; Port Huron Northern 8; Grosse Pointe South 8; Grandville 8; Novi 8; Utica 6; Southfield Lathrup 6; Greenville 6; Ann Arbor Huron 5; Hudsonville 5; Farmington Hills Harrison 5; Swartz Creek 4.50; Detroit Northern 4; Battle Creek Central 4; Battle Creek Lakeview 4; Flint Southwestern Academy 4; Grand Rapids Union 4; Traverse City West 3; Livonia Stevenson 3; East Kentwood 3; Plymouth Canton 3; Holland West Ottawa 2; Plymouth Salem 1.50; Bay City Western 1; Harper Woods Regina 1; Grand Rapids Christian 1.

Class B Girls Final Results (May 30 at Saginaw High School)

FINAL TEAM SCORING -

Detroit Renaissance 66; Grosse Ile 38; Grand Rapids Catholic Central 33; St. Joseph 33; Corunna 29.50; Wyoming Park 28; Albion 26; Flint Powers Catholic 23; Tecumseh 21; Hudsonville Unity Christian 20.50; Mt. Clemens Clintondale 20; Saginaw Buena Vista 20; Coopersville 13; Mt. Clemens 12.50; Allen Park 11; Hemlock 11; Fenton 10; Niles 10; Sturgis 10; West Branch Ogemaw Heights 9; Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 8; Battle Creek Pennfield 8; Durand 8; Jackson Lumen Christi 8; Paw Paw 8; Petoskey 8; Whitehall 7; Frankenuh 6; Kalkaska 6; St. Clair 6; Tawas City 6; Edwardsburg 6; Howard City Tri-County 6; Chelsea 6; Vassar 6; Ortonville-Brandon 6; Haslett 6; Marine City 5.50; Onsted 5; Crosswell-Lexington 5; Williamston 5; Dowagiac 5; Bay City John Glenn 4; Mt. Morris 4; North Branch 4; Portland 4; Grand Rapids Central 4; Rosecommon 4; St. Clair Shores South Lake 4; Marysville 4; Dexter 4; Oak Park 3.50; Stevensville-Lakeshore 3; Richland-Gull Lake 3; St. Clair 3; Wyoming Rogers 3; Ypsilanti Willow Run 2.50; Comstock Park 2; Dearborn Divine Child 2; Sparta 2; Madison Heights Lamphre 1; Auburn Hills Avondale 1; Pinckney 1; Ludington 1; Caro 1; Gladwin 1.

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Free Fishing Days aim to lure new anglers

Dig up some bait, rig up the fishing poles, load up the family - heck, bring along the neighbors - and head out to your favorite fishing hole. "Happy days are here again," Free Fishing Days have arrived!

For the 13th year in a row the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is offering Free Fishing Days in an effort to introduce non-anglers to the thrill and enjoyment of fishing. All fishing license fees will be waived for residents and non-residents alike on Saturday and Sunday, June 6-7. Regular fishing regulations still apply.

If you've got a friend or relative who doubts your stories about "the one I released," or "the one that got away," and is reluctant to shell out the cash to buy a license, now is the time to make a believer out of that "Doubting Thomas." Take him or her out to your secret "hot spot" and get that person hooked on

fishing.

Michigan is blessed with an abundance of fresh water and the fishing opportunities we have are some of the best in the world. Consider these numbers: Michigan has more than 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline; over 11,000 inland lakes; and 36,350 miles of rivers and streams including 12,500 miles of trout waters.

If you need an idea of where to fish this weekend many special events are planned throughout the state in conjunction with Free Fishing Days. If you're headed out of town call (517) 373-1280 for a complete list of weekend fishing activities.

Locally, a variety of events are planned. River cleanup and fishing activities are planned for Saturday on the Clinton River (248- 853-9580) and Thelma Spencer Park in Rochester Hills will be the site of the 17th annual Bass Tournament (248-656-

OUTDOORS

4657). Kensington Metropark (800-47-PARKS) is offering two clinics, one for beginners and covering the basics of fishing, and one featuring demonstrations and seminars on European fishing techniques for carp. Both seminars will be followed by an opportunity to test your newfound fishing skills in Kent Lake. The 10th annual Wyandotte Fishing Derby for Kids will be held Saturday at Bishop Park in Wyandotte (313-246-4505) and a day full of fishing activities and events for children begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Marshland Metropark (734-379-5020, ext. 736).

Make some time this weekend and introduce a non-angler to the enjoyment and thrill of Michigan fishing.

BASSMASTER standings

The final point standings for the BASSMASTER Eastern Invitational have been released and four area bass pros have done very well. Points are accumulated over the course of several qualifying tournaments and the top five finishers in the Eastern Invitational earn a berth to the prestigious BASSMASTER Classic, Aug. 6-8, on High Rock Lake in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Oxford's Kevin Long had a respectable finish and placed 132nd out of 410 competitors with 551 points. Rochester native Art Ferguson III had the best finish of area anglers, placing 16th with 926 points. Kyle Green of Bloomfield Hills placed 58th with 752 points and Gerald Gostenik of Dearborn placed 107th with 619 points.

Burning ban

Governor John Engler has ordered a burning ban in 39 counties in the Upper Peninsula

and northern Lower Peninsula because of extremely high wildfire danger in the northern two-thirds of the state. The ban, which took effect on May 21, will continue until conditions change significantly to reduce the risk of fire.

"Dried vegetation, lack of rainfall, warm temperatures, low humidity and high winds have combined to create a situation where life and property are endangered," said Gov. Engler. "We're facing the driest conditions in almost three decades, and we have to do everything we can to assist state and local firefighters in their battle against wildfires."

The ban applies to all open burning of:

- Flammable material including refuse, debris, brush, stumps, rubbish, grass, stubble, leaves, crops or crop residue.
- All campfires except those within containers or fire rings at

authorized campgrounds and places of habitation.

• All pipe, cigar and cigarette smoking. The exceptions are places of habitation, authorized improved campgrounds, or in an automobile or truck.

• A violation of the burning ban is a misdemeanor and carries a penalty of up to 90 days in jail and a \$100 fine.

The DNR has established three regional contacts across the state. Additional information can be obtained from Art Sutton in Lansing (517-373-1226), Scott Heather in Roscommon (517-275-5151), or David Tuovila in Marquette (906-249-1497).

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to barker@oe.homedcomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

Outdoor Calendar

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar: send information to Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send E-mail to barker@oe.homedcomm.net)

FREE FISHING DAYS

FREE FISHING REQUIREMENTS
Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend, in which all fishing license fees are waived for residents and non-residents, is scheduled for June 6-7.

CLINTON RIVER DAY

A variety of events including river cleanup and fishing activities are planned for Saturday, June 6, on the Clinton River. Call (248) 853-9580 for more information.

HOOKEED ON FISHING

Learn the basics of fishing during this program, which will be held Saturday, June 6, at Kensington Metropark. Call 800-47-

PARKS or (248) 685-1561 to pre-register.

BASS TOURNAMENT

The 17th annual Bass Tournament will be held Saturday, June 6, at Thelma Spencer Park in Rochester Hills. Call (248) 656-4657 for more information.

FISH-IN

Demonstrations and seminars on European techniques for carp fishing followed by an opportunity to try some of those techniques out on Kent Lake, will take place Saturday and Sunday, June 6-7, at Kensington Metropark.

FISHING DERBY FOR KIDS

The 10th annual Wyandotte Fishing Derby for Kids will be held Saturday, June 6, at Bishop Park in Wyandotte. Call (313) 246-4505 for more information.

KIDS AND FISH

A day full of fishing activities and events for children begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 6, at Marshland Metropark. Call (734) 379-5020, ext. 736 for more information.

ARCHERY

MAA SHOOT

Detroit Archers will hold a state outdoor MAA shoot on Saturday, June 6, at its facilities in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

3D SHOOT

Oakland County Sportsman Club will hold a 30-target 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 14, at its walk-through course in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

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A slide presentation by "Grandma" Verna Soule about hiking the Appalachian Trail begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for details.

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Test drive one of 20 different Mad River canoes during this on-the-water clinic, which begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, on Kent Lake at Kensington Metropark. The clinic is offered by REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for details.

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Learn the basics of navigation and how the GPS receiver works during this program, which

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HUNTER EDUCATION

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

CLUBS

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The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at

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

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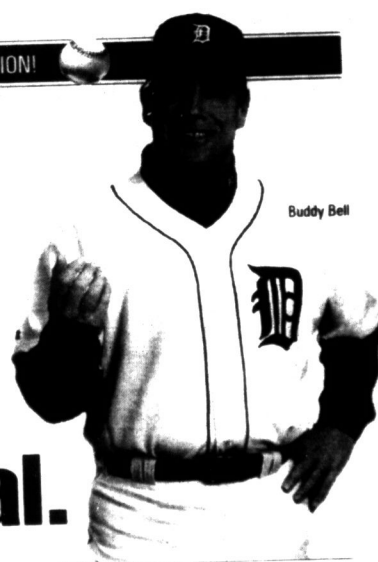
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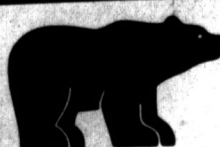
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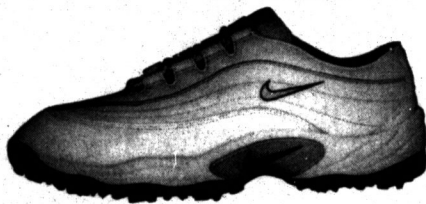
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Contract can't specify site of lawsuits

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

job or home and drive over to Ann Arbor. Is this enforceable?

A. Probably not. In a recent court of appeals decision, the court took up the question of whether a contractual agreement that seeks to establish the venue of potential causes of action that might accrue after the execution of the contract is enforceable. In other words, can the location of the court be included in the contract. The court of appeals held that it was not. The court said that such a provision would not be treated as a waiver of a party's right to challenge venue (the place where the lawsuit can be commenced) or as a party's consent to any motion for a change of venue.

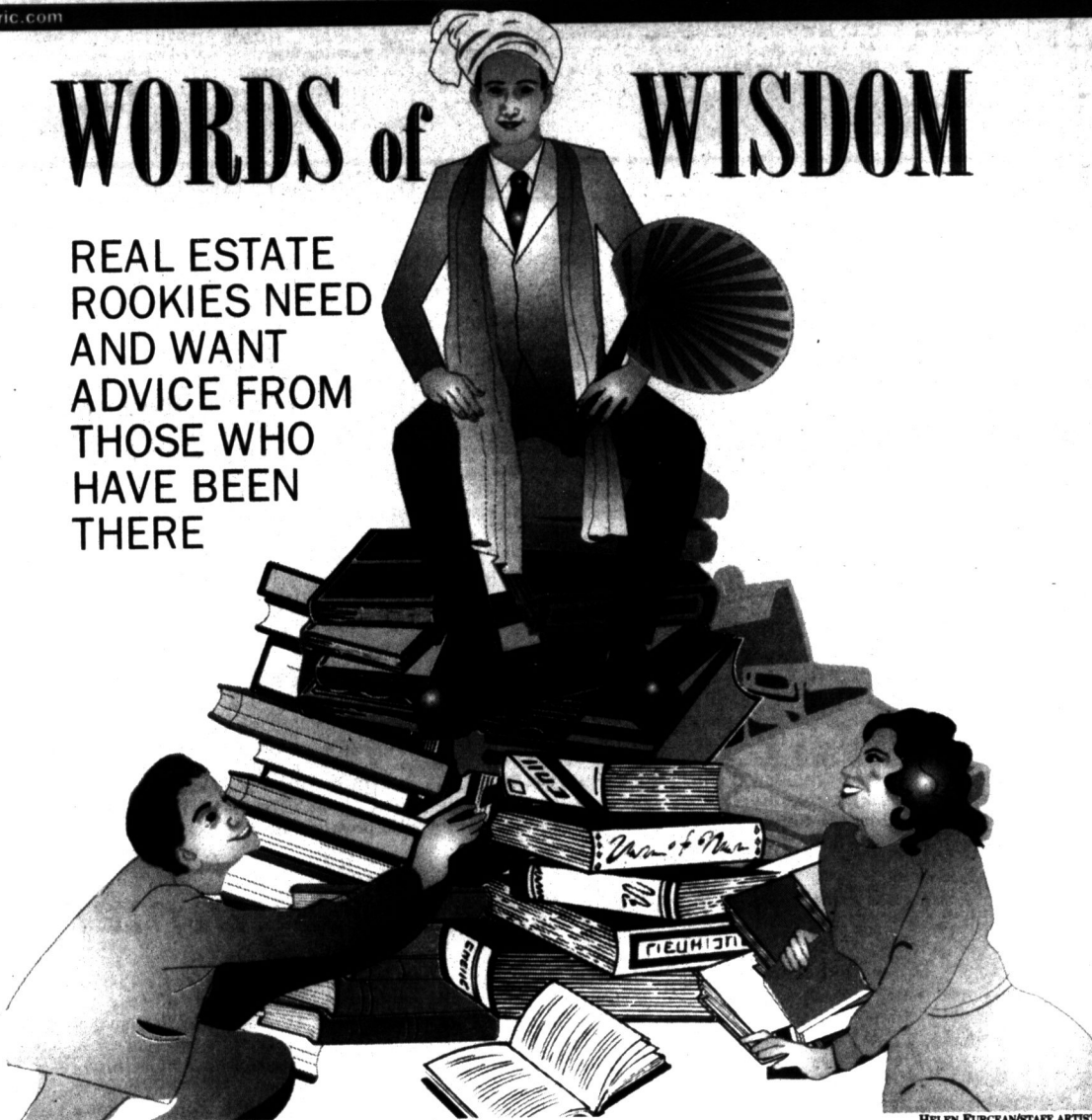
Rather, the court indicated the proper venue of a lawsuit must be determined pursuant to the statutes and court rules relating to venue with any contractual agreement concerning venue being considered only to the extent that it is relevant to the factors set forth in the venue statute.

You will see that type of venue provision in many equipment lease arrangements, which may be subject to attack.

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WORDS of WISDOM

REAL ESTATE
ROOKIES NEED
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HELEN PURCELL-WATTS ARTIST

It's sometimes tough to embark on a new career. So many new things to learn, so many uncertainties.

That's why the voice of experience can be like a foghorn near the shoals. Real estate rookies and wannabes — listen up. Here's a few words of wisdom from professionals who have made a mark in the industry. They know what separates the wheat from the chaff. And they're willing to share.

"The best advice I can give a new agent is goal setting and really work toward those goals and be very specific," said Jerry McKeon, an associate broker with Max Brock Realtors in Birmingham.

"If you want to list 10 houses in the next month, figure out how many phone calls you're going to make and how many listing appointments you're going to need," he said.

"It's setting day-to-day goals to reach monthly goals, almost hourly goals. Each day, you have to measure those results."

"You have to be credible," added McKeon, a 20-year veteran. "You have to learn every element of real estate. You have to know your market. You have to know interest rates. You have to know the economy."

"You read, you involve yourself. You join the board, participate in activities. You go to social functions. You get to know people," McKeon said.

Joan Dawkins, a Realtor with RE/MAX on the Trail in Plymouth, has 14 years in the business.

"The best thing you can tell them is be patient. It takes time. You build a reputation one step at a time, one deal at a time," she said.

"The best advice I got before I got into the business was from my husband, Galen, who sells cars. He said, 'Joanie, treat people like you want to be treated.'"

"I remembered that and it paid off big. Integrity is the name of this game. You don't take advantage. You try to be fair and honest."

How aren't Realtors fair and honest?

"Let's say you're a buyer's agent," Dawkins said. "You realize people aren't sophisticated. You go into a house and just sing its praises. You sell

them something you know has real serious flaws at a high price just to get a deal done.

"That's taking advantage. That's not doing your best."

"I think it's really important to sell something people are going to be happy in long term," she said. "It's important to care about what their needs really are."

"If you're in it for the long haul, the best way to do it is the right way, honestly, with patience and concern for others. It's hard work. It's not easy," Dawkins said.

Donald G. Castelli, broker/owner of Century 21 Castelli, Garden City and broker/owner of Century 21 Castelli & Lucas, Canton, has been at it for 23 years.

"I think the only advice I can give to any new person is the same we give to new people training with us — service is key. You have to really take care of people. A lot of people lose sight of that and go 800 miles per hour."

"It's quality, not necessarily quantity. If you do a good job, they will tell their friends. Pretty soon, you have a pretty good business," Castelli said.

Teri Spiro, associate broker, Century 21 Town & Country, West Bloomfield, has spent eight years helping clients sell and buy real estate.

"My first bit of advice would be to establish a mentor relationship. Mentoring with an established agent will help them around the pitfalls of lack of experience," she said.

"With all the regulations we have today, you can't afford to make a lot of mistakes. We're held to a higher standard than we've ever been. That's why education and mentoring are so important."

"I think the number one reason new agents fail ... (is) they don't have anyone they can pattern themselves after. It's critical to find someone in this business you like and respect and can emulate."

How to go about finding a mentor?

"You could ask a manager — 'Do you have agents agreeable to some kind of mentoring arrangement?' If an office has an in-house education program of

some sort, it almost follows that mentoring would be important. But not all offices can afford that," Spiro said.

Cecelia Brown, Realtor and office manager for the Prudential Chamberlain-Stiehl, Rochester Hills, is a 24-year veteran.

"It's imperative that you use a written business plan to set your goals, then work your plan. You just can't come in and flow. You need to be focused," she said.

"A lot of people come in and have a tendency to wait for the phone to ring or wait for someone to come in the open house. That's not how you build a business."

"In a lot of sales situations, people come to you. In this particular environment, it's very important to go seek people out. That's done a number of ways — advertising, mailers."

"I have a little book where I have the names of all my past clients. When things get slow, I get the book out. You have to talk to people. You have to meet people. You have to be proactive," Brown said.

Tim Haggerty, associate broker with Remerica Hometown One, Plymouth, has worked real estate for nine years.

"The most important part is to dive in with both feet. Part-time real estate is a thing of the past," he said.

"Amazingly enough, it's a simple business. It's a people business. The product you're selling is yourself. Once people have committed to working with you, finding a home, lender, inspector is simple."

"It always comes back to good service. I found probably after the fourth or fifth year that word-of-mouth advertising was 10 times better than other advertising I would do," Haggerty said.

"It's a snowball effect. If you treat people right, treat them well, they will come back. They will give referrals," he said.

Anything else?

"Get computerized," Haggerty added. "Technology is so vital in this business now. It's been difficult going through the learning curve while trying to sell real estate. If I knew how to do that (then), what a powerhouse we'd be today."

Great Lakes Hotness

Here's a measure of market hotness — residential units permitted per 1,000 population during the last four quarters as of year end 1997. Permits include houses, condos and apartments.

City	Units
Indianapolis	8.8
Grand Rapids	7.1
Columbus	7.0
Madison	6.5
Cincinnati	6.4
Detroit	4.7
Milwaukee	4.4
Chicago	4.1
Cleveland	3.6

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

The myths of applying for a loan

MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

Let's look at some of the myths of the mortgage application — and the real stories behind them.

Lenders are looking for ways to disqualify you. Lenders can't make money unless they make loans. It is true that lenders don't like to submit an application for a loan that won't be accepted by the underwriting department, so

most lenders go to great lengths to make sure your loan will be accepted before it's submitted.

To do that, the lender ask you about your income, your employment, your outstanding debts, and other aspects of your financial situation. Some people might interpret that as the lender looking for a way to say "no" — but it's just the opposite. They want to make sure they can say "yes."

They need to know everything about you. This one's a little closer to the truth. Your mortgage involves tens of thousands of dollars, maybe hundreds of thousands. It only makes sense for your lender to make sure you can handle the financial obligation you're about to undertake.

But if you're prepared in advance, the process doesn't have to be difficult. To make it easier, a checklist that covers most information lenders need follows.

About the house: Complete copy of the sales contract, mailing address and property description, contact information for access to the property, plans and specifications (new construction only)

About you: Social security number, age, years of schooling, marital status, number and age of dependents, current address and phone number, addresses for the past seven years (if more than one), current housing expenses (rent, mortgage, insurance, taxes), name and address of landlord/mortgage holder (past two years only).

About your employment: Two years of employment history, with complete details of each job, recent pay stubs and two years of W-2 forms (complete tax returns and financial statement if self-employed), written explanation of employment gaps, records of dividends and interest received, proof of other income.

About your assets: Complete information on all bank and money market accounts, two months of bank statements, current values of stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other investments, vested interest in retirement funds, value of life insurance, information on your significant personal property.

About your debts: Itemized list of all current debts: loans and credit card and other bills, written explanation of any past credit problems, full details of bankruptcy during the last 7 years, if applicable.

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Giffels USA, Giffels Canada reunite

Giffels Associates Inc. and Giffels Associates Limited created a strategic alliance to work together to secure and execute projects worldwide. Giffels Associates, Inc., the largest architectural/engineering firm in Michigan and one of the largest full-service firms in the U.S., is headquartered in Southfield. Giffels Associates Limited, headquartered in Toronto, provides similar services and is one of the largest firms of its type in Canada.

The alliance reunites two firms that

originally were the same company. Started in 1949 as the Canadian branch office of Giffels and Vallet Inc., Giffels Associates Limited has been operating as a totally independent, Canadian-owned firm for more than 25 years providing engineering and design services worldwide.

An initial objective of the alliance will be to focus on opportunities in North America drawing upon the combined resources of more than 900 professionals and project experience with

many commonly shared customers who have operations in both the U.S. and Canada.

Implementation of the alliance will be through a joint operational team staffed from both firms for both marketing and project execution. The team will be dedicated to the development and implementation of the alliance's projects and to provide the customer a seamless interface into the capabilities of both companies.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded May 11 - 12 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office, and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan.

Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	38 N Holcomb Rd \$125,000	22447 Elena Dr \$240,000	3999 Kelsey Rd \$320,000	4091 Al Bert Dr \$167,000	Southfield	1216 Bradley Dr \$209,000	4053 Foxpointe Dr \$173,000
2684 Edna Jane Dr \$93,000	7673 Red Oak Valley Dr \$30,000	28002 Hickory \$315,000	3245 Northfield Ct \$76,000	114-Derrison St \$125,000	1770 Brentwood Dr \$75,000	6418 Golden Ln \$140,000	6418 Golden Ln \$140,000
4482 Hawthorn Dr \$347,000	547 Shrewsbury Dr \$104,000	31276 Misty Pines Dr \$148,000	3890 Red Root Rd \$335,000	37 Depot St \$105,000	3901 Chestnut Hill Ct \$225,000	4051 Laurel Club Cir \$156,000	4051 Laurel Club Cir \$156,000
Birmingham	582 Shrewsbury Dr \$117,000	29646 Omenwood Ave \$186,000	2904 Walsley Cir \$163,000	6 Hovey St \$92,000	19439 Butternut Ln \$106,000	6477 Nadine St \$196,000	6477 Nadine St \$196,000
570 Bird Ave \$185,000	Commerce Township	30450 Orchard Lake #7 \$115,000	Lathrup Village	Rochester	29764 Farmbrook Villa Ln \$102,000	4380 Strathdale \$369,000	4380 Strathdale \$369,000
1309 Bird Ave \$159,000	4901 Halberd St \$122,000	29136 Randlewood Dr \$210,000	28750 Blackstone Dr \$164,000	157 Dace St \$175,000	1393 Key West Dr \$145,000	7391 Water Oaks Dr \$259,000	7391 Water Oaks Dr \$259,000
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MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Edward J. Pringlemeir has affiliated with Realty Professionals in Farmington Hills as an associate broker. Pringlemeir, a Novi resident, has acquired the professional designation of Graduate Realtor Institute.

A million-dollar sales producer, Pringlemeir has been honored by the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors for more than 35 years with that organization.

His civic involvements have included Goodfellow's board of review, Livonia Jaycees and as a volunteer probation officer.



Pringlemeir

Karen Camilleri, a Realtor with Century 21 Row in Livonia, recently received her Century 21 master's achievement Emerald level and Quality Service Awards.

Camilleri, a Livonia resident, has earned the professional designation of Graduate Realtors Institute.



Camilleri

Harley Ellington Design, an architecture, engineering, planning and interiors firm with headquarters in Southfield, announces several hires.

Phillip Seamon, PE, joins the mechanical engineering team. Seamon, a Birmingham resident, has seven years experience and comes to the firm from General Motors in Pontiac.

William Power, who lives in Detroit, joins the architecture team from Giffels Consultants.

Chim Lim of Ann Arbor joins the interior design team from Ghafari Associates in Dearborn.

Wei Sun, also of Ann Arbor, joins the mechanical engineering team from Ghafari.

Marjorie Montalbano joins the administrative services staff from Troy Marriott.

Faith Derry joins administrative services staff from MR Products in Troy.

Stacey Troup joins administrative services from Microsoft in Southfield.

Carla Wilson joins the accounting services department from Plante & Moran in Southfield.

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UP NORTH PROPERTY

Real Estate One hosts property experts from the Grand Traverse Area for free consultation and distribution of information on available properties there 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 6, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 7, at its offices, 4136 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills.

Appointments aren't necessary. For more specific information, call (248) 644-4700.

SELL HOME CLASS

Republic Bancorp Mortgage presents a free, no-obligation class on how to sell a house by owner, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, at the Plymouth Township Building (formerly Friendly's Restaurant), 42350 Ann Arbor

Road at Lilley.

For reservations, call (313) 929-9718.

SALES DISCUSSION

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales & Marketing Council hosts a roundtable discussion of current home building industry sales and marketing issues, 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, June 10, at its offices, 30375 Northwestern, Farmington Hills.

Cost, including continental breakfast, is \$5 for SMC members, \$7 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$10 for non-members.

To register, call (248) 737-4477.

MID-YEAR OUTLOOK

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts a mid-year review/forecast session and general membership dinner meeting 6 p.m. Thursday, June 11, at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks at I-75 in Troy.

Speaker: David Sowerby, vice presi-

dent and portfolio manager for Loomis, Sayles & Co., West Bloomfield.

Cost is \$25 for BIA and apartment association members, \$50 for non-members.

To register, call (248) 737-4477.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland presents a dinner/seminar on landlord-tenant law 7 p.m. Friday, June 12, at the Royal Oak American Legion Hall, 1815 Rochester Road.

Cost of dinner is \$14. The seminar is free for members, \$10 for non-members.

For reservations, call (800) 747-6742.

CASINO WORK

The Construction Association of Michigan hosts a conference, "Construction and the Detroit Casinos," 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, at the Cobo Center in Detroit.

Topics include construction opportunities; specialized needs of the gam-

ing industry; regulatory requirements; and hiring and work force guidelines for contractors and suppliers.

Cost is \$125 and includes all materials, breakfast and lunch.

To register, call Cindy Dunn at (248) 972-1133.

HOME BUY SEMINAR

Faye Rassey and Debbie Johnson, Realtors with Real Estate One in Livonia, present a free, no-obligation seminar on how to go about buying a house 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, at Madonna University, I-96 (Jeffries Freeway) at Levan in Livonia.

To register, call (313) 387-4561.

BUY HOME SEMINAR II

Investment Real Estate Consulting Services presents a free, no-obligation seminar on how to buy a house 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, at the Plymouth Township Building (formerly Friendly's Restaurant), 42350 Ann Arbor Road at Lilley.

For reservations, call (313) 541-5722.

Tips to help make the summer heat a breeze

Don't get left out in the heat during the dog days of summer. There are dozens of ways to keep rising temperatures at bay now, without creating a strain on your checkbook.

Options include either cooling a particular area or the whole house. For homes that already have air conditioning, fans can make cooling systems more efficient and less costly to run.

"This is the time of year when customers want to know the most economical way to cool off their home and keep their electric bills down at the same time," said Home Depot Store Manager Randall Calvin.

Ceiling fans

Good for individual rooms and small homes, ceiling fans efficiently circulate air by keeping a constant stream of cold air blowing toward the floor. They are simple to install and are useful during both the summer and winter months.

Most models have switches to reverse the direction of the fan blades so air can be blown up or down. As a general rule, the blades should turn clockwise during the summer and

counterclockwise during the winter. The counterclockwise turn pitches the blades up so the fan will suck the colder air toward the ceiling.

Ceiling fans may be used alone or can be added to enhance a home's existing cooling system. When used with an air conditioner, the breeze circulates the cold air more evenly about a house, making the air conditioner more efficient. Moving air is also easier to cool, making the existing cooling system less costly to use.

Circulating fans

Also known as high-velocity fans, circulating fans work well in smaller homes. These fans come in different sizes and have stands so they can be placed anywhere and pitched at any angle for a variety of functions. Versatility makes circulating fans a popular option.

The fan can be placed in front of a basement door, for example, to remove hot air. Or, if located strategically in a hallway, it can move air throughout an entire house.

Since the fan can be pitched at different angles on its stand, it can be used as a whole house fan. It can be

placed in a window, facing out, to blow hot air out of a house. On cool nights, if all other house windows are cracked, it can cool the entire house, creating a comfortable breeze in any room.

Another bonus is that a high-velocity fan keeps the air conditioner from working overtime on very hot days.

Whole-house fans

Whole-house fans are installed in the ceiling with the motor concealed in the attic. A permanent fixture, these fans generally are not used with air conditioners since they pull cool air into a house through windows and push hot air out through attic gables.

These fans will effectively cool an entire home, large or small, creating a nice draft throughout the house when the windows are opened slightly.

Attic fans

These fans suck hot air out of the attic, which often has a cushion of hot air built up, insulating the house. The fans eliminate that cushion, allowing a house to be insulated instead by a layer of cooler air, which helps air conditioners keep the house cool.

Dozens of attic fans are available to suit any home, including fans with electric and manual thermostats, and fans for mounting on attic gables or on the roof.

Roof ventilators generally perform the same function as attic fans. A thermostatically controlled, electrically powered roof ventilator can make a big difference in the temperature of a home as well as in air conditioning costs.

Air conditioners

A broad range of window-mounted air conditioners can be bought for small and large homes. The smallest unit, 5,000 Btu, is generally used to cool individual rooms and can adequately cool up to 150 square feet, an average-size bedroom. The largest unit, 24,000 Btu, can cool homes of up to 1,600 square feet.

The most important factor in deciding what size air conditioner to buy depends on how many square feet it has to cool.

Calvin also suggests air conditioners be paired with ceiling or circulating fans, since they will make any window unit cool a house more efficiently.

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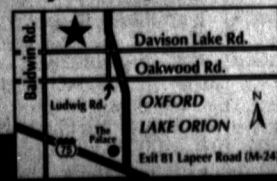
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Redeveloping
brownfields
makes sense

Southeastern Michigan is turning old industrial "rust belt" sites into productive, new uses, benefiting everyone involved, said James Harless, president of Plymouth-based Techna Corp., an environmental consulting firm.

By using Michigan's new laws providing more money and tax credits for redevelopment of former industrial sites (brownfields), people can save "greenfield" sites or farmland from development, curb urban sprawl and provide tax money for urban areas.

Brownfield recycling has recently become a hot topic among leaders in Washington and Lansing with Vice President Al Gore and Michigan Governor John Engler both promoting its virtues.

Gore is planning an environmental summit in Detroit in 1999 which will focus on brownfields, and Engler is proposing a \$500 million environmental bond election in 1998, \$400 million of which is earmarked for brownfield redevelopment.

Michigan Public Acts 381 and 382 of 1996 offer economic incentives for brownfield redevelopment. Techna has been involved with more brownfield redevelopment projects using Acts 381 and 382 than any other environmental consultant in Michigan, Harless said.

Techna also has developed a specialty in brownfield redevelopment, reclaiming thousands of acres in the Detroit area. Techna often gets called for the difficult cases involving large sites or when other methods of gaining environmental approval have failed, Harless said.

"For a company on a limited environmental cleanup budget, we can be the difference between a successful reuse of brownfield land or more destruction of greenfield land," Harless said.



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- 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths + 1/2 bath, full walkout
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- This is a true family home in a beautiful neighborhood
- Hardwood floors in all 4 bedrooms, many updates
- Enjoy your private yard with 3 year old pool & screened porch. Walking distance to town.

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- Nestled deep within a beautiful small neighborhood this 4 bedroom home shows meticulous loving care.
- Spacious, inviting foyer, fresh interior, partly finished basement. Newer driveway with extra parking

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LIVONIA

- This 2 bedroom ranch sits in a dynamic location on over 1/2 acre that has been beautifully landscaped
- Updated kitchen with ceramic floor & Formica cabinets
- Family room, 2 full baths. Mirrored wall in dining room

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ROYAL OAK

- Neutral decor, hardwood floors & many updates
- This North Royal Oak Colonial has family & dining rooms plus a potential third story now used as attic
- Two car garage, appliances stay. Fenced yard

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BERKLEY - UPDATED CLASSIC

- This near century old home has plenty of updates!
- Charming 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Colonial boasts a brand new kitchen plus formal dining room
- 1st floor freshly painted & carpeted, roof redone in 1995

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FARMINGTON HILLS

- Great newer contemporary with 1st floor master
- Library, dramatic family room with 6 skylight ceiling
- 3 additional bedrooms on upper level, 2.5 baths
- Cathedral ceilings, pickled oak floors, island kitchen

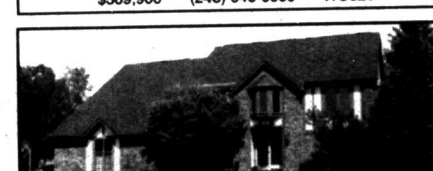
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- Well maintained, spacious Frankel two story home
- Master with study on its own level. 2nd study or 5th bedroom on upper level. Ceramic foyer/kitchen.
- Finished basement. Located on lovely usable lot.

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS - JOB TRANSFER

- Very sharp 4 bedroom 1987 Tudor with 3 car garage, hardwood floors, ceramic tile
- Library, family room, bar, deck, great price and more!

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NOVI - SUPER SHARP

- Three bedrooms, great room, den, white kitchen
- Master bedroom with vaulted ceiling, bath with soaking tub and shower, main floor laundry, central air
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WATERFORD - 2510 LAKE ANGELUS LANE

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- Three bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car attached garage

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- They don't make them like they used to!
- This beautiful & charming 1925 built home has been well preserved and given a mild contemporary twist!
- Fireplace, dining, living and family room, 3 bedrooms

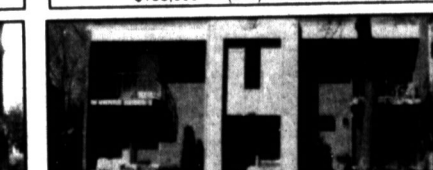
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- Spacious family room has doorway to 3 tiered deck
- Near tennis courts & parks. Walk to downtown R.O.

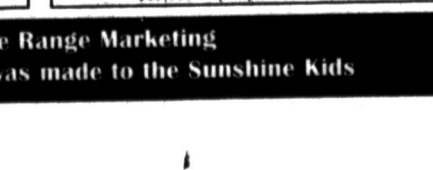
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BLOOMFIELD - GARDENER'S DREAM

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

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- Beautiful almost new 2 story with view of Walled Lake & 200 ft. lakefront park. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths.
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- Outstanding ranch in prestigious Cedar Lake sub
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- Gorgeous park-like yard with patio and shed.

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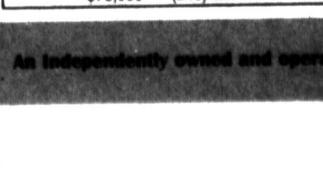
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OPEN SUN. 1-3

- 707 Hudson - N. of 14 Mile, E. of Rochester Road
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- Doorwall to patio. Very neat, very clean & maintained

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- Two car detached garage. Partly fenced yard
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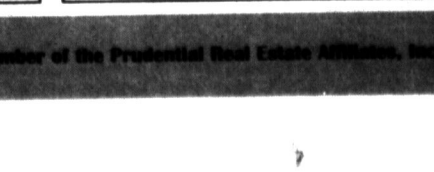
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HUNTINGTON WOODS

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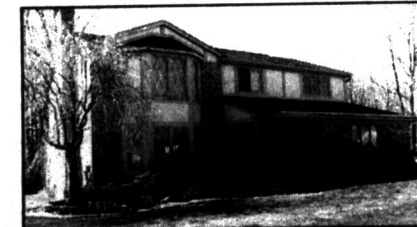
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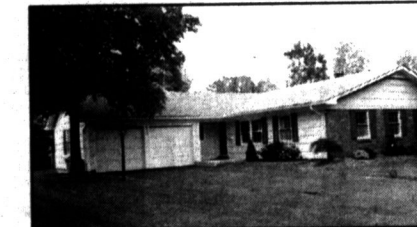
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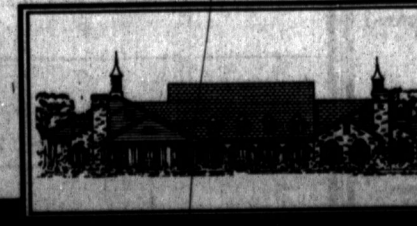
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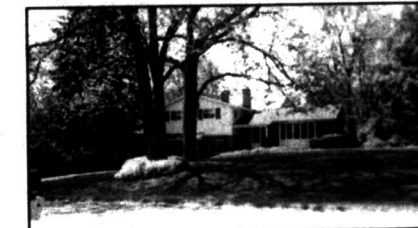
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If you needed heart surgery, would you ever consider asking three surgeons to submit bids and then go with the lowest price? The obvious answer is an emphatic "Of course not." However, many homeowners think nothing of shelling out tens of thousands of dollars and opening up their homes to a remodeler whom they have selected based solely on the price. Granted, a remodeling project is not a life-threatening operation. But it could have a substantive effect on the family's well-being and financial health. Many factors other than price need to be considered before the best contractor for a specific project is found.

A common tactic is to solicit three remodelers for bids. The homeowner will often throw out the high and the low and take the middle, confident the risk is minimized by dropping both extremes. Price drives the selection. As an afterthought the

homeowner may or may not check the remodeler's reputation, references and insurance and licensing documentation.

"No job interview begins by negotiating salary, and hiring a contractor should be no different," said David Kellett Sr., executive committee member of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan Remodelers Council and president of Kellett Construction Co. in Bloomfield Hills. "Before you get to compensation, you want to be sure you have a qualified applicant."

One of the first things to check is references. It's important that you talk with people who have hired the remodeler to do jobs similar to yours. A beautifully remodeled kitchen or bath sheds little light on the remodeler's ability to add a second story to your home. You'll want to ask the references if they had any problems with the quality, payment

schedule, employees or completion time. The most telltale question you can ask a reference is, "Would you hire this contractor again?" Some people will be hesitant to make negative comments, but the enthusiasm in the answer can usually tell you everything you need to know.

After you've talked with the references, take a look at the work. Check the quality of the craftsmanship and materials, overall aesthetics, creativity and how the project blends in with the rest of the house.

Also, verify the remodeler's licensing and insurance documentation. If you hire a remodeler who doesn't carry worker's compensation insurance and one of the employees falls off your roof, you could be liable for the medical bills and lost wages.

One indication of a professional remodeler is membership in a national trade association such as the National Association of

Home Builders' Remodelers Council.

Another indication of professionalism is indicated by the type of warranty offered. Most remodelers offer some sort of a warranty. But remember, a warranty is only as good as the company backing it.

Once you have done your homework and feel confident the remodeler has been in business long enough to have developed a proven record of quality and service, then it's time to discuss the project's details and price.

As with most job applicants, the decision may very well come down to feeling comfortable with the remodeler and being able to communicate. The remodeler will be spending many hours in your home, so it's important that you feel comfortable with him or her from the outset. Your should be able to work together, combining your ideas and the remodeler's expertise, to turn the vision into

a final product.

When you are buying a new car, you're buying a product, can see what it looks like, and test drive it to see how it feels. With a remodeling project, you're buying a concept and don't see the finished product until well after the contract is signed.

This is the reason bid shopping works for automobiles but not for remodeling projects. You can ask three dealers to price a specific make and model car, and can be fairly certain you are comparing like products. But with remodeling, the products could differ significantly. There can be many reasons for a low-ball bid, including shoddy materials, poor craftsmanship, inadequate safety precautions and lack of insurance and licensing. Or, if you're really unlucky, the low price may be from an inexperienced remodeler who's never done a job like yours before and realizes halfway into the project

he has money problems on your job and has the impossible job of making up his lost profit.

When you've selected a remodeler to ask for a bid, make sure the bid and eventual contract are as thorough as possible, including material brand names and models, cost, payment schedule, procedure for change orders and warranty information.

"If you like the contractor and are confident with the work, but the bid is beyond your budget, all hope is not lost," added Kellett. "Ask what can be scaled down to meet your budget." It very well could be something minor, such as using quality stock cabinets instead of custom-designed ones, or selecting a different style of tiling, counter top or trim.

Quality is never cheap, and good research may seem like a headache, but it is more likely to lead you to satisfaction with the changes made to your home.

Timing is everything

You win if you know when to refinance your loan

Everyone loves the thought of lower monthly mortgage payments. But before you refinance your mortgage, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants suggests that you take a careful look at how refinancing fits into your family's overall financial picture. What works for your neighbor might not be the best financial strategy for you.

Homeowners who decide to refinance should be aware of the costs involved.

When you refinance, you pay off an existing mortgage and take out a new one. Since, in effect, you are applying for a new mortgage, you're required to pay many of the same expenses associated with a new mortgage, including fees for application processing, a credit check, appraisal, title search and title insurance, attorney fees and other related closing costs. In most cases, you'll also pay points.

To determine whether it makes sense for you to refinance, you'll need to do a few calculations.

Start by adding up the costs of refinancing. Next, determine the amount of your new monthly payment by asking your lender or by using one of the many online mortgage calculators available on the Internet.

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Then, divide your total refinancing costs by your monthly savings. The result tells you how many months it will take for you to reach your break-even point. If you plan to stay in your home for at least the break-even period, it may make financial sense for you to refinance.

Before you start shopping around, it's a good idea to check with your current lender. Your lender might be willing to waive certain closing costs or agree to "modify" your current loan without a complete refinancing.

But watch out for trade-offs: a mortgage with low up-front costs usually comes with a higher interest rate. The right alternative for you depends on your financial situation.

If you are in it for the long term, you're probably better off going with the lower-rate option. On an after-tax basis, refinancing may not be as good a deal as it

appears on paper. Interest on a home mortgage is one of the few significant tax deductions left.

When you refinance your mortgage, the lower interest rate translates into a smaller mortgage interest deduction. That means some of the money saved in lower monthly mortgage payments will be offset by the additional tax you pay on income that is no longer sheltered.

Generally speaking, the higher your tax bracket, the more you have to gain from making larger interest payments and the less you have to gain from reducing those payments. In addition, if you refinance your current mortgage for more than the existing balance, the deductibility of the interest on the excess amount depends on how you use the money and the amount of the refinancing.

When interest rates drop, refinancing can allow you to switch from a 30-year to a 15-year mortgage without a major increase in your monthly payment.

Doing so is an excellent strategy for homeowners who want to pay off their mortgage before retirement or before the children's college tuition bills start rolling in.

With a 15-year mortgage, you can save tens of thousands of dollars in interest and pay off your mortgage faster. Fifteen-year mortgages are especially beneficial to individuals who have already made a big dent in paying off the balance and don't want to be saddled with a 30-year loan.

If your primary reason for refinancing is not to take advantage of lower interest rates, but rather to "cash out" some of the equity in your home, you need to decide whether refinancing your mortgage or taking out a home equity loan is the better alternative for your situation. A home equity product is usually a much cheaper and simpler alternative. It's also more flexible in that you can borrow only what you need, when you need it, and pay interest only on the amount you actually take out. On the other hand, refinancing generally results in a lower interest rate and a fixed-rate mortgage offers less interest-rate risk than a home equity product, which typically has a variable interest rate.

Written by the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, macpa@michcpa.org

30-year mortgage rate falls

WASHINGTON (AP) — The average rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages fell to a three-month low of 7.07 percent this week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, said.

The decrease, from 7.10 percent last week, brought the average to the lowest level since mid-February. It was the third decline in the four weeks since the average hit a 5 1/2-month high of 7.22 percent at the end of April.

Earlier this year, the average sank even lower, to a four-year low of 6.89 percent in mid-January, as nervous investors poured money from turbulent Asian markets into U.S. investments.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, fell to a nine-week low of 6.72 percent, from 6.75 percent the previous week.

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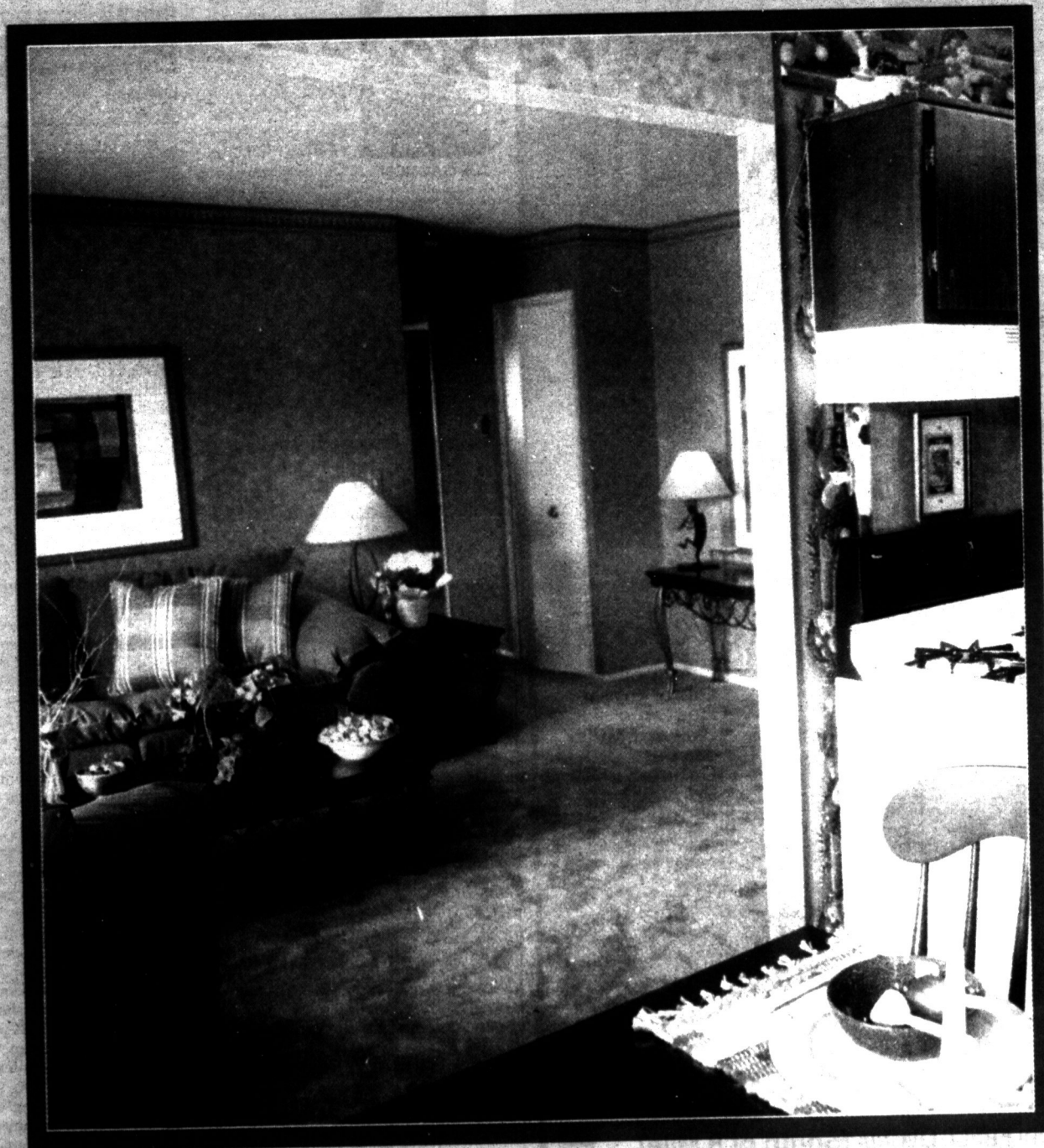


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Place the note along with seven

U.S. postage stamps into an envelope and send it to Detroit Consumer Affairs, 1600 Cadillac Tower, Detroit, MI 48226, Attention Mr. Jack Chase.

The purpose of doing this is to receive the monthly issues of Common Sense, which is put out by the office listed above. For the remainder of this year, you will be kept up to date with some of the latest happenings in the world of

■ Wouldn't it be something if local politicians of suburbs all formed a Consumer Affairs Department?

consumerism. I would like to give you an idea of what John Roy Castillo, the director, writes about in his monthly articles. The following is written just as it appeared in the May issue. It's about a company that sells and replaces windows and has been written about in newspapers and seen on television. It's an update of what's happening after the fact.

"We expected to have something definitive by the time we were ready to publish the May issue. Unfortunately, the Home Window Co. situation was still developing as deadline approached. While there's a lot we don't know, here's some of what we do know: The company has closed its doors but has not declared bankruptcy. It continues to take in money, very aggressively in some cases. We've received more than 300 complaints since the company closed on March 16.

"More than 150 involve poor service, incomplete installation or shoddy workmanship. Over 140 deal with deposits where no work has been performed, a large number were paid just days before closure. The Consumer Affairs Department and the Attorney General have contacted finance companies in behalf of consumers. Arrangements for repairs and payment adjustments have resulted for some.

"Finally, the Consumer Affairs Department and Attorney General (Frank) Kelley's office have been negotiating directly with the company regarding its financial situation. We've gotten some liens removed from homes and put a stop some foreclosures. We'll continue to keep readers updated. Check out future issues of Common Sense. Those with complaints should call our complaint line at (313) 224-6995."

Ladies and Gentlemen, did you not think this article was interesting? You bet it is and I know why. You learned something that's going on and you became a smarter consumer. The office of Detroit Consumer Affairs helps those people who live in Detroit and have

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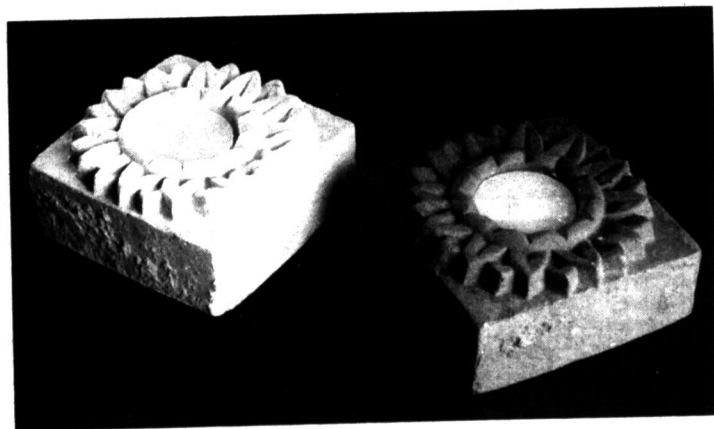
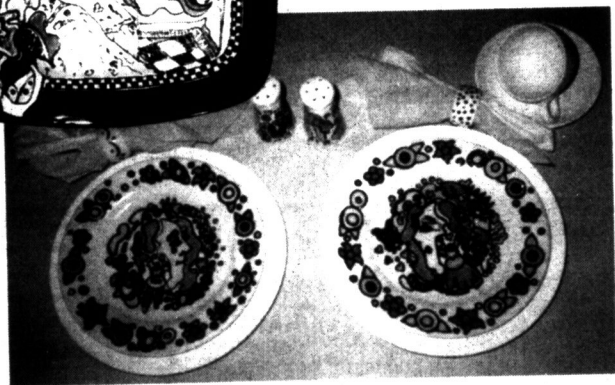


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Candle power

Gracious guard: No need to worry about pesky mosquitoes invading your garden party this summer. These beautiful stone-cast citronella candleholders by Gris with sunflower motif pull double duty as perfect additions for outdoor decor. The candleholders retail for \$11 at Jacobson's.

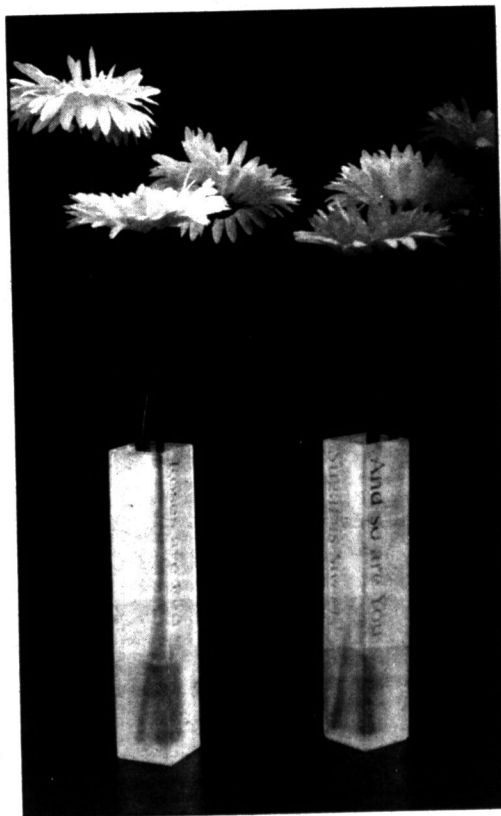


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Vase with verse

Poetic charm: Looking for flowers and a nice card to give to someone special? Get it all in one with Jacobson's exclusive poem vase with gerber daisies. Each side depicts a line from the famous poem, "Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet, and so are you." The vase comes with three faux daisies in sunflower yellow, mandarin orange or fuchsia and retails for \$29.



AT HOME, Mary Klemic, editor (248) 901-2569. We are looking for your ideas for At Home and for the Marketplace roundup of new ideas. Send your comments to:

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saved several million dollars for their residents.

We who live in the suburbs are not blessed with such a resource to rely on so we depend on who? It's nice that Detroit makes this monthly article available to us and it cost nothing but a stamp. I must commend the city of Farmington, as I understand they are forming a group to watch out for the ripoff of their residents.

Wouldn't it be something if the local politicians of east, west and northern suburbs all formed a Consumer Affairs Department? They could keep track of small claims cases and trade information back and forth and have their own investigators work for the sake of residents. Newspapers could print pertinent information to educate consumers and keep them aware of what's happening. Folks, I'm just dreaming so the only solid advice I can give you to send for the information I've just described. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He can be reached at (313) 873-9789.

at home calendar

■ The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, continues an auction of property belonging to numerous estates and private collectors 6 p.m. Thursday, June 4. Call (248) 332-1500.

■ Antiques for the porch and cottage will be on display 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 5-6, at the six antiques shops of the Merrillwood Collection in Birmingham when they host a Lemonade and Lilacs party. The Merrillwood Collection is at Merrill and Old Woodward, across from the Birmingham Theatre. Call (248) 594-8330. Wicker, iron and country furniture and accessories will be featured. Participating shops are Leonard Berry Antiques, Cleon Chase Antiques, Crimson Rose, Cowboy Trader Gallery, Gallerie de Boicourt and Troy Corners, all on the upper level of the group of stores.

■ The Home Tour XVI for the benefit of Clarkston SCAMP will take place noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 7, featuring five houses. Reservations are \$25 per person and may be bought by calling Geri Batt at (248) 625-3330 or by sending a check to Clarkston SCAMP, 6590 Middle Lake Road, Clarkston, 48346. A patron's evening preview will take place Saturday, June 6, with registration beginning 6 p.m. A reception will immediately follow at Tina and George

Milidrag's Chateau du Lac. The patron's evening is \$65 per person; call Batt for more information. SCAMP is a summer day camp for children with special needs.

■ Learn how the placement of furniture and objects in your home can affect your life as Richard Webster presents workshops on the ancient Chinese art of feng shui in the furniture department at Hudson's at Twelve Oaks in Novi and Oakland Mall in Troy. The workshops will take place 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, at Twelve Oaks and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at Oakland. After each presentation, Webster will sign purchases of his latest book, "101 Feng Shui Tips for the Home" (\$9.95).

■ The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7 p.m. Friday, June 5, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and south of 13 Mile. The public may attend. Speaker will be Erv Ignash, chairman in charge of judges for the Great Lakes District of the American Rose Society, who will tell you everything you wanted to know about exhibiting roses but didn't know whom to ask.

■ The Dearborn Herb Study Association will have an herb plant and craft sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the McFadden-Ross Museum, 915 S. Brady in Dearborn. Call (313) 565-3000.

■ Homeowners interested in learning to lay their own brick patios, walks and driveways can attend classes 3 p.m. every first and third Saturday of the month through September at Brickscape Gardens on Brickscape Drive, which runs north off Eight Mile just east of Novi Road, on the limit between Northville and Novi. Call (248) 348-2500.

■ Learn to make a fitted slipcover for a side chair or simple armchair in a six-session class taking place Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning June 11 at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak. Bring your chair to the first class, with a helper to get it up the stairs; the chair will remain the classroom until the last session. Call (248) 541-0010 for registration and information.

■ Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority volunteers will present composting and healthy garden tips and demonstrations 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the Detroit Zoo Gardens. Call SOCRA at (248) 288-5150 for information.

■ Experience the various stages of blooms and botany as a guide helps you discover summer flowers that flourish at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor in a free tour of the nature trails there 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7. Call (734) 998-7061.

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A beachfront pier in summer is surrounded by bustling activity and accentuated by colorful beach umbrellas and surfboards. In winter, blistering winds peel away the paint and a completely different mood is created.

Look closely at things next time you're at the beach. Rippled contours in the sand caused by a receding tide can be used either as an abstract subject in itself or as a lead in to a different subject such as a solitary figure. Low sunlight and a low camera angle make sand contours more pronounced. Unusual rock formations, gnarled pieces of driftwood, or a pattern of tall beach grass all offer photographic potential. And keep on the lookout for unusual objects washed up on the beach after a storm.

If taking overall shots, make sure the horizon line is level. Nothing can be more distracting than a boat falling out of the photograph. Use a low horizon line to get a picture with a feeling of spaciousness and a high horizon line to accentuate closeness.

Clouds and storms over the water can be truly dramatic. Often at the beach you'll see rays of sunlight breaking through the clouds and beaming down on the water. These breathtaking scenes



Beauty and the beach: In Canon Beach, Ore., I waited for dramatic late afternoon clouds and used backlighting in this impact-filled shot.

can easily be captured on film.

Take a close look at waves, too. From the intimate crest of a wave receding along the sand to a fusillade cascading against a jutting rock structure and splashing high in the air, waves are thrilling subject matter.

Best time of day to shoot? Early morning or late afternoon. These times provide warmer colors and offer more shadows and textures. Sunrises and sun-

sets on the waterfront are among the most exciting of all photographs. Try using colored filters to further enhance your sun shots.

A word on exposure. With color film, abide by your meter. But with black and white film, bright sand will fool the meter and you'll end up with a dull, gray-looking beach. Solution: Take a meter reading, then open up a stop or two. You'll be pleased with the results.



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cover story

Magic touches can increase space

You can work magic – not with a wand, but with furnishings and accessories – to make a small apartment look more spacious.

Decorator Harriet Brandt of Candle Lite II Interiors in Farmington Hills has worked some wonders at Village Green apartment models in Auburn Hills.

Brandt, who specializes in apartments and model homes, shared some secrets as she conducted a tour of her decorating legerdemain at two 925-square foot, two-bedroom models.

"Try not to use overwhelming pieces," Brandt said.

Put a large piece of furniture in the far corner of a room, rather than right at the entrance. You don't want a big object catching the periphery of your vision as you enter, Brandt said.

One model is a comfortable blend of classic and contemporary decor, with light brown walls and contemporary furniture. The living room and hallways are topped with a narrow border near the ceiling; a border of fruit lines a bedroom and the kitchen.

In the living room, a sofa is against the far wall. The same plaid pattern is in the material of the drapes at the blinds and throw pillows on the sofa. Many inexpen-

sive window treatments are available, Brandt said.

The matching coffee and end tables in this room feature metal scrollwork, and lamps on the end tables have open oval bases, adding little touches of space.

A mirror fills one wall in the dining room, with a couple of inches of wallpaper showing between the panels. This way the wallpaper forms long vertical lines that make an extra element of interest. Mirrors are also good to feature in furniture, such as breakfronts and tables.

"Mirrors do marvelous tricks."

Glass in tables and other furnishings works well too.

"Glass feels airier."

Arrange both functional and decorative items on the tops of kitchen cabinets.

The bed is tucked in the far corner in one bedroom, becoming the focal point. The bed is the focal point in the other bedroom as well, with a bureau and mirror against the opposite wall and a small desk under a window.

"If you have a really small room, don't (use) a king-size bed. Use a queen-size."

The other model conveys a fun, contemporary tone. Walls bear different colors in different rooms – yellow, red, even black. Accessories include a paper lamp

in a crescent moon shape.

Again in the living room, the sofa (long in this model) is in the far side of the room. A desk in light-colored wood with open metal shelves and back – allowing the light yellow wall to show – is against the wall near the entrance.

On another wall, the TV is in a cabinet that is lower than eye level to the person walking into the room, not hitting the peripheral vision.

Keep in mind that smaller recliners and loveseats can be just as comfortable as oversized sofas and chairs, Brandt advised. One such recliner is featured in the living room.

"You can't always (just) fall in love with ... furniture. Think about where it's going."

Black is a lively accent in this model. The kitchen features black and white checkered wallpaper, and a black and white striped rug over black and white tile. Black and white stripes are on part of the wall in the bathroom and a bedroom. Throw pillows on the angled bed and a butterfly chair in the room are bright red.

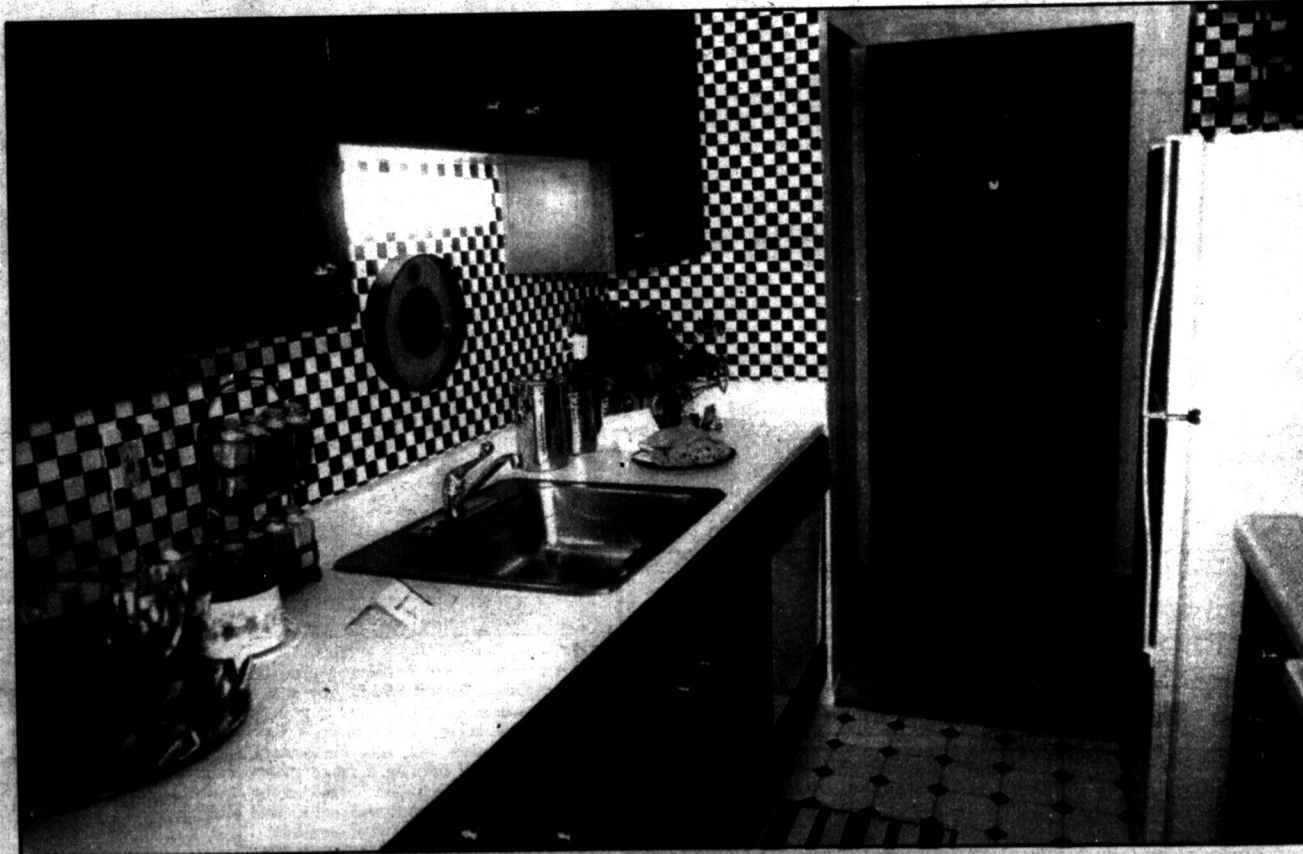
When it comes to colors, "there isn't a definite 'don't.' If worked well every color is pretty."

On the cover:

You can make rooms in a small apartment appear larger, as suggested by Harriet Brandt in model apartments she decorated.



Black and white:
Checks and stripes make a lively look in one of the model apartments in Auburn Hills decorated by Harriet Brandt.



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MARTY FIGLEY

June is a good time to set plants in the garden. We wish for perfect days when we transplant our homegrown or bought seedlings, but Michigan weather is often fickle. An overcast day is ideal for transplanting, but if time is a factor we have to plant when our schedules allow.

Before setting the plants into the ground allow about a week to harden them off so the shock of transplanting isn't too great. That means putting them outside for several hours each day and returning them indoors, then they'll be adjusted to the brighter light and different temperatures.

I like to shade my new little plants and do it a variety of ways. I often set a plastic milk crate over them; a bushel basket would do. Both allow air circulation and light necessary for growth but

protect from hot sun and wind.

A cardboard box with holes in it will work, but needs to be anchored so it won't blow away. I have also used a board as a shield especially to protect from the hot afternoon sun, making sure it is propped well so it won't fall over and destroy the plant. A small umbrella does the same thing and unless it is very windy, a rock will hold it in place.

Screens are also very good protectors and can be propped up alongside the plant, and shade cloth that is commercially available works too, especially when it is supported by wire hoops.

When planting treat the roots very carefully and set them at the level in which they are growing in the pot. One exception is tomato plants that can be set in several inches deeper than they were in the pot. New roots will develop and make a stronger plant.

Water the plants in well after setting them out to be sure there are no air pockets. Shep Ogden, owner of Cook's Garden in Londonderry, Vt., suggests:

"Take a hose with a trigger grip nozzle down the rows, aim the nozzle at

each spot where a plant will be set and pull the trigger for a second ... This will create a small hole full of soil soup into which the waiting plant can be dropped. Pull dry soil from the surrounding bed loosely over the roots."

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Raindrip also makes a kit for hanging plants that is great for patios, atriums and greenhouses. Soaker hoses also work well.

Water the plants in the evening to eliminate moisture loss, or early in the morning so the water will be absorbed before the hot sun hits the plants.

Mulching is effective to help reduce moisture loss and will also suppress weeds.

If frost is a possibility, be ready to cover the plants with any of the things I mentioned earlier to protect the plants

from sun and wind.

There is still space on my trip to the Spectacular Gardens of the Pacific Northwest. Don't be left out of this exciting adventure. Call my voice mail at (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1859, or Chuck Randolph Travel at (248) 645-5050 today, to reserve your space.

GOODGARDEN TIPS

■ Plan to attend the 1998 landscape and garden show, "Flutes and Flowers," at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester, Friday-Sunday, June 19-21.

■ Sow seeds of short-lived perennials such as delphiniums, lupines, primroses and violas to give them enough time to develop into flowering size plants.

■ A light mulch in the garden will help suppress weed seeds.

■ This is a good time to trim fine-textured evergreens so new growth buds will form.

■ For extra color, plant pots of bright annuals and set them in a place for all to enjoy.

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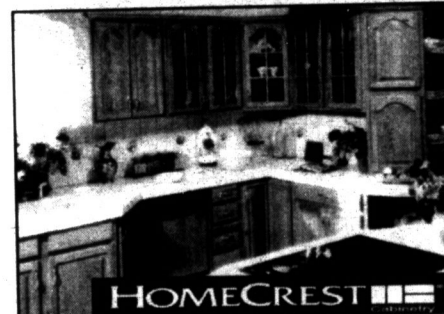
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LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

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Add a summer reading program through your local library or book seller to your children's list of activities without worrying about trying to pack too much into their daily routine.

"Kids can lose a lot of reading capability over summer vacation," said Cammi Mannino, owner of Halfway Down the Stairs, a specialty children's bookstore in downtown Rochester.

"Experts have shown that summer reading programs are very beneficial to keeping children's reading skills sharp. These programs also enable kids to read what they want, not what they have to

read in school."

Local libraries and bookstores such as Barnes & Noble and Borders generally open their programs to registration in early June.

Barnes & Noble will offer the Summer Reading Safari from June 15 through Sept. 1 for children in kindergarten through grade 8.

Children can visit the store for their free safari journal, designed to keep track of the short synopsis of the nine books they are asked to read. At the end of the program, your children can turn their journals in for a free book the store has selected.

This summer the Livonia Public Libraries are inviting children preschool age through sixth grade to join in the fun of the Reading in the Summer program.

Children who read at least one hour per week are eligible for a weekly token of achievement. Preschoolers who aren't yet reading qualify for the token simply by having someone read to them one hour per week.

"We try to make the summer reading

program fun and award children for their weekly achievements," said Barbara Lewis, librarian, Livonia Civic Center Library.

"Our book bingo asks children complete a bingo card where each square is a different book genre. Upon completion, children earn a free paperback we've funded through the library."

Make a journal

If the summer reading program you and your children select doesn't provide a program journal, or if your children choose to keep their own, set aside some time to help each child create a special summer reading journal.

They can use it to record a synopsis of each book they read, what they liked or disliked about a book, who their favorite characters were, and how many books they have read.

Decide what materials you will use to make each journal. You may need to make a trip to your local craft supply store. One suggestion is to make a felt-covered journal your children decorate with curled pipe cleaners, beads and colored thread.

You'll need two standard-size squares of felt (available at craft stores), paper (cut to the size of your felt; about 25 sheets), a hole puncher, embroidery floss (in your color preference), a standard-size sewing needle (requires adult supervision), colored beads (large enough to thread your floss through without a needle), a ruler, a pencil and a pipe cleaner (available at craft stores).

Begin by using your pencil to mark two dots along the left side of the long edge of each front side of felt, approximately two inches from both the top and the bottom edges, and approximately 3/4-inch in from the left edge.

Use your hole puncher to punch a hole at each marking. Do the same for your paper filler pages. Place your felt covers over the filler pages and align your punched holes.

Pull four to six strands of your embroidery floss out. Run one of the ends of the group of strands through the first hole.

Take two to three beads and thread them through one of the floss ends. Tie

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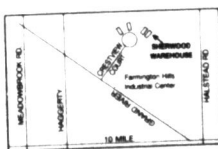


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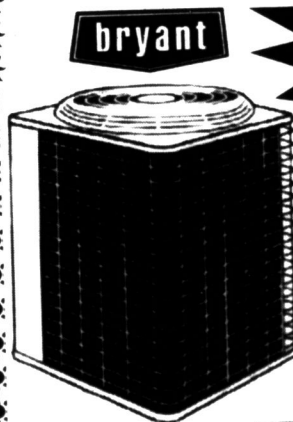
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In "Kinder-Gardening," for ages 4-6 and their parents, plant a vegetable and flower garden, learn about gardening through games, songs and crafts, and have a garden tea party. Cost (including a T-shirt) is \$30 for one child, \$25 for second child enrolled.

Luckow-Healy

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off the beads gently, but not tightly, with a knot, then a bow if you wish. Repeat this process for the second hole.

Wrap your colored pipe cleaner tightly around your pencil to form a curlicue. Slide it off the pencil and lay it diagonally across the journal cover.

Using your needle and two strands of embroidery floss, sew the curled pipe cleaner onto the felt cover by running the floss through the back side of the cover to the front, then through the entire length of the pipe cleaner, then through to the back side of the cover where you will knot the floss and cut off the excess.

The attached pipe cleaner now serves as a convenient place to keep your

child's pencil when it isn't being used for a journal entry.

Now you have a good reason to keep the television off. Read to your children and help them record the time they read a book or a short synopsis of what they read. Older children will enjoy the summer challenge of reading to earn a free book.

By involving your children in a summer reading program, you introduce them to both educational entertainment and summer adventure.

To leave Lisa Luckow-Healy a message from a touch-tone phone about how you celebrate family, call (313) 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1903; or e-mail your suggestions to LiHealy@aol.com

Decor

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mirror placed horizontally over a bureau catches the changing tableau of the table settings.

Hang a mirror so it reflects the light or scene from a window, or so it is framed by the architecture of a room. A slide showed how mirrored panels in a hexagonal room with silver walls echoed the shape of the room. Another room with 1950s furniture featured an unframed large mirror, repeating the modern style of the pieces.

"Mirrors are very important in the bathroom, in fact they're a must."

But this doesn't mean mirrors can't be selected and placed imaginatively. A round mirror in one bathroom suggested a bubble. In another bathroom with two sinks, a smaller mirror was over each sink and appeared to be resting on a ledge as if it were an art work. A mirrored alcove near a bathroom conveyed a luxurious feeling of getting ready.

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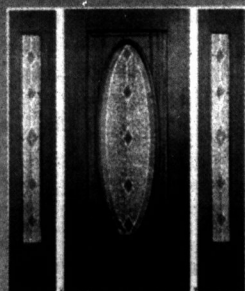


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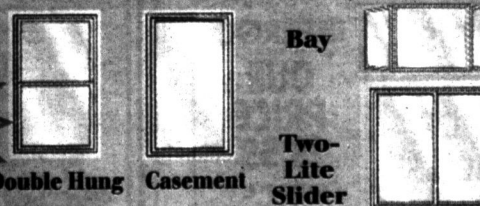
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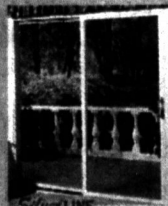
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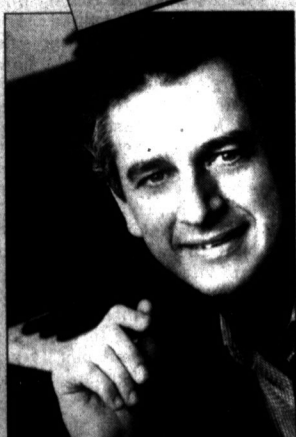
"Classic Soul" concert featuring the Stylistics, Dramatics, Chi-Lites, Cuba Gooding and the Main Ingredient, Delfonics and Major Harris, 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$35 and \$27.50, call (248) 433-1515 or (313) 983-6611.

SUNDAY



"Rent" continues at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. Tickets \$26-\$60. Curtain 7:30 p.m., call (248) 645-6666.

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Hot Tix: The fifth annual Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, through Saturday, June 20, features pianist James Tocco, and other internationally known musicians, performing at seven different venues. Call (248) 362-6171 for more information, and to order tickets. Tickets also available at Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666. See concert schedule inside.



Rehearsing: Jamie Richards (left to right), Nicki Stacey and Peggy Lee perform in "Into the Woods."

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'INTO THE WOODS'

Go "Into the Woods" with the St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild as they present Stephen Sondheim's award-winning musical in Cranbrook's outdoor Greek Theatre.

With a book by James Lapine, "Into the Woods" is Sondheim's "sophisticated take on fairy-tales," said director Amy Lynn Smith of Birmingham. "What are the ramifications, good and bad of having a dream come true."

Join the Baker, his wife, Cinderella, the Witch, Jack and Little Red Riding Hood as they venture "Into the Woods."

"They're not caricatures, they're realistic people facing choices," explained Smith. "There are a lot of lessons, fun and energy."

Jamie Richards stars as the Baker. "I'm a huge, huge Sondheim fan," said Richards. "I love the complexity, the beauty of his music. It touches me in a way that no one else does."

Richards believes "Into the Woods" is the perfect production for the outdoor Greek theater. "The show takes place in the woods, and the

"Into the Woods"
PRESENTED BY: St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook
WHEN: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 5-6; Thursday-Saturday, June 11-13; and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7.
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characters are very familiar. Even if you're not familiar with the show, you'll know the characters."

He's seen the show four times and is enjoying his character. "He's dependent and grows to be independent," explained Richards. "There's a lot of humor and good drama, there are so many levels at play, which is fun, and the music is amazing. It's like a dream to be singing some of these songs."

Nicki Stacey is the Baker's Wife. She and Richards performed together in another Sondheim show "Merrily We Roll Along," presented by St. Dunstan's in 1995.

"We're having a good time playing together," said Stacey. "This is a fun part. I like the humor of the show and the ties to real life. Everyone should be able to relate to it."

Stacey also enjoys performing outdoors. "It's beautiful," she said. "I love it. As an actor you have to remember the audience is all around you. Before it gets dark, and the lights come on, you can make eye contact with the people in the audience. You can connect immediately with the audience, and see how they're responding."

This show utilizes the entire theater - the stage, aisles, grass. "Amy makes the audience feel like they're in the woods with the characters. It makes it more real," said Richards.

To help tell the story, Ann DeMay of Clark-

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'Porgy & Bess' well staged, hard to hear

'Porgy & Bess'

WHAT: The Michigan Opera Theatre production of the Gershwin's "Porgy & Bess"

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WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 4-6, Wednesday-Saturday, June 10-13; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7 and 14 and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7 and 14.

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Peabo Bryson

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Opera Theatre production of "Porgy & Bess" conveys the strong, langorous sensuality and the deep-rooted core of community that are the essential tension in what is often hailed as America's only great opera.

But the MOT production also raises some of the questions that have always swirled around this great work, both musical and sociological.

Director Tazewell Thompson's production emphasizes the community of Catfish Row, the black dock-

side quarter of Charleston, S.C., in the 1920s. It is a community rooted in fundamentalist Christianity, with a touch of old-style superstition. It is also a poor community plagued with the usual, and still surviving, scourges of escape - gambling, alcohol, easy sex and drugs.

Kenneth Foy's sets, though a bit shaky at times, convey the ramshackle community perfectly.

This is a story of the unconditional love of the crippled beggar Porgy for the sensual, irresponsible and drug-addicted Bess. It is also the story of how a community comes together in hard times and against all odds.

The "Porgy & Bess" problems are two-fold. The sociological problem is easy to dismiss. Many in the black community have actually called the opera demeaning to blacks, a work by white people about things they don't understand. Compared to current rap music and film and television portrayals of the black community, "Porgy & Bess" is enlightened, compassionate and true. Its characters are flawed, but its portrayal of unconditional love and abiding community are a positive view of poor people struggling with and overcoming.

Please see **PORGY & BESS**, E2

MOVIES

Weir spreads the faith about 'The Truman Show'

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

By now, most movie-goers know what "The Truman Show" is about. And that's just the way Peter Weir likes it. The director's recent visit to Detroit was part of a major studio campaign to spread the faith about "Truman," a modern fable which has been hailed by many critics as a "near masterpiece."

Jim Carrey stars as Truman Burbank, a regular guy who, unbeknownst to him, has had his life broadcast on television almost since his inception.

Friends and family are actually actors fed lines and stage directions through tiny ear pieces. The island community he resides in, Seahaven, is just a giant domed soundstage with painted clouds and fake facades.

Aside from presenting such a complex story, Weir has accomplished another, miracle: settling rubber-faced comedian Carrey down long enough to deliver the performance of his career. (Weir has experience, guiding Robin



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Filmmaking: Peter Weir (right) and Jim Carrey (left) on the set of "The Truman Show."

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Porgy & Bess from page E1

ing adversity. Most of the people in Catfish Row are good, hard-working, fun-loving people, especially as portrayed in Thompson's production.

The second problem is musical. Is it "opera" or is it "musical theater." The answer since the Houston Opera Company first staged it in this full-operatic style back in the 1980s is that it will be opera. Certainly that was George Gershwin's intention and preserves the full musical text.

But, in the end, it's the songs that everyone remembers, Gershwin's exquisite ear for song

and the clever, precise lyrics of his brother, Ira, with some help from "Porgy" novelist DuBose Heyward and his wife, Dorothy. "Summertime," "It Ain't Necessarily So," "I Got Plenty of Nuttin'," "Bess, You Is My Woman," and "There's a Train a Leavin'" are masterpieces of the American "popular" music repertoire.

And whether it was poor acoustics or the demands of operatic range, the singers in the opening night production often could not be understood without referring to the subtitles, except for the one pop singer in the

group - Peabo Bryson.

Except for a couple memory lapses, Bryson made a stylish Sporting Life, the drug pusher with attitude. And Bryson's narrower range and pop phrasing made it easier to understand him.

This is not to diminish some wonderful performances. Gordon Hawkins is a heartbreaking Porgy, a man with great courage, religious belief and inner strength that his twisted body mocks. Hawkins brings warmth and sensitivity to his reading of Porgy, especially in the first song (aria) about how a cripple is condemned to loneliness. Marquita Lister is a fiery, beautiful, sensu-

al Bess. She brilliantly conveys Bess' tension between her desires for excitement and her need for love. Musically their famous duet is haunting. Unfortunately, Lister's soaring, musically beautiful voice fails to deliver the lyrics.

Male singers in the bass range also could not be fully understood.

The musical showstopper on opening night was Angela Simpson's Serena, who just wails with all the power of spiritual singing on "My Man's Gone Now" to a roaring approval. She is also a fine actress in her portrayal of the upright church lady.

Other fine performances were

Karla Burns sassy Maria, the matriarch and moral scold of the community who delivers Sporting Life fair warning; Jeffrey Lavar's strong, yet vulnerable, interpretation of the muscular, primitive Crown; and Roberta Gumbel's sweet Clara, who opens the show with a stunning "Summertime."

Gershwin's music is a tribute to the black music tradition, transfused through the white European tradition. Spirituals, blues, vendor cries and jazz rhythms all come into play here. At times the orchestra under John Demain overpowers the singing, but the choral work during a wake and a hurricane were

superb. Taking a cue from the Southern black church experience, Gershwin captures the rich emotional and musical quality of the music.

Thompson's staging is generally good, but "It Ain't Necessarily So" needs fewer people milling around and more life in response to Bryson's lively taunts. There was more fun to be had in this number. The staging here had the stiffness often associated with opera group scenes.

In performances June 4, 6, 7, 10, 12 and matinee 14, Angela Brown sings Serena, Alvy Powell sings Porgy, Timothy Robert Blevins sings Crown and Marilyn Moore-Brown sings Bess.

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ston has created a colorful set inspired by pop-up books.

The books are eight feet tall, and some revolve and open up in three dimensions.

"They had to be designed to move for set changes, and to fit under the arches, which are nine-and-a-half feet tall," said DeMay. "We painted leaves to enclose the whole scene, and there's a panorama of trees painted in very colorful, vivid colors to bring out the scariness of the woods."

DeMay earned her master of arts degree from Western Michigan University, and studied oil painting at the Volkshochschule Wiesbaden and exhibited her work with other international artists in Frankfurt and other cities as well as in a solo show at the American Women's Club in Oberursel.

She is a designer/producer of multi-image shows for business meetings and presentations. "This is a pretty elaborate set,"

she set. "It's very colorful. It's a fantasy, and one of my best pieces so far."

Smith said the show has a "constantly moving, whirling quality. You don't know where people will come out next. The costumes and sets are very bright, and we have some very cool special effects. We're doing some neat things with different sounds coming out of different places."

Music plays an important role, and it's a challenge music director Margie Brooks of Bloomfield Hills accepted.

"It's a difficult score," she said. "The music advances the plot. There are more than 400 pages to the score. The musicians are playing almost all the time. Sondheim's music is very sophisticated, it uses unusual chords and rhythms and changes from key to key. It's very challenging, but very interesting to the ear."

For this show, Brooks assembled an orchestra which includes

piano, synthesizer, trumpet, French horn, flute, clarinet, violin, viola, cello, bass and percussion.

"The singers are really up to the challenge," she said. "They have learned the music very well. It's just been a marvel to me."

This is not an easy show for choreographers either because there's not a lot of typical dancing. Roberta Campion of Southfield has been working with Smith to figure out how actors should move on stage.

"It's a character driven show, singing tells the story, it's vital, but there is some dialogue," said

Campion. "There's some Renaissance dancing, minuets, hopping and skipping patterns."

"Cinderella can't make up her mind, she moves in circular patterns. The Big Bad Wolf and Little Red Riding Hood dance the tango."

"Into the Woods" is an ensemble show, and the crew and cast have been working together since March to bring it together.

"I can't believe our good fortune," said Smith. "Everyone has thrown themselves into it. I feel very comfortable before opening night, and everyone is having a great time. It's truly an ensemble show."

Truman from page E1

Williams through his first major "straight" role in "Dead Poets Society" in 1989.)

"The first time I saw him," Weir remembers of Carrey, "I thought he was like a silent movie star. If he had been around in the '20s, he would have been one of the biggies."

Carrey has been notorious for not getting along with directors. When he didn't like the way the "Ace Ventura" sequel was progressing, he removed the director and brought in a friend. His arguments with Ben Stiller on "The Cable Guy" may have contributed to the movie turning into such a turkey.

"Remember that when he came to work on 'Truman,' Weir points out, 'I had been with it for a year-and-a-half, so it was him coming into my project. I had all the sets pretty much on the way up, the research done...'"

When Carrey made his trademark demands, Weir generally stood firm. "Sometimes he'd say, 'Give me another take,' far more takes than I thought necessary, and I'd say, 'Jim, we've got it.' I knew in the beginning he was a man used to working on his own.

He wasn't used to trusting a director so completely."

And veteran Weir deserves respect. For a decade in the mid-'70s through the mid-'80s, he and a talented group of Australian filmmakers were sending amazing movies stateside on an almost monthly basis. Weir's contributions included such art house classics as "Picnic at Hanging Rock," "Gallipoli," and "The Last Wave."

The "Australian New Wave," as it came to be called, was comprised of Fred Schepisi, Gillian Armstrong, Bruce Beresford, and George Miller, among others. Though some still reside in Australia, all now work almost exclusively in Hollywood.

Of all of his contemporaries, however, Weir is the one who has most retained his soul. He only picks the projects he really believes in. And if "The Mosquito Coast" isn't quite a good as "Witness," you watch both movies knowing he has instilled them with the same intensity.

His last film, "Fearless," about the psychological aftermath of an airline disaster, was just one in a series of critically acclaimed movies that have sometimes found receptive audiences.

The ante gets upped a bit with "The Truman Show." With a \$60-\$65 million budget and the most high-profile comedian in movies today, Weir is forced to worry about things like opening weekend grosses. "Almost any figure we got on that first weekend will probably be bigger than I've ever had before," he says.

At one point in the production, Weir was ready to cast himself as Christof, the godlike creator of "The Truman Show" and a father figure for the naive Truman (Ed Harris eventually got the part). When his creation wants to leave the nest, Christof becomes like any protective parent. "It's a frightening world out there," he seems to say, "so the minute you leave, you're on your own."

And what about the notion that the whole world is tuned into vicariously experiencing the life of someone who, at the core, isn't all that interesting to begin with? According to Weir, "It says something about our lives that there's not a whole lot of living going on."

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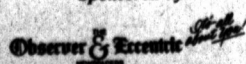
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He's still laughing about it, and looking forward to this year's.

The summer music festival season heats up locally in July with the fourth annual Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 19, at Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills and Birmingham Jazzfest '98, July 23-25 in downtown Birmingham.

More than 150 musicians performed at last year's festival, which drew 5,000 people. It is offered by the Music Performance Trust Fund, Detroit Federation of Musicians, Local 5.

Birmingham's Jazzfest kicks off this year in Shain Park, July 23, with flutist Alexander Zonjic. The Ursula Walker/Buddy Budson Band with Marcus Belgrave will also perform. Free concerts will take place throughout the weekend in Shain Park, and at most of the area's restaurants. Stay tuned for details.

Arts, Beats & Eats

Oakland County kicks off its first "Art, Beats, & Eats" festival



Poster: Tania Macioce of Farmington Hills, an art director at J. Walter Thompson Detroit, designed the poster for this year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival.

in downtown Pontiac Labor Day weekend with title sponsorship from Chrysler Corp.

The festival is Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's dream come true. "We are excited about the project," said Patterson. "We think it will be a super event. What I did want, and do want, is to accentuate the quality of life in Oakland County. We're highlighting the fun

side of living in Oakland County."

What better place to host the festival than Pontiac, which has become the entertainment capitol of Oakland County. Over 125 artists and 20 galleries are expected to exhibit art works in the juried art show. There will be arts and crafts and entertainment for kids.

National and local entertainers will provide the "Beats" everything from rhythm and blues to jazz, swing, rock and pop on three stages. The entertainment schedule will be announced in mid June.

You're sure to work up an appetite, but don't worry when you're stomach grumbles "I'm hungry, feed me" — 50 restaurants will be serving up "Eats" for sale.

Pontiac's ready for the crowds, don't forget, this is a town that hosted Elvis Presley, and even Pope John Paul II.

Event proceeds will benefit seven local charities — The Rainbow Connection, The American

Heart Association, The Haven, The Dittich Foundation, The Pontiac Rescue Mission, The Boys and Girls Club, and The Chrysler Oakland Arts Fund.

In Wayne County for the past 19 years, the riverfront has been the place to be Labor Day weekend.

Ford Montreux Detroit

Last year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival drew over 780,000 people, and organizers are expecting even more this year.

They're offering 130 different scheduled events this year, and the Kowalski Riverfront Cafe will stay open each day of the festival until 11:30 p.m. It will be the place to be before you head home.

Singer Diane Schuur and The Duke Ellington Orchestra directed by Paul Ellington headline this year's festival. One of Detroit's most successful jazz alumni, Regina Carter, is coming home to perform in four different musical settings, including a fes-

tival-closing set with fellow jazz violinist John Blake.

Education is a key component, and the festival is a classroom for tomorrow's jazz legends. Jack Pierson of Livonia, director of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, is working with Louis Smith, past president Michigan International Association of Jazz Educators and Ernie Rodgers, Detroit Northwestern High School vice principal to guide a variety of educational programs during the festival. All high school and college performances will be adjudicated by a panel of International Association of Jazz Educators members. The students will learn from the judge's comments, and scholarships will be awarded.

Tania Macioce of Farmington Hills, an art director at J. Walter Thompson Detroit, designed this year's festival poster.

She was surprised her design was chosen out of 56 different designs submitted by J. Walter Thompson Detroit in a company-

wide competition. She was present for the unveiling at a press conference in Detroit's Harmonie Park, and smiled as the audience applauded.

"It's fun and festive," she said. "I used a lot of colors, textures and patterns to show that it's a really diverse, cultural festival. Her design portrays four abstract figures swaying to music amidst musical notes. The border features bright colors and patterns."

A 1996 graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor of fine arts in design, Macioce joined J. Walter Thompson Detroit in 1997. Prior to joining the company she worked for Skidmore Design in Southfield.

Winning the contest was a surprise. "It was great," said Macioce. "The intent was to capture the idea of 'festival' and the coming together of people. Of course, the music is wonderful at the festival and enjoying the music in the city setting is a great part of the Detroit Montreux experience."

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DINNER THEATER

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"Trial By Error," live interactive comedy dinner theater, through June at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course dinner of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage, Italian steak, vegetables and dessert, the show, tax and tip. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Hansel and Gretel," 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$5.50. Children younger than 3 will not be admitted. (248) 349-8110

SPECIAL EVENTS

IRVING BABY SHOW AND SALE
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 7, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$2 for children ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

CELEBRATION BASH: IT'S A SUMMER SPLASH

The party planning expo features 100s of ideas for summer picnics, barbecues and outdoor activities, 15 ton sand castle sculpture by Mark Mason, 11 a.m.



Featured soloist: Pianist Ruth Laredo performs Rachmaninoff's Fantasy for 2 Pianos (Suite No. 1) with James Tocco Saturday, June 6 during the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival.

Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival

The fifth annual Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival continuing through Saturday, June 20, features an impressive list of internationally known musicians, and an acclaimed composer-in-residence program. Here's the schedule:

Where: St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke, at Hickory Grove Road, Bloomfield Hills; Temple Beth El, 14 Mile Road at Telegraph, Birmingham; Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, (one mile west of Telegraph); Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets: Call (248) 362-6171 for more information, and to order tickets. Tickets also available at Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666.

Single concert tickets - \$26; seniors and students \$21

Family concert tickets - \$7 per person

Subscription concert prices:

Five concert package - \$100, seniors and students \$85

Seven concert package - \$120, seniors and students \$105

Concert Schedule

Family Concert

4 p.m. Sunday, June 7 - Cranbrook Institute of Science James Tocco, Detroit Chamber Winds

Program: The Letter "B"

Subscription Concert Dates
7 p.m., prelude features performances by Shouse Institute Artists, except where noted.

8 p.m. Saturday, June 6 - St. Hugo's Sanctuary, no prelude this evening.

Jeffrey Multer, Peter Wiley, Ruth Laredo, James Tocco, Hong-Mei Xiao (viola), Craig Rifel (double bass)

Program: Sonata for cello and piano, Debussy; Fantasy (Suite

No. 1) for 2 pianos, Rachmaninoff; "Trout" Quintet, Schubert

8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, June 9-10 - Temple Beth El Chapel

Ani Kavafian, Jeffrey Multer, Barbara Westphal, Paul Katz, Ruth Laredo, James Tocco, Detroit Chamber Winds

Program: Quintet in E-flat Major for piano and winds, K 452, Mozart; Sonata No. 2 in d minor for violin and piano, Op. 121, Schumann; Quartet No. 1 in c minor for piano and strings, Op. 15, Faure.

8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 11-12 - St. Hugo's Chapel Ani Kavafian, Jeffrey Multer, Barbara Westphal, Peter Wiley, James Tocco

Program: Trio in G Major for violin, viola and cello, Op. 9, No. 1, Beethoven; Trio in e minor for violin, cello and piano, Op. 67, Shostakovich; Holding a Daisy, for solo piano, Tower; Sonata in E-flat Major for violin and piano, Op. 18, Strauss.

8 p.m. Saturday, June 13 - Kirk in the Hills Sanctuary.

Prelude, Joan Tower and James Tocco in conversation.

Ani Kavafian, Jeffrey Multer, Barbara Westphal, Peter Wiley, Jonathan Biss, St. Lawrence Quartet, Laurence Liberson.

Program: Turning Points, for clarinet, 2 violins and cello, Tower; Trio in a minor for violin, cello and piano, Ravel; String Quartet No. 3 in e-flat minor, Op. 30, Tchaikovsky.

8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, June 16-17 - Temple Beth El Chapel

Miriam Fried, Paul Biss, Paul Katz, Jonathan Biss, St. Lawrence Quartet.

Program: Sonata in D Major for piano and violin, Op. 12, No. 1, Beethoven; Quartet in a minor

for strings, Op. 13, Mendelssohn; Platinum Spirals, Tower; Quartet in E-flat Major for violin, cello and piano, Dvorak.

8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 18-19 - Kirk in the Hills Chapel Yehonatan Berick, Paul Katz, Laurence Liberson, James Tocco, Detroit Chamber Winds

Program: Woodwind Quintet No. 2, Op. 88 #2, Reicha; Sonata No. 2 in f minor for violin and piano, Op. 80, Prokofiev; Trio in E-flat Major for violin, cello and piano, Op. 100, D 292, Schubert.

8 p.m. Saturday, June 20 - Temple Beth El Sanctuary, Prelude, James Tocco and Ruth Laredo in conversation with Peter Oundjian.

Yehonatan Berick, James Tocco, Peter Oundjian, Paul Katz, Detroit Chamber Winds, Laurence Liberson, Ruth Laredo.

Program: Trio in B-flat Major for clarinet, cello and piano, Op. 11, Beethoven; Suite from "L'histoire du Soldat," Stravinsky; Transcriptions from "Porgy and Bess," Gershwin-Helfetz; "Rhapsody in Blue," Gershwin.

Non-Subscription Concerts:

Call (248) 362-6171 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 for ticket information, unless noted otherwise.

7 p.m. Sunday, June 14 - Temple Beth El, all Tower Concert with guest Joan Tower. Tickets \$20, seniors and students \$15

8 p.m. Monday, June 15 - Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. All Mozart concert. Tickets \$20, seniors and students \$15

11 a.m. Sunday, June 14 - Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (Brunch with Bach), call (313) 833-4005 for ticket information.

ringside seating and group rates available. (248) 377-0100

BENEFITS

"FATHER'S DAY GOURMET JAZZ BRUNCH"

With Matt Michaels Trio and special guests George Benson and Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 21, The Waterman Center, Schoolcraft College, Livonia. \$22.50 by Friday, June 12. Send check payable to Michigan Jazz Festival to Midge Ellis, 20457 Maplewood Road, Livonia, Mich., 48152-2022. Benefits the Michigan Jazz Festival. (248) 474-2720/(248) 437-9468

FRIENDS OF THE FOSTER FARMHOUSE

Together with Al's Copper Mug host a tent party and fund-raiser 4-9 p.m. Sunday, June 7, featuring Bugs Baddow Band, at 1704 Maple, at Decker Road, Walled Lake. 21 and over. (248) 624-9659

THE GARDEN PARTY, LA FETE AU JARDIN

Presented by The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center featuring more than 60 chefs preparing delicacies from metro Detroit restaurants, a wine tasting, live auction and musical entertainment, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 7, in the gardens of the center, 27400 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$125 per person, \$300 patron tickets includes two tickets and complimentary valet parking. \$600 benefactor tickets includes four tickets and complimentary valet

parking. Call for information. (248) 626-7527, ext. 3115

FAMILY EVENTS

FAMILY CONCERT

Featuring Harpbeat, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at the Learning Tree Children's Center, Livonia. Free. (734) 994-5732 to reserve seat.

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY

Kicks off its 25th anniversary celebration with a concert highlighting Japanese soloists Kyoko Kashiwagi, violin; Rie Yamauchi, cello, and Chitose Oakshiro, piano, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 14, at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Birmingham. \$20, \$15 students. (248) 355-4899

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With violinist Leila Josefowicz and conductor Leslie B. Dunner, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, June 5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6, Orchestra Hall, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5100 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

JENNY LIND CLUB OF MICHIGAN

Presents a 15th anniversary concert featuring Swedish soprano Malin Bystrom and pianist Johan Ullen performing Swedish folk songs, and compositions by Sibelius, Strauss and Grieg, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at The Community House, Birmingham. \$12, \$5 students. (248) 335-4039/(734) 665-5385

POPS/SWING

EXECUTIVE SUITE

Friday-Saturday, June 5-6, at d.i. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-0550

ORIGINAL MOON

6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages. (pops) (734) 453-1234

AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

JAZZ & SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE OF DETROIT

Auditions for professional modern and jazz dancers, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 15, bring photo and resume, at the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers, between McNichols and Seven Mile, Detroit. (313) 862-0966

MARQUIS THEATRE

Auditions for boys and girls ages 8-16 for "Raggedy Ann and Andy," 5 p.m. Sunday, June 7, at the theater, 135 East Main, Northville. For performances Aug. 4-Sept. 27. (248) 349-8110

THEATRE GUILD OF REDFORD-LIVONIA

Offers acting classes for youth in grades K-9 beginning Saturday, June 20 to July 25, classes for grades K-2 are 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., grades 3-6 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., and grades 7-9 noon to 1:15 p.m. at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. \$45, students must register before June 13. (313) 537-4145

SECOND CITY KIDS' CAMP

Two-week day camp for kids ages 10-16 that helps children develop teamwork skills by learning how to improvise in group situations, 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. July 6-16 or Aug. 3-13, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$120. (313) 964-5821

CHORAL

CHANCEL CHOIR

Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "Pirates of Penzance," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7, at the Kirk in the Hills Rectory, 1340 West Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. \$10, \$5 students. (248) 626-2515

SCANDIA WOMEN'S CHORUS/ARPI MALE CHORUS

Perform at the Swedish Club of Farmington Hills Midsummer Festival, activities begin with a Swedish Pancakes and Sausage Breakfast 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 14, followed by Maypole raising at noon then the entertainment, buffet at 2:30 p.m., at 22398 Ruth Street, Farmington Hills. (248) 478-2563/646-4073

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Movies and concerts series continues with "An American in Paris" starring Gene Kelly, Leslie Caron and Oscar Levant, guest organist all performances Tony O'Brien, 7:30 p.m. Friday June 12, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13, the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River, Detroit. Organ overture precedes film, guest organist Gus Borman. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

JAZZ

MOSE ALLISON TRIO

9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 12-13, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 12-13, Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (gypsy jazz) (313) 567-4400

CELLO JAZZ

6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 12, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 453-1234

JOAN CRAWFORD TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, June 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

JACK DRYDEN TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (bass/piano/guitar) (248) 645-2150

CANDY DULFER AND FUNKY STUFF

8 p.m. Thursday, June 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$25 in advance. 21 and older. (funk) (248) 546-7610

EXPLOSION CEREBRAL

8-10 p.m. Saturday, June 6, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (avant jazz) (734) 668-1838

"FATHER'S DAY GOURMET JAZZ BRUNCH"

With Matt Michaels Trio and special guests George Benson and Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 21, The Waterman Center, Schoolcraft College, Livonia. \$22.50 by Friday, June 12. Send check payable to Michigan Jazz Festival to Midge Ellis, 20457 Maplewood Road, Livonia, Mich., 48152-2022. Benefits the Michigan Jazz Festival. (248) 474-2720/(248) 437-9468

DALE GRISA TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, June 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums) (248) 645-2150

"GUITARS AND SAXES"

With Jonathan Butler, Richard Elliot and Kirk Whalum, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 12, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20-\$35. All ages. (313) 961-5451

JEFF HAAS

8 p.m. Saturday, June 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. All ages. (jazz/Hebrew folk songs) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO

6-10 p.m. Mondays, at Too-Chez, 27155 Sheraton Drive, Novi. (248) 348-5555; 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 South Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-3790; 8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Java Master, 33214 W. 14 Mile Road (east of Farmington Road), West Bloomfield. (248) 626-7393; 7-10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-3033; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333

JAZZDUTY

With Funktelligence and Mr. Freedom X, 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (jazz/funk) (734) 459-2700

SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matie, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, June 12-13, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; With Dennis Sheridan and Matie, 8-10 p.m. Friday, June 19, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600/(248) 652-0558

PHIL LASLEY

7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, as part of Music on the Plaza at Kercheval and St. Clair roads, Grosse Pointe. Free. All ages. (313) 886-7474

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4 with Paul Vornhagen, sax; Thursday, June 11 with Ron Kischuk, trombone, at the Botsford Inn 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner. Reservations recommended. (248) 474-4800

CARL MICHEL

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 6, Agape Cafe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street, between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-1400

LARRY NOZERO TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, June 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

ROBERT PIPHO TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 12, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vibraphone and piano/bass/drums) (248) 645-2150

SONNY SIMMONS/SUNNY MURRAY

9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday, June 12, at the Serengeti Ballroom, 29

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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Double A, 314 S. Main St., Ann Arbor.
Free. 21 and older. (Jamaican jazz)
(734) 332-0800

MIKEY DREAD
9 p.m. Friday, June 5, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (reggae) (313) 833-9700

IMMUNITY
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, June 5, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, June 12, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 543-6911/(248) 349-9110

THE LASH
10 p.m. Friday, June 5, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (Celtic) (734) 485-5050

PINO MARELLI
7 p.m. Thursdays, June 4 and 11, 8 p.m. Fridays, June 5 and 12, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, and Luciano's, 39031 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. Free. All ages. (English, Italian, Spanish contemporary pop standards, original material and traditional Italian songs) (810) 263-6540

THIRD COAST REGGAE
9 p.m. Saturday, June 6, The Deck above Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (reggae) (313) 965-9500

TRINIDAD TRIPOLI STEEL DRUM BAND
9 p.m. Friday, June 12, The Deck above Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (reggae) (313) 965-9500

UNIVERSAL XPRESSION
9 p.m. Friday, June 5, The Deck above Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (reggae) (313) 965-9500

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

JAN KRIST
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 12-13, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101

MOXY FRUVIOUS
8 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451

RICHARD SHINDELL
With Lynn Miles, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE
Presented by Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 6, no partner needed, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 665-7704

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
Presented by Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 663-0744/(734) 662-5158

PROFESSIONAL BALLET SCHOOL
"A Talent Factory," under the direction of Svetlana Ageeva-Chrin, presents "The Feast of Terpsichore 98," noon Saturday, June 13, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$23, \$18, (810) 977-8780

WSSS COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE
7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 6, at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 Ann Arbor Road. \$7. (734) 425-2627

COMEDY

THE GAYLORDS
7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6, Farmington Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River Ave. (at Farmington Road), Farmington. \$20. (248) 477-5556

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Hobson and Russell Peters, Thursday, June 4 (free), and Friday Saturday, June 5-6 (\$14): John Joseph and Johnny B., Thursday, June 11 (free), Friday: Saturday, June 12-13 (\$14), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 9 p.m. Wednesdays (\$2), 9 p.m. Thursdays (free), 9 p.m. Friday (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$10), unless otherwise noted. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Elliot Branch, 9 p.m. Friday Saturday, June 5-6 (\$6); Bill Thomas, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, June 12-13 and 19-20 (\$6), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Joel Zimmer, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4 (\$6), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, June 5-6 (\$9), 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 596-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Kevin McPeck and Ben Konstantine, Thursday-Sunday, June 4-7; Elliott Branch and Michael Jr., Wednesday Saturday, June 10-14, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 9:30 p.m. Fridays (\$12), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices same unless otherwise noted. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger

Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies showing through June 14 are: "Tropical Rainforest" 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 1:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; "Everest" 11:10 a.m., 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m., 11:10 a.m. and 12:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; "Special Effects" 4:15 p.m. Saturdays, and "Super Speedway" 4:15 p.m. Sundays, at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$7, \$6 for children ages 3-17 and adults 60 and older, \$4 for children ages 2 and younger, include Science Center and IMAX movie. (313) 577-8400 or <http://www.sciencedetroit.org>

GREENFIELD VILLAGE

American Girls Museum Program based on the character of Samantha Parkington, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 6-7, Friday-Tuesday, June 12-16, Friday-Tuesday, July 10-14, 17-21, and 24-28, Saturday-Tuesday, Aug. 1-11, and Friday-Tuesday, Aug. 21-25, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 5-6, 19-20, and Oct. 17-18, and Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 7-8 and 14-15, at the village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. \$40 includes light refreshments and the 2 hour and 45 minute-hour program. (313) 982-6180

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

"The Life and Times of Paul Robeson" exhibition featuring records, photographs and paintings on loan from private citizens and from the collection of the MAAH, runs through Tuesday, June 30, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street), Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

A DEUCE

With Vietnam Prom and Trauma Coll, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

AMERICAN HORSE

Featuring three members of Jackpierce, with Sherri Jackson, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance. 19 and older. (roots rock) (734) 996-8555

A.T.E.

With Paupers Field and Stretch, as part of the "Cage" alcohol-free night, 7 p.m. Friday, June 12, Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born Road, Wayne. \$6. All ages. (alternative rock) (734) 729-7092

GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KINGPINS
9 p.m. Saturday, June 6, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 451-1213

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, June 5-6, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older; 4:9 p.m. Sunday, June 7, as part of a "Tent Party and Fund Raiser" for Friends of the Foster Farmhouse.

Al's Copper Mug, 1720 E. Maple Road, Walled Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older; 6:10-30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, Big Fish, 700 Town Center, Dearborn. Free. All ages; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, June 12-13, Blue Goose, 28911 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores. (trombone-driven party blues) (248) 682-2295/(248) 629-3955/(313) 336-6350/(810) 296-0590 or <http://www.bugsbeddow.com>

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27. Bacci Abracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (jump blues) (734) 455-8450

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Finding Innocent Me, Sensitive Clown, The Overtones and Waxy Monks, 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

BLINDSHOT

With C.H.C. and Red Letter, as part of the "Cage" alcohol-free night at 7 p.m. Friday, June 5, Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born Road, Wayne. \$6. All ages. (punk) (734) 729-7092 or <http://www.bandinfo.com>

BLUECAT

10 p.m. Friday, June 12, Drinks North, 2505 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 683-8186

BLUE EYED SOUL

9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 455-8450

BLUE SUIT

Featuring Alberta Adams, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 5-6, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUES INSURGENTS

Featuring Alberta Adams, 9 p.m. Monday, June 8, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 624-9400

BONNE TEMPS ROULE

With Leonard Moon, 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, and without Moon, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (funk/R&B) (248) 652-1600/(248) 644-4800

BRIAN JONESTOWN MASSACRE

8 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

BRILLIANT

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PAUL KELLY

With Todd Thibaud, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. All ages. (singer/songwriter) (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

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With The Freddy Jones Band and Mike Tramp, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$25 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

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STREET SCENE

Gravity Kills likes second effort

Jeff Scheel, singer/guitarist for the St. Louis rock band Gravity Kills, is awfully happy that fans never heard the first version of its sophomore effort "Perversion" (TVT).

"We sort of wrote two records in effect. We wrote this really bad record and then we came back and wrote 'Perversion,'" Scheel said with a laugh.

It's not that TVT Records, Gravity Kills' label, complained about the first attempt, he added.

"We listened to what we were doing and we weren't into it. When we were in Europe we were buying every drum and bass/electronic CD we could get our hands on. Stuff you can't get over here. ... It seeped into our

songwriting," he said.

"We thought about it and said, 'This isn't Gravity Kills. It sounds like Gravity Kills listening to a lot of electronica.' We had to kind of take a deep breath and start over."

For the final version of the album "Perversion," Gravity Kills took an organic approach to recording. Strong pop songs like "Guilty" from Gravity Kills' stellar self-titled debut seem cluttered compared to the crystal clear "Perversion," due in stores Tuesday, June 9.

"We still used computers like crazy. ... When I wrote a song I tried to do as many things on the guitar as I could as opposed to saying to Doug (Firley, keyboards and programming), 'Hey

fill these holes up with production.'"

The change is in direct response to Gravity Kills' experience as a live band. Prior to recording its debut, Gravity Kills had not performed in front of an audience. Now, after playing up to 300 shows in 14 months, the band has sharpened its image as a touring entity.

"Being a live band became who we were," Scheel explained.

Gravity Kills tried not to concentrate on writing songs that could be reproduced live note for note but "you can't help it to affect what you're doing or infect what you're doing."

"We wanted to be more of what we were live. I think people don't get who we are really until they

see us live anyway."

That is unless you were at the "Nightmare Before Christmas" concert at The Palace of Auburn Hills in December 1996 when the band experienced major sound and production problems.

"If that's the only time people have seen the band, we probably looked very confused. That's not what we are. If someone was at that show and they liked the band, great. If they were disappointed by the band, give the band another shot and come out and see the band again."

Fans - or listeners toeing the line - will get the chance to see Gravity Kills on Saturday, June 6, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

The band will be on the road at least through the end of the year. The trek, Scheel said, will surely be inspirational not only musically but personally. The emptiness of road life is traced in the spooky "Always."

"It was one of the last songs that were written before we packed up here and went to New York to mix (the album) and I had that feeling that we were getting ready to leave for a very long time," said Scheel, who is married.

"You feel that loss of being separated from all the things that are comfortable to you and that you love. It's great being on the road but the downside is you lose touch with a lot of things that are very important to you."

"Belief" tells the story of Gravity Kills' rapid rise the alternative rock world. Soon after forming in 1995, the band submitted at the last minute a demo of the song "Guilty" to radio station



Debuting album: The rock band Gravity Kills will preview material off its sophomore album "Perversion" Saturday, June 6, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit. "Perversion" hits stores Tuesday, June 9.

KPNT for a compilation album. "Guilty" became the station's top-requested song and signed with TVT Records soon thereafter. The song remained on the modern rock chart for six months after which it was taken off due to the chart's six-month maximum.

Although the "Perversion" shares Gravity Kills' experiences on the road, the stories are told in an innocuous way so that listeners can relate it to something in their lives, he explained.

"I don't think we made this whiny, 'Oh I hate the record busi-

ness'-kind-of-sophomore record. We wrote about things that obviously were within the context of our lives. But at the same time you could put them in several different contexts and mean something else."

Gravity Kills, Pitchshifter and Junkie XL perform Saturday, June 6, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$10 in advance. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

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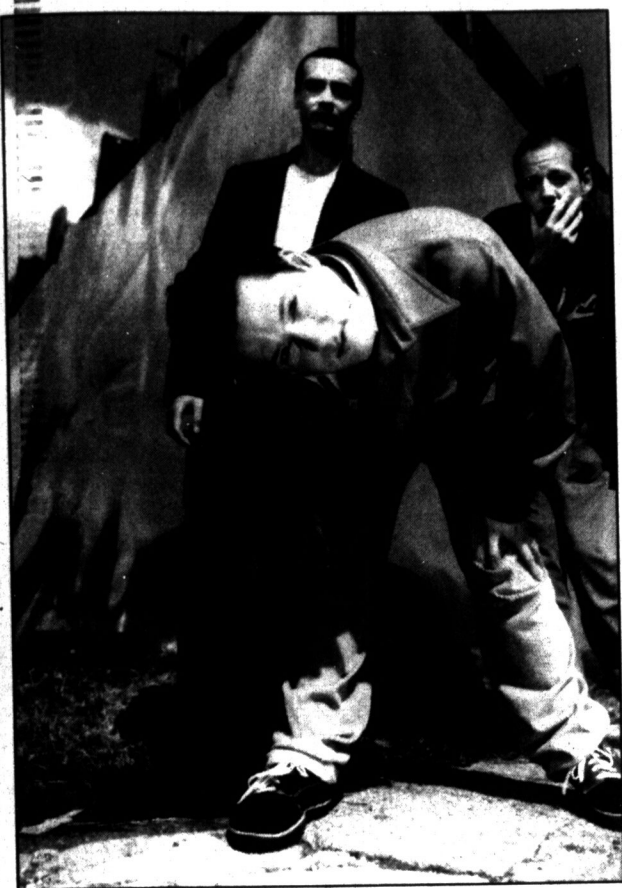
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STREET SCENE

Marcy Playground singer swears off acting with snakes



Hit record: Marcy Playground - from left, drummer Dan Rieser, singer/guitarist John Wozniak and bassist Dylan Keefe - performs Tuesday, June 9, at the State Theatre in Detroit in support of its self-titled debut, which spawned the hit "Sex and Candy."

One thing Marcy Playground fans will never see is lead singer John Wozniak co-starring with snakes in a music video. It was bad enough appearing with a tarantula in the video for "Sex and Candy," he said.

"It was OK until the thing crawled down in the hole with me," Wozniak said with a laugh about the scene in which he's sticking his head through a hole. "It was a really nice spider named Frederiquea, but it's still a tarantula. I don't like snakes. I'm never gonna do a video with snakes in it."

The blase video is the perfect accompaniment to the relentlessly addictive yet blase hit single "Sex and Candy" from the band's self-titled debut album (Capitol). Filmed on a drab set, the "Sex and Candy" video is filled with Freudian references to sex—a boudoir slipper hanging from an archway; Wozniak and bandmates drummer Dan Rieser and bassist Dylan Keefe digging through a lingerie drawer and the infamous spider symbolizing innocence.

The video by Jamie Caliri, who was also behind the lens for Soul Coughing's "Super Bon Bon" and Morphine's "Early to Bed," was just the way Wozniak wanted it, he said.

"Most of them (the other director's treatments) were really boring. There was a pretty girl walking down the street. You see her walk into a cafe. You follow her. They do a pan-up shot from her high-heel shoes. We naturally gravitated toward anything that wasn't that."

'I'm a storyteller and a writer and one of the things I pride myself on is being able to tell a story within 20 lines of the song.'

John Wozniak
Marcy Playground

"Sex and Candy" topped Billboard's Modern Rock Tracks chart and receives constant airplay on stations like CIMX, WPLT, WKDG and WKRK. That's something that surprises Wozniak.

"It's my little stupid song that I wrote in my bedroom. It seems really weird to me. It had the same motivation that is behind all the songs that I write—I like to write music," he said.

"I was just up late writing and realizing it was a love song, which I don't write a lot of. I just don't feel like writing a lot of love songs. There's no reason to at this point. I wouldn't be very good at it. There's a lot of other people who could write better love songs."

When he realized it was a love song, it was "a little late in the game. My goal was to make it not suck, it be as less bad as possible," he added with a laugh.

Instead, Wozniak, whose vocal style resembles Neil Young's, tackles subjects like suicide ("One More Suicide"), drug abuse ("Dog and His Master"), the history of Hong Kong ("Poppies") and the streets of Manhattan ("The Vampires of New York") on its acoustic-based debut.

"I write atypical pop lyrics. I'm a storyteller and a writer and one of the things I pride myself

on is being able to tell a story within 20 lines of the song," said Wozniak of "Marcy Playground" which clocks in at 34 1/2 minutes.

"I crave that in music when I listen to other bands. I don't get it a lot of the time. (The alternative band) Built to Spill has the uncanny ability to inspire great feelings of joy in me because of the lyrics and the way it's structured and put together."

Marcy Playground, Everclear and Fastball, perform Tuesday, June 9, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The show is sold out. Doors open at 8 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 961-5451 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>. Marcy Playground's website is <http://www.marcyplayground.com>

Singer/songwriter Lori Amey, a 1994 Livonia Stevenson High School graduate who attends Michigan State University, is one of five national finalists in the Lilith Fair Emerging Talent Stage contest.

The winner is chosen through popular vote on the Levi's web page, <http://www.levi.com>, to which the nominees' web pages with biographical information, photos and sound clips are linked. Voting began June 3 and the winner will be announced on June 10. The prize is a spot on the first date of the Sarah McLachlan-created tour, June 19, in Portland, Ore.

Amey recently released the CD "Nothing to Say" and it is available at Cuppa Joe Coffeehouse, 26061 Town Center Dr., Novi, where she performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 6, or via e-mail at amey@tir.com. Her other upcoming performances include 9 p.m. Saturday, June 13, and Friday, June 26, at Gayle's Chocolates in Royal Oak, and Tuesday, July 7, at part of Lilith Fair at Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township.

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DINING

Get a taste of Paris at The French Gourmet

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

In 1993, after 15 years in Farmington Hills on Middlebelt and Fourteen Mile, The French Gourmet Bakery and Pastry Shop moved to Ferndale, changed its name to The French Gourmet and added a dining menu.

You can't find a Parisian dining experience more authentic than The French Gourmet.

In the Farmington Hills location, owners Lina and Marvin Bernstein were the first to bring roast coffee to Michigan. They had croissants and brioches before most people knew how to pronounce them. They brought these to the Ferndale location along with more than 100 teas, the largest selection in Michigan.

The French Gourmet eat-in menu began small with just soups and sandwiches and has evolved into a larger, more eclectic menu. Daily, now, there are three soups \$4.25. The house specialty is Paris Market Onion.

Among the most popular appetizers, ranging \$9-11 are Frogs' Legs; Bay Scallops Poached in Vermouth & Enrobed in Veloute Sauce (this is the famed Coquilles Saint-Jacques au Gratin); and Brie en Croute (mild French cheese with wild mushrooms, herbs and spices baked in puff pastry).

Most popular among house specialties is Bouillabaisse \$16.50, a Mediterranean seafood, tomato-bisque soup chock full of lobster, shrimp, mussels and scallops. There's Coq au Vin \$16.50, a marinated half chicken in Burgundy wine sauce served with potato galette. Duckling Monte Cristo \$17.50 has a five-fruit sauce finished with pear liqueur. Small, succulent baby lamb chops with a number of vegetable garnishes \$19.50 are fabulously French.

Quiches served with house



Taste of Paris: Lina and Marvin Bernstein offer customers a Parisian dining experience at The French Gourmet. They are pictured with four tarts and two giant chocolate dipped strawberries.

salad of the season are big. Even the hungriest diner will have enough for lunch the next day. Dinner-size salads can be topped with chicken, duck, lobster or

chicken livers sautéed in Burgundy raspberry coulis and framboise liqueur.

This is a two-person operation. Marvin Bernstein runs the front

The French Gourmet

Where: 23421 Woodward Avenue (west side, between 9 and 10 Mile roads) Ferndale (248) 541-1200.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; until 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday

Menu: Meticulously prepared classic French repertoire

Cost: At dinner, house specialties served with salad of the season and homemade rolls and bread average \$14-18. Lunch prices are half that.

Reservations: Accepted and advised Friday and Saturday.

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of the house, taking your orders, serving your table, getting your housemade pastry order to go or fresh-roasting fragrant coffee. Lina's domaine is the kitchen. She does it all from appetizers, salads and a host of entrees to every cake, torte and pastry offered.

All menu items are made to order, prepared from scratch and worth the wait. Dinner at The French Gourmet is your evening's entertainment; don't put anything else on your personal menu. This is a place to savor aromas wafting from the kitchen, relax over food, listen to French cabaret music, enjoy the hospitality and unusual decor.

The exterior done in deep blue and lilac offers the first-time diner a clue that this spot is more than dining. It's an art nouveau fantasy setting complete with ceiling flowers, arbors and painted peacocks with coffee beans in their tails. A mural depicts a Russian ballet scene from the turn-of-the-century Belle Epoque era. There's also a coffee library housed in a now-

obsolete, wooden card catalog.

To end the French Experience, an array of ever-changing desserts is available. Cakes and tarts served in the restaurant can be purchased for takeout. They are created in the most modern French pastry-making tradition based on the school of Gaston Le Notre in Paris. Only fresh fruit is used and butter is the only shortening. Preservatives or anything artificial are never added.

The French Gourmet does not have a liquor license, but an application for one has been made.

Dress code? The Bernsteins make one request, "No caps, please." They enjoy making you feel good in their maximum 35-seat restaurant and despise pretension. They love satisfying the need people have for a haven. Chef Lina is not the star here; her food is.

WHAT'S COOKING

TOO CHEZ

Executive Chef Greg Upshur of Too Chez Restaurant in Novi will be the featured chef for the Morel Dinner at the James Beard Foundation in New York on June 4. The dinner celebrates the annual mushroom harvest. Too Chez is at 27155 Sheraton Drive (northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96).

OAKLAND GRILL

Has a new summertime menu at both lunch and dinner. Executive Chef Louai Sharkas has created a warm-weather-accented menu emphasizing Caribbean and Floridian food creations with a light infusion Pacific Rim cuisine. Prices are cooled down too. At lunch most sandwiches are under \$7 and entrees are under \$9. At dinner, entrees average \$15.50. The restaurant is at 32832 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak.

THE GARDEN PARTY

The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center host The Garden Party, La Fete au Jardin, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 7 in the Center's gardens, 27400 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Event features entertainment, wines from around the world, and a variety of food prepared by 60 of metro Detroit's finest chefs. Call (248) 626-7527, Ext. 3115 for tickets. Participating restaurants include Alban's Bottle & Basket, Big Daddy's Parthenon, Beans & Cornbread and Cafe Cortina.

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