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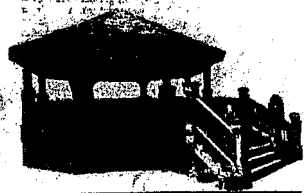
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VINTAGE



CLARKSTON

Last week we learned that John Jacob Astor looked at fur trading in the United States and decided he could make it hugely profitable. He set up an international business based here in Michigan, and left the U.S. government, which was also in the fur trading business, doing even more poorly than it was before.

So, what did the government do? It set out to put Astor out of business.

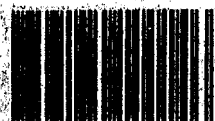
Thomas McKenney, the secretary of Indian Affairs, was head of the government's fur trading operation. McKenney tried to emulate Astor's techniques by going to the Indians to trade rather than making the Indians travel to government trading posts. It worked for awhile, but Astor was well organized and soon regained his market share.

Eventually, McKenney appealed to Congress to simply ban private fur trading so that the government could succeed in the business. That, too, failed for a time, though he did get Congress to require private fur traders to post a \$10,000 bond in order to trade. The bond had been only \$1,000 before that. Then government soldiers on Mackinac Island began to arrest Astor's men, before they even knew of the new law, as they brought their furs in.

Finally, by the 1830s, the government began relocating Indians westward, putting an end to the fur trade almost entirely.

Astor, however, had been prepared, and had widely invested in Manhattan real estate. By the time he died in 1848 he was worth about \$10 million, America's largest fortune of the day.

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



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School completion date uncertain



■ Zoning request from property owner could push back proposed August 1999 opening for new elementary in Clarkston's M-15 and Hubbard vicinity.

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Hold the bulldozers.

Though the Clarkston School District recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new elementary school at M-15 and Hubbard Road, a zoning snag could jeopardize the district's purchase of that site and delay the project's August 1999 completion.

Craig Kahler, director of business services for the district, told Clarkston's school board Monday night that construction at the new school site was on hold.

He explained that during an Aug. 5 meeting with the Independence Township Zoning Board of Appeals, Maria Baylis — who owns the land on which the district plans to build its school — petitioned for approval of a zoning vari-

ance to split that 30-acre lot for the project.

Addressing the ZBA that night, Kahler said Baylis and the district had agreed several months ago that Clarkston schools would buy 25 acres of the former horse farm and Baylis would keep five acres of it — where her home and some barns currently sit.

However, the appeal to split the property was tabled by ZBA members, who said they needed more time to examine the matter.

According to the business director, two barns that would sit on the five-acre part of the lot-split posed a problem for township officials. At 2,200-

square-feet and 7,200-square-feet, both accessory buildings would exceed the township's current outbuilding size limit of 1,500-square-feet.

Nevertheless, Kahler said he asked ZBA members for special consideration, reminding them that the two barns initially went up about 25 years ago as the result of a zoning variance. He said he told the ZBA that allowing and preserving the historical barns would be in line with the township's Vision 2020 plan.

He also suggested that the outbuildings might be used in conjunction with

Please see SCHOOL A6



Booting up: Michael Godoshian, a professional rodeo rider from Clarkston, prepares to show off his talents at the 4H Fair in Springfield Township.



Fast ride: Michael Godoshian, 21, enters the rodeo arena on a bull at the 4H Fair in Springfield Township for a show of skill that will only last a few seconds. Godoshian, a resident of Clarkston, is a professional rodeo rider who takes his show on the road.

Bull by the horns

Clarkston cowboy rides high

Clarkston-area rodeo rider Michael Godoshian, 21, portrays his entry into the arena of bull riding in a way that can only be described as a long, tall tale.

It began, he says, with a casual comment from his father, Michael Sr., who at some point in time, following a vacation out west, said jokingly, "Maybe you should try that."

With his interest thus piqued, Godoshian somehow found himself in a curious twist of circumstance: Seated in a courtroom with a friend, before a conversational stranger, who was eager to explain the rodeo experience.

Godoshian struck up a friendship with the man and went on a quest.

He searched the Internet, read some books, watched some movies, went to the Gary Leffew Bull Riding Camp in Sedalia, Missouri, and, as they say, the rest is history.

Now, some eighteen months later, he is a bona fide member of the professional rodeo circuit, bouncing his way from state to state in the pursuit of money and cowboy glory.

"The family doesn't think I can make money at it, but I guess I just have to show them," he says.

His most recent competition, his 15th, was at the 4-H Fair held in

Springfield Township on Aug. 5.

At the fair, Godoshian, who was raised in Independence Township, got bucked from a bull named Cracker before he could score. A rider must ride a bull for eight seconds to score points, which are then translated into cash.

Godoshian, who did not divulge how much he has earned in the sport, says the potential for making money "in the six figures" is there.

Seated in the viewing stands for the third time since Michael took up bucking, his mother Ann puts a different spin on the experience.

"Ah, the whiff of bulls," says the Independence woman, fluctuating between the emotions of pride and fear.

"I don't get thrilled watching this as a mother. When he gets on the bull, I kind of put my head down and talk to the person



Cowpoke talk: At left, Ray Downey, of Ortonville, jokes with Godoshian after the 4H Fair rodeo show.

Candidate says he'll 'shake up' city hall

If you asked Michael Kelley what it is about Clarkston that he finds appealing, expect a detailed and honest answer.

Like many residents, he and his family moved to Clarkston because of its small town atmosphere and friendly people. But after three years, just living here is not enough. Kelley is now running for one of three trustee seats on the city council.

"By and large, I think council does a pretty good job," he said.

Along with the newcomer, incumbent trustees Karen L. Sanderson and Anne N. Clifton will run for re-election in November, as will Mayor Sharron Catallo. All four candidates are running unopposed, unless write-in candidates appear on the ballot.

Councilman Doug Roeser is not running again, but was not available for comment.

Kelley has worked for General Motors for 21 years as an inspector in Pontiac. He is also a licensed pilot and he enjoys restoring antique cars in his spare time.

While building their new offices, Kelley found himself attending meetings regularly to the building. His voice his opinion at the position on the planning commission.

Kelley said his work has taught him city government. And he wants to run for trustee.

Kelley said the job in the community to shake things up a bit.

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Kelley describes who "speaks his anticipates that the quite a bit of his tip to do what's necessary community connected.

If elected, Kelley available to talk prices address their concerns purchases

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AGENDAS

Springfield Township
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Board of Trustee Meeting
7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 13
Tentative Agenda
Call To Order
Roll Call
Agenda Additions and Changes
Public Comment
Consent Agenda
a) Approval of Minutes, July 11, 1998, Regular Meeting
b) Acceptance of July Treasurer's Report
c) Receipt of July Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Litigation, Fire, and Ordinance
d) Authorize payment of bills as presented

e) Approve 1999-2003 Law Enforcement Services Agreement for one Detective Sergeant and six Deputy II with fill in
f) Adopt resolution to vacate a portion of James Ave. known as Jardine
g) Modify Construction Standards to allow use of N-12 plastic pipe outside road right-of-way in Fieldstone Heights, Phase V
h) Accept resignation and retirement of Assistant Fire Chief Elwyn C. Hillman, effective July 31, 1998, and express thanks and gratitude for 40 years of service
i) Approve expenditure not to exceed \$750 for each Township Board Planning Commission and ZBA member-attending MSPO Conference on Oct. 14-17, 1998
j) Approve expenditure not to

exceed \$650 for Nancy Strole to attend SOLEC conference Oct. 20-23, 1998, in Buffalo
k) Appoint Dean Farner as Assistant Fire Chief
l) Receipt of Communications: Receipt of report from Clarkston Youth Assistance
Public Hearing
1. Special Land Use-Rapp Equestrian Facility
2. Special Land Use-Kingston Point Cluster Housing
Old Business
1. Susin Lake Assessment Roll & Hearing Date
2. Sherwood/Patrick Special Assessment Roll & Hearing Date
New Business
1. Concept Site Plans:
a. Rapp Equestrian Facility
b. Kingston Point-Cluster Housing

2. Final Site Plans:
a. Jan's Finishing Touch Expansion
b. Design Tech, Unit 2
c. Holly Ford
d. Shepherds Hollow Golf Course
3. Fire Department
a. Software Purchase
b. Authorization to Bid for Computer and Printer
4. Tree Planting Grant
Request
Public Comment
Adjourn

Independence Township
90 N. Main Street
Clarkston
625-5111
Planning Commission Meeting
7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 13

Annex Board Room
Tentative Agenda
Roll Call
Public Comment
Public Hearing
File No. 98-1-030
David I. Katz, Petitioner, Request Special Land Use and Conceptual Site Plan Approval for the Garden C-Fe, 6380 Sashabaw Road, 1.35 Acres, OS-2 Zone, 08-27-201-022
File No. 98-1-042
Robert Shell, Petitioner, Request Special Land Use and Conceptual Site Plan Approval for Day Care in R-1R Zone, NW Corner Clarkston Road & Pine Knob Road, Pt. of 08-15-426-002, File No. 98-1-043
Samuel Surbrook, Petitioner, LDM Technologies, Request Special Use Approval for Additional Wall Signs, 5020 White Lake Road, 3 Acres, MH Zone, 08-31-176-002
File No. 98-1-045
Lino Otero, L.C., Petitioner, Everest Academy Boarders Building, Request Amendment of Special Land Use and Final Site Plan Approval to include classrooms in Boarders Building, 5935 Clarkston Road, 40 Acres, R-1R Zone, 08-16-476-004
Old Business:
New Business:
File No. 98-1-037
OmniPoint Communications, Petitioner, Request Conceptual

& Final Site Plan Approval for wireless antenna & base equipment to co-locate on existing Detroit Edison Tower No. 8672 NE corner Clintonville & I-75, R-1A Zone, 08-25-326-008
File No. 98-1-038
OmniPoint Communications, Petitioner, Request Conceptual & Final Site Plan Approval for wireless antenna & base equipment to co-locate on existing Detroit Edison Tower No. 8698, Parview, South of Dixie, R-2 Zone, 08-29-376-003 & 004
File No. 98-1-039
Jason Kofender, Nextel Comm., Petitioner request Conceptual & Final Site Plan Approval for wireless antenna & base equipment to co-locate on existing Detroit Edison Tower No. 8702 White Lake Road, South of Dixie, R-1A Zone, 08-30-476-010
Approval of Minutes: July 9, & July 23, 1998
Continuing Review
Planner's Report
Staff Report
Committee Report

Any further information regarding the above public hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday or by phone at 625-8111.

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High school student orientation rescheduled

High School administrators will notify all students this week that their class orientations in the new high school have been postponed. Instead of reporting next week, all students have been rescheduled for Aug. 24.

Students should report for orientation and building tours at the following times on Monday, Aug. 24:

- Seniors — 9-11 a.m.
- Juniors — 12-2 p.m.
- Sophomores — 3-5 p.m.
- Freshmen and new students — 6-8 p.m.

In addition, officials have postponed the traditional Ninth Grade Parent Meeting

until Monday, Aug. 24, at 6-8 p.m.

"As we near the start of this exciting year, we can see that work crews need additional days to finish the cabling in the school and ready the facility for student occupancy," said Patricia Brumback, assistant superintendent, high school operations, Clarkston Community Schools.

"We need to give them a little more time to assure that everything we need is ready and waiting when school starts on Aug. 31," she said. "We are sorry to inconvenience our students and parents, but it will be well worth the wait."

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Tuesday, 18th Maureen Shiffman Presents "CoCo Goes to the Circus"
11:30 am in Center Court
EDE Center for Dance Presents "Creative Movement"
1:30 in Center Court

Wednesday, 19th The Magic of Chris Linn
11:30 am in Center Court
Renaissance Fencing Club Demonstration
1:30 am in Center Court

Thursday, 20th Michigan Bats and Their Habitats
Featuring Michigan Bats
11:30 am in Center Court
BoBo the Clown In-Person!
7:30 pm in Center Court

Friday, 21st Living Science Presents "Animals of Australia"
11:30 am, 1:30 pm & 3:30 pm



Life renewed: At left, Charles Smith, an Independence Township resident who participated in an Olympics event for transplant patients, embraces his wife Cheri.

A new lease on life

Transplant recipients determined to live to the fullest

Now that he can breathe easily, Milton Smithson intends to "put" it where it counts.

Shot-put it, that is — for the benefit of organ transplant publicity.

Smithson, an Independence Township man who is in his third year with a new left lung, is one of 110 Michigan athletes who competed in the Aug. 5-8 U.S. Transplant Games at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Also competing in the games from Independence Township was Charles Smith, a kidney recipient who was a part of the golfing events.

The two men said that they want to participate in the games, in which they will compete against other transplant recipients, to help promote public awareness of organ transplant procedures and how they heal not only patients but entire families as well.

"I received my transplant on June 6, 1995. It's been a real success. Now I'm just as good as

a 22-year-old," Smithson said during a telephone interview.

Along with the shot put, a track and field event, he competed in the 400-meter, four-man relay.

"It's a method of making the public more aware of organ transplants and an opportunity to show them how much recipients can benefit," Smithson said.

Charles Smith echoed his comments. "More important is to show what a successful transplant can do for a person's lifestyle," he said. "Because of the generosity of an organ donor, I received a kidney and have had a terrific life ever since then."

Smith, who is retired from the General Motors Corp., was diagnosed with polycystic kidneys, a hereditary disease in which cysts grow in and eventually over-take the kidneys, he said. His mother and grandmother died of the disease. The 53-year-old received his kidney at age 36, on Super Bowl Sunday.

"More people suffer from that than other common things," Smith said of his illness, mention-

ing sickle cell anemia and cystic fibrosis as diseases that have a less-frequent occurrence rate.

For Smith, who learned of the games through literature, his participation was the first time as a transplant player.

"I'm retired now and I have more time," he said. "The games are open to anyone who wants to participate. The skill level isn't the (issue). It's really open to anyone who wants to participate."

Lynne Zacharias, a representative of the National Kidney Foundation, concurred.

Over 1,500 people from across the country are expected to compete for gold, silver and bronze medals in such events as swimming, track and field, bowling, golf, racquetball, tennis and bicycling, she said. Competitors range in age from one-and-one-half years to 70.

For Smithson, this will represent his second go-around at the games. He participated in 1996 when they were held in Salt Lake City. At that time, his new lung was only one year old.

While Smith said he knows

nothing about the person who donated his kidney, Smithson said he knows that the family of a 22-year-old, Michigan man, who died from a gunshot wound, gave him his lung.

Smithson, 64, said he was not always an athlete, although he had kept "active" throughout his life. Now exercise is vital.

"I have to work out quite a bit because otherwise I'd put on a lot of weight," he said.

Transplant patients are susceptible to weight gain because of the life-long medications they must take following surgery.

Smithson, who will be attending Spring Arbor college in the fall to work toward his bachelor's degree, said of the games, "I'd like to see more awareness of the donor process. People being aware of the fact that they have to let the family know if they want to donate organs."

It is Smith and Smithson's hope that they will, to paraphrase the Bible, "run the good race" — and golf the good game — in the contribution toward better lives.

Raising awareness: Independence Township resident Milton Smithson, the recipient of a donated lung, participates in track and field events at the Transplant Games in Ohio in hopes of promoting awareness about organ donation.



POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Independence and Springfield townships between Aug. 6-10.

Independence Township

Vandalism

On Aug. 7, approximately \$500 in damage was reportedly done to a vehicle parked on Clarkston Road.

On Aug. 7, approximately \$100 in damage was reportedly done to a vehicle parked in a lot on Dixie Highway.

On Aug. 8, a vehicle was reported damaged while parked near Dixie Highway.

Thefts

On Aug. 6, two driver's side hub caps were reported stolen from a vehicle parked near a business on M-15 and Dixie Highway.

On Aug. 7, golf clubs were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Eckerman Lane.

On Aug. 8, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Plum.

On Aug. 9, a cell phone was reported stolen from a locked vehicle parked on Ancroft Drive.

On Aug. 9, approximately \$2,000 worth of stereo equipment, including a compact disc player and speakers, was reported stolen from a vehicle on Langhurst.

Home Invasion

On Aug. 9, a telephone, a medical transcriber worth \$300, and several cans of soda pop were reported stolen from a residence on Deerhill.

Springfield Township

Home Invasion

On Aug. 9, two music boxes, jewelry, one boom box, one laptop computer, saws, compact discs, and \$480 in cash were

reported stolen from a residence on Nadette.

On Aug. 9, one purse, one wallet, two radar detectors and three wedding rings were reported stolen from a residence on Ashare Court.

On Aug. 9, cash was reported stolen from a purse and a wallet was reported stolen from a residence on Ashwood.

Thefts

On Aug. 6, four leather jackets and one baseball hat were reported stolen from a tent at the 4H Fairgrounds on Andersonville Road.

On Aug. 7, a vehicle was reported stolen from a residence on Woodland Trail.

On Aug. 9, a cell phone was reported stolen from a locked vehicle in a driveway on Ashare Court.

Between Aug. 7-9, approximately \$250 in cash was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on King Road.

Burglary

On Aug. 7, a barn was reported illegally entered on Ormond Road. Witnesses reported seeing a red Ford pick-up truck on the premises and \$100 damage was reportedly done to the barn door.

On Aug. 9, a residence on Forest Ridge Drive was reported illegally entered.

Independence Fire

Between Aug. 6-10, firefighters responded to 28 incidents, including 12 medical runs, six personal injury accidents, and one building fire on Eastlawn.

Clarkston Police

Theft

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Ride from page A1



Mike Godoshian hopes to be a success on the rodeo circuit.

to me. Eight seconds is a long time, especially when you're a mother."

Having met his mentor in a courtroom, Godoshian soon found himself at his first rodeo in Adrian, riding two bulls without any experience or training.

"Right before my first ride, one guy broke his leg in half," he says. Godoshian's first ride lasted four seconds.

On ride number two, the bull, "bucked and came out to the right and he went too far forward and I hit my head between his horns," he remembers.

Thrown spread-eagle from the animal, he arose to face further agony when he realized his pants had torn.

"The next think I knew, I was

■ 'The next think I knew, I was laying in a fetal position and he was bucking right over me.'

Michael Godoshian
—Rodeo rider

laying in a fetal position and he was bucking right over me," Godoshian says. "I split my pants."

In order to participate in various rodeos around the country, riders must make application and pay an entry fee. Due to the number of eager riders, not all are accepted at each competition.

"It's just the luck of getting in," Godoshian says. Once a rider has been accepted, he is then assigned — again by chance — to a bull.

The former Orchard Lake St. Mary's graduate and Tiffin (Ohio) University football player doesn't mince any words when he speaks of the very real dangers involved in bull riding.

One of his closest friends, a rider named Chris Bill, sustained devastating facial and chest injuries competing. Godoshian, himself, has had three broken ribs, a collapsed lung, broken legs and a broken chin.

"The best thing is the crowd," he notes, with a twinkle of fan appreciation showing in his eyes.

Determined to make money at the sport, Godoshian says the bumps, bruises, broken bones and threat of disability or death

do not deter him.

"I'm not going to give it up after getting beat up," he says, adding that he subscribes to a number of what he calls, "superstitions."

"I don't put my chaps on until the roping starts," he says. "There's a lot of superstitions I've got."

In memory of Chris Bill's experience, Godoshian, who is engaged to be married in October, says he routinely genuflects and kisses a large St. Christopher's medal he wears around his neck. He also keeps a feather in his hat, like his friend did.

"I have good faith," he says, while his mother observes that bull riding is always the last event to be run — following competitions in steer roping, calf wrestling and the like.

"That's the most dangerous. And that's what keeps people in the stands," she says.

For his part, Michael Godoshian has a theory, gleaned from his reading of a book called Psycho-Cybernetics.

"If you picture the perfect ride over and over, you'll get on the bull and be the rider you pictured," he says.

Driver faces homicide charge

A Clarkston man accused of causing a drunken driving accident that resulted in the death of a Rochester Hills woman was bound over for trial July 30 on second-degree murder charges. Matthew Kurilik, 24, faces up to life in prison if convicted.

The July 7 incident took place on I-75 near Baldwin Road. Police say the man was driving north when he lost control of his van and crossed over the median into southbound traffic. Jennifer Colling, 23, was coming home from a Pine Knob concert when her car smashed into the van. She died five days later. Three other motorists also were injured in the crash.

According to police, the driver of the van had a blood alcohol level of 0.17 percent at the time of the accident. A blood alcohol level above 0.10 percent is considered intoxicated under state law.

Along with the homicide charge, Kurilik will stand trial for drunken driving causing a death, driving with open alcohol in the car, driving with a suspended license and possession of a firearm by a felon.

His bond remains at \$300,000. His arraignment in Oakland County Circuit Court is set for Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Suspect sought in road robbery

A man claims he was robbed at gunpoint Friday morning in Springfield Township by a suspect who offered to help fix his car.

The victim, accompanied by another man, said he was stranded in Pontiac when his car died around 9 a.m. Aug. 7.

"The suspect stopped by and offered to take them to get some parts and tools to assist them," said Sgt. Pat Miles of the Oakland County Sheriff's Substation in Springfield Township.

The suspect suggested that the problem was a faulty battery and asked whether the car owner and his friend had money to purchase a new one, according to police.

The owner of the vehicle then got into the suspect's truck, leaving his friend behind. The suspect and victim headed north on Dixie Highway. Upon entering Springfield Township, the suspect allegedly pulled out a pistol.

The suspect is described as a black male, between 25 and 30, 6 feet 7 inches tall and weighing approximately 198 pounds. He was wearing a black tank top and blue jeans at the time of the incident, police said. The suspect drove a red Dodge Ram pickup truck with a white cap top.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Oakland County Sheriff's Department's Springfield Township Substation at 625-8531.

OBITUARIES

Trent 'T.J.' Reed

Trent James "T.J." Reed of Davisburg died Aug. 9, 1998, at age 15.

T.J. attended Clarkston Middle School and SCAMP and was a recipient of Rainbow Connection.

He is survived by his parents James and Carolann; brothers, Alain "A.J." of Ann Arbor, Gary (Amy) of Lansing, Bill (Marlo) of Pontiac, Dan (Lisa) of Clinton Township, Reggie (Angie) of Birmingham and Brian (Dawn) of Harrison Township; sisters

Leanne of Florida and Chanae of Davisburg and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements made by Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home in Clarkston. Funeral service will be held today at 1 p.m. at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass, Clarkston 48347-0014 with Rev. Walters officiating. Friends may visit Thursday from noon until time of service. Interment will take place at Hillview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the church or Rainbow Connection.

Rev. Thomas P. Conry, S.J.

Rev. Thomas P. Conry, S.J., of Clarkston died Aug. 10, 1998, at age 86.

Rev. Conry was a priest/teacher for the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits. Some of his assignments included teacher, retreat work, counselor and chaplain at Loyola Academy in Chicago, Ill., Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, John Carroll University and St. Stanislaus in Cleveland, Ohio, and Colomiere Center in Clarkston.

He is survived by his sister

Mrs. Robert Jones (Rita); brothers Charles A. Conry and John J. Conry, all of Ohio, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were made by A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Troy.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, Aug. 13, at Colomiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road, Clarkston MI 48347-0139.

Interment will take place at Colomiere Center Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Colomiere Center.

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Oakland County's personal protection office has new location

The Personal Protection Order (PPO) Office that was located in the west wing of the Oakland County Circuit Court has moved. It is now located off the Juvenile Intake lobby on the ground floor in the east wing of the courthouse. The relocation is a result of the collaborative efforts of the Oakland County probate and circuit courts and the Women's Survival Center.

The relocation is designed to make the courthouse more user-friendly and should trim the time it takes for a citizen to obtain a personal Protection Order.

Kathryn is the Personal Protection Order Coordinator for the Women's Survival Center. She has been working with PPOs for three years at the courthouse. Volunteers from the National Council of Jewish Women assist her in helping several thousand PPO petitioners each year.

The new PPO Office consists of a main office and an additional room available

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for confidential conferences. This is a significant upgrade from the previous.

The Juvenile Casework Unit gave up part of its office space to make the relocation possible.

OU researchers win grants

Researchers at Oakland University's School of Engineering and Computer Science have won separate grants from Chrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. Professor Robert Loh received a \$67,270 Chrysler award for his research on "Design of Optimal Vehicle Charging Systems."

Professor Naim Kheir received a \$25,000 extension of his award from Ford, United States Coun-

cil for Automotive Research, for "Energy Management Strategies for New Generation Vehicles."

Professors Suresh C. Rama; Gary Barber, Kay Li, Randy Gu and Sankar Sengupta received a \$32,800 grant from the Society of Manufacturing for research on "Computational Modeling of Residual Stresses by Metal Forming Processes/Capital Equipment."

OU department head wins awards

Eileen Peacock, chairwoman of Oakland University's, Department of Accounting and Finance has won two Lybrand merit certificates from the Institute of Management Accountants. The IMA honored her for submitting to its magazine, Management Accounting, two articles: "Using

the IMA's Practice Analysis to Re-engineer Management Accounting Education," and "Corporate Academic Meetings: Try Them! You'll Like Them! The Story of the Detroit Area's Attempt at Dialog."

The articles will be published in the coming year.

The acceptance rate for articles is less than five percent, said John Gardner, dean of the OU School of Business Administration. "To receive two certificates in one year is certainly a rare and exceptional accomplishment," Gardner said.

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to Aug. 12.

BIRMINGHAM

Big Kroger: Beginning this week, the Kroger store in downtown Birmingham will be replaced by a Kroger superstore. The \$13 million store features 42,000 square feet of retail space and will include a full-time concierge, full-time sushi chef, full-time wine steward, an on-site bakery, a Coffee Beanery outlet and a full-service pharmacy.

CLARKSTON

Restaurant coming: Independence Township trustees have voted one of the township's three remaining liquor licenses to restaurateur Nino Cutraro,

who plans to open an Italian restaurant in the community.

FARMINGTON HILLS

Please stay: Farmington Hills officials are considering whether to offer a 95-acre city-owned site next to the San Marino municipal golf course to entire Compuware Corp. into keeping its headquarters in the city.

LAKE ORION

Dance away: Dancin' in the Streets continues in downtown Lake Orion 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19. The event is a free evening of music and dancing.

OXFORD

Facelift coming: Work crews will start digging along Wash-

ington Street this summer, replacing sidewalks, while adding planters and benches as part of a long-term facelift for downtown Oxford.

ROCHESTER HILLS

User friendly budget: The city's new budget includes something else that's new - a section called "Financial Trends" that includes a five-year economic and demographic history of the community.

SOUTHFIELD

Back to school: It's back to school already for students at Vandenberg School. The Southfield Schools elementary is extending its school year as part of a district pilot program. The school year begins Aug. 24 for other Southfield students.

TROY

Road dispute: Avondale Schools and the city of Troy are at odds over who should pay for a proposed widening of Livernois Road, outside the district's new Woodland Elementary School.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Lawsuit out: An Oakland County Circuit Judge has thrown out a million dollar plus lawsuit filed by a group of West Bloomfield residents against the township and Oakland County Drain Commission. The suit claimed that residents weren't fairly compensated for damages that occurred when a storm drain overflowed. County drain officials say they are considering suing the residents to recover legal expenses.

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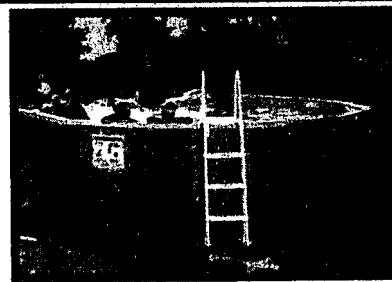
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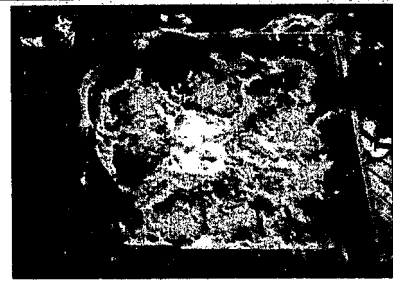
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Safety measures in place for parade Kelley from page A1

The Clarkston Labor Day Parade won't be quite the same this year, organizers said.

In an effort to emphasize safety, participants will be prohibited from tossing candy into the crowd and demonstrations will be restricted to two per group.

"It is an unsafe situation," said Parade Chairman Tom McCloskey of the effects of candy tossing.

The Clarkston Rotary Club member said children will run into the streets, and into traffic, chasing after loose candy.

"Anyone throwing candy might as well be throwing rocks," he said. "We really would like to discourage that."

The parade is scheduled for 10

a.m. on Sept. 7. The route will begin at Church Street, advance to Main Street, then continue to Miller Street and end at St. Daniel Church.

This year's theme, "Living Your Dream," is modeled after the 1998-99 Rotary Club theme, "Living Your Rotary Dream." The theme mirrors the organization's goal of making a difference in the community, McCloskey said. He described the club's mission as providing programs that people have depended on, though club members do not usually accept recognition for their work.

"These are the kinds of programs that change people's lives," McCloskey said, citing

involvement with SCAMP, foreign exchange programs, and programs for needy children as some top priorities.

As an extension of the club's work, Rotary members organize and sponsor the annual parade.

At this year's parade, groups are encouraged to limit themselves to two performances. One demonstration will be allowed on Main Street in downtown Clarkston. The other will be allowed at the intersection of Main Street and Clarkston Road. All participants will then move along to the church.

Careful organization of the demonstrations, McCloskey said, will prevent large gaps between the parade participants. He

added that the Fourth of July Parade has had such large openings that spectators would walk between the parade participants, thinking the event was over. Again, he voiced concern over the safety of the residents and children walking among the cars and horses.

"We're hoping for a big parade and a great turnout," added McCloskey.

Registration to enter in the parade will end on Friday, Sept. 4. To register for a spot in the parade, contact McCloskey at 625-6636.

Entry forms can be faxed to McCloskey at 625-8721 or Jeff Lichty, Clarkston Rotary Club president, at 625-7307.

Such sentiments have not gone unrecognized by Catallo.

The Mayor is aware that people expect the council to move quickly on issues. But Catallo added that government business does not move along any faster in a small community than it would in a larger city.

With three out of four candidates in the November election being incumbents, current council members said they want to return and see their projects develop and flourish.

Clifton is one candidate who intends to see her projects through to the end. She, along with Catallo, has been working on the proposed addition to city hall and constant rejuvenation of the downtown area.

Clifton said her position has proved to be a positive experience and given her a sense of personal growth.

"You can see the effects you have," she said. "I like hearing what people have to say."

Though she has served only one year and a half, Clifton was responsible for arranging the new children's concerts in Depot Park this summer. She is working with architects to research the possible addition to city hall, which would provide some "much needed space," she said.

Clifton is also a member of the subcommittee for the Inspection Ordinance which aims to protect the businesses and historic buildings in downtown Clarkston from potential destruction caused by fire.

Currently a controversial issue with business owners, the subcommittee is re-examining the need for a more comprehensive annual inspection.

Candidates agreed that increased attendance at the bimonthly council meetings would benefit the community.

"I would like to see more city residents down at the council meetings," said Kelley of the attendance.

"Most residents who had con-

cerns would have the answers to their questions. Sharron does such a wonderful job of letting people speak and get the answers," he said. "Maybe they have a solution to those problems."

Clifton suggested that more coverage in the newspaper might boost attendance and interest in the council positions. Though she said she was looking forward to running for the seat, Clifton said she's disappointed that fellow Trustee Douglas Roeser has decided not to run for re-election.

"There are a lot of things that he's involved with that other members are not," she said naming Roeser as an important member of the finance committee and primary caretaker for the annual tree planting.

Clifton said the lack of competition did not indicate a lack of interest in the position, but instead shows that residents are unaware of the opportunity to become involved in city government.

"I think part of it is that people in the community were not even aware that there were positions open," said Clifton. "A lot of people take for granted that there is a city council. I don't think a lot of people are aware that they can get involved."

Catallo said she has never felt there was a lack of interest in the community. She attributes the shortage of competition in the election to the size of the community.

"Only a certain number of people are available in a community of one thousand," she said. "It's a commitment of time and energy."

School from page A1

the new school's academic programs.

In a phone interview Tuesday, Kahler said Baylis' son, Lance, had already indicated that his mother had no intention of tearing down her barns to comply with the lot ordinance. Kahler described the ZBA's response as a potential "dealbreaker" for Clarkston schools in that Baylis could decide not to sell her 25-acres.

The business director pointed out that even if the sale eventu-

ally goes through, days and weeks are passing on the school's construction time line.

"This put us back on our ability to close on the property," Kahler said. "And the longer we are delayed, the greater jeopardy we are in of not meeting our August of 1999 opening. This is for the community's benefit."

"We're trying our damndest to comply with what the community wants. But we need to get this school built. It impacts

3,000 elementary students."

Dr. George Krull, a ZBA member who attended the Aug. 5 meeting, said the board acted fairly.

"All this was dumped on us at once," Krull said in a phone interview Tuesday.

"We didn't feel comfortable making a decision. Those two barns are way out of compliance. And this puts the Board of Appeals in a quandary. If we automatically grant a variance in this case, we've already let the horse out of the barn -- forgive the pun. What does that do to the zoning board for future requests?"

Krull said school officials should have brought the split-lot issue to the zoning board's attention well before August.

"They didn't do their homework. They just wanted to push this thing through," he said. "Somebody should have been aware that keeping those outbuildings would not be automatic. If I felt there was something to be gained for the students by keeping those outbuildings, I would have no problem with it. But so far, no one has presented anything specific about that."

Jeff McGee, a ZBA member and Independence Township trustee who didn't attend the Aug. 5 meeting, echoed Krull's sentiments in a phone interview Tuesday.

"To say that our lack of rubber-stamp approval is going to hold up school for children is unfair," McGee said. "They presented something to us for the first time and we had no time to discuss it. We asked that they furnish us with more information. It's almost impossible to build something of that size without some problems along the way."

Kahler said Tuesday that he expects to meet today with attorneys from the school district, Independence Township and the Baylis family to "put something together to try to get this variance." The business director said he'll present that plan at the next ZBA meeting, August 19.

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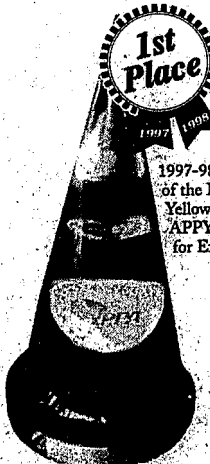
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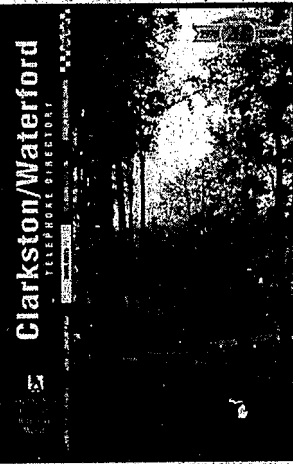
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Spending rising on roads, prisons and environment

Here are highlights from some of the other budget bills Gov. John Engler signed since the Legislature adjourned July 3:

■ **Roads** — \$2.8 billion to the Department of Transportation, including more than \$300 million in new federal funds under the TEA-21 law. The total is \$120 million more than Engler had expected when he presented his budget Feb. 12.

■ **Jobs Commission** — \$108.5 million, including a \$550,000 increase (to \$8 million) for the Travel Michigan program. Lawmakers cut about one percent from the governor's overall request.

■ **Revenue sharing** — \$1.4 billion for local units in the general government budget. Sen. Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, complained that no action was being taken under his Senate bill that would more evenly distribute aid to townships as well as older cities.

■ **Natural Resources** — \$48.7 million, about \$600,000 more than he had requested, as the state's share of a total \$228 million DNR budget. New: a video and youth outreach program of \$1.4 million; portable radios for conservation officers for \$600,000.

Also: another \$1 million for the Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps (to a total of \$3.4 million) to reopen Camp Alberta at Baraga; a new fish hatchery at Gaylord; and \$85,000 for a Michigan State University study to control "swimmer's itch" in lakes.

■ **Environmental Quality** — \$92.6 million in state money, up nearly 8 percent over the current year and almost one percent more than the governor recommended. New items: \$53.4 million for cleaning up

contaminated sites with priority for public health dangers and redeveloping contaminated "brownfield" properties.

■ **Welfare** — \$2.9 billion total for the Family Independence Agency, including \$1 billion from the state and the rest from the federal government. It's about what Engler had proposed.

Engler said that since March of 1994, welfare caseloads have dropped 50 percent to the lowest point since August 1971. The June caseload was 115,737. Meanwhile, day care costs are rising as former welfare clients go to work.

■ **Prisons** — \$1.44 billion, up 5 percent from the current year. Engler said the Department of Corrections will need 5,400 more prison beds in the next four years. The state has saved \$1 billion in infrastructure costs due to double bunking and other efficiencies, he added.

■ **State police** — a total of \$351.5 million, one percent more than he had recommended. Included is \$5.1 million for trooper recruit schools.

State budget gives more to community colleges

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Community colleges will get \$282 million in state aid, up \$11 million from what Gov. John Engler proposed last winter and good news for Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College.

"This budget reaffirms my commitment to make more resources available to more students," Engler said as he signed the bill.

The governor had asked no dollar increase for state aid, arguing that the two-year colleges would reap a cost cut by having to pay 5.9 percent less into the retirement system.

But lawmakers refused to buy his argument. The Senate voted \$279.1 million, the House \$283.5 million, and the final conference report compromised at \$282 million.

OCC will get a 1.94 percent hike to \$20.2 million — "unexpected good news," said Clarence Brantley, vice chancellor for administrative services and chief budget man.

"We constructed our 1998-99 budget with no increase in state funding. We will place this (new) money in the fund balance as a buffer against unexpected shortfalls."

Schoolcraft will get \$10.98 million, up about 3.7 percent.

■ **'We constructed our 1998-99 budget with no increase in state funding. We will place this (new) money in the fund balance as a buffer against unexpected short falls.'**

Clarence Brantley
—OCC vice chancellor

Engler hoped aloud that community colleges, "with this extraordinary support," would hold down tuition increases.

OCC will raise tuition this fall for the first time in four years.

It will charge in-district students \$47 per credit hour, up \$1 or 2.2 percent. Out-of-district Michigan residents \$79.50, up \$1.50 or 1.9 percent; and non-Michigan residents \$111.50, up \$2.50 or 2.3 percent. Since the rates are below consumer price inflation, students' families will be eligible for state personal income tax credits.

The state aid bill is used to cover base operating budgets.

In addition, Engler signed a bill to provide \$20 million for scholarships to community college students enrolled in technical training programs leading to either a certificate or associate's degree.

OCC will get \$1.6 million of the \$20

million pot. It will help pay for 1,800 scholarships — more than double the number of the next highest provider, neighboring Macomb Community College. It is "a lion's share," in the words of OCC Chancellor Richard Thompson.

Thompson said the 1,800 scholarships will cover a two-year cycle and be given to about 750 students because some will be in two-year associate degree programs and others in shorter certificate programs.

The Engler program also provided \$30 million for five new technical training centers statewide. OCC is expected to apply for some of those funds.

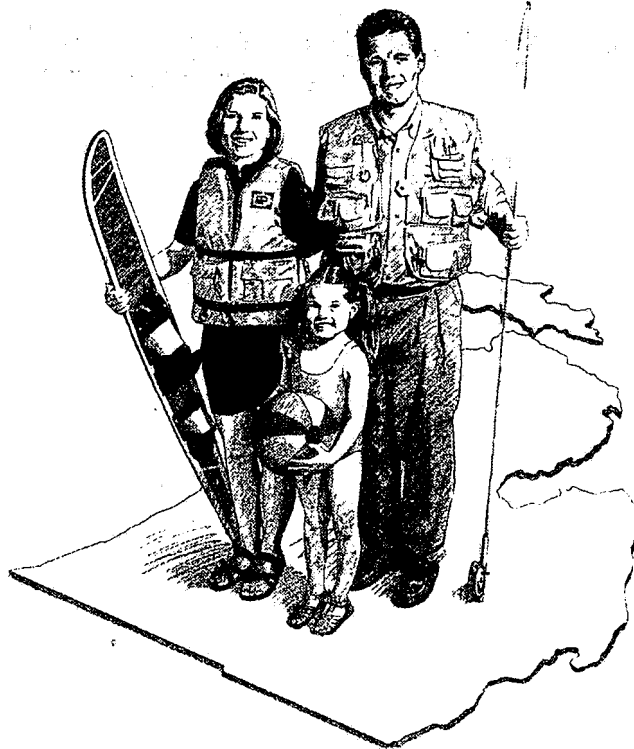
Technical training centers are part of the \$108.5 million in state funds going to the Michigan Jobs Commission, a successor to parts of the Labor and Commerce departments. The Legislature cut about \$500,000 from Engler's request.

Engler also signed an \$870 million bill for the Department of Education, about one percent more than he had requested.

New is \$5 million for a Governor's Reading Plan, a comprehensive literacy program to reach the first three grades. It will provide \$300,000 in matching funds for a National Geographic Society endowment for geography education.

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The collected supplies will benefit a variety of women, children, and teens in three local shelters: Windows, Orchards Children's Services and Pontiac Rescue Mission.

For more information about Project REACH or ORT call (248) 855-9820.

Michigan Supreme Court candidates divided on teacher's pension case

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Both sides threw verbal harpoons when the Michigan Supreme Court decided a teacher pension case in favor of the teacher and against school districts.

The high court split 4-3 along party lines in deciding that Adrian teacher Bessie Traylor was entitled to pension credits for the year she lost from work due to a broken hip and collected workers comp benefits.

At issue is the philosophy of "judicial activism" that helped Traylor.

In the opinion, Justice Marilyn Kelly of Bloomfield Township said Traylor should get pension credit for the time she received worker's comp. That will give her 30.8 years of seniority and an extra \$250 a month in her

pension check.

GOP/Dem split

Siding with Kelly were Michael Cavanagh, Patricia Boyle and Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. of West Bloomfield. Kelly and Cavanagh, both Democrats, are expected to seek re-election this year. Boyle is retiring.

Justice Clifford Taylor, a Republican also running this year, penned a sharp dissent. Dissenters argued the teacher should get just the 29.8 years of credit she accumulated at the time of her fall. Taylor said workers comp shouldn't have been counted, and doing so will throw off all school districts' pension calculations.

Taylor has been on the high court a year as a Gov. Engler appointee and is expected to get

■ ... If reasonable minds can differ regarding its meaning, then judicial construction is appropriate. In this case, we find that reasonable minds can differ.

Marilyn Kelly
—State Supreme Court judge

the Republican nomination Aug. 28 to finish the rest of the term. Agreeing with him were James Brickley and Elizabeth Weaver.

Kelly wrote that the law said "compensation" includes investments in annuities, longevity pay, overtime pay, vacation pay, holiday pay and "sick leave pay while absent from work." But the law doesn't mention worker's comp benefits.

Kelly then noted that the state pension board, Ingham Circuit Court and a Court of Appeals

panel came to different conclusions as to whether worker's comp should be counted. Should the Supreme Court decide the issue? Yes, she said, because "if reasonable minds can differ regarding its meaning, then judicial construction is appropriate. In this case, we find that reasonable minds can differ ..."

To determine the law's meaning, Kelly said, the retirement board looked at a legislative analysis of a 1980 law. That analysis said, "Outstate mem-

bers (teachers) would also gain the right to count time spent on sabbatical leave and time receiving worker's compensation as service credit. Both these benefits are now enjoyed by Detroit members." Kelly and the Democrats sided with the pension board's analysis.

Meanwhile, Kelly said, as this case was pending, the Legislature in 1996 amended the law specifically to include worker's comp benefits in calculating pension time.

Taylor said the majority erred "by failing to fulfill its duty to apply the statute as written."

If the law didn't specifically mention "worker's comp" as part of the pension base, then the court shouldn't add it, Taylor wrote, because "We do not have authority to expand, or contract, its definitions." He dipped into

Latin for the legal rule: "*Expressio unius est exclusio alterius*," that is, "the express mention of one thing is the exclusion of another."

Quoting a 'guru'

Taylor also quoted the top guru of legal conservatives, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, in a 1997 book "A Matter of Interpretation." Scalia blisters courts of the 1960s-80s for even considering "supposed legislative intent" which he calls "a handy cover for judicial intent."

The Michigan Education Association, bargaining agent for school employees, filed an amicus brief on behalf of Traylor and the state pension board.

Source: Adrian School District v. Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System, docket 107733, decided July 28.

Oakland traffic patrol boost leads to 11 arrests in July

In an effort to reduce traffic crashes and injuries, Oakland County Safe & Sober law enforcement agencies increased traffic patrols during July. These selective traffic patrols targeted speeders and aggressive drivers through enforcement and public education and awareness.

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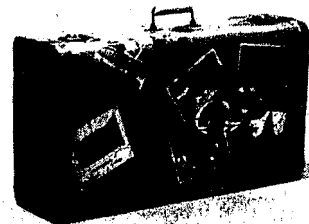
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Kudos

Primary election did all of us proud

In our haste to put the election behind us we neglected a most important detail — and that's recognition of a job well done. The election is one of our most important traditions and we rarely acknowledge all the planning and hard work that goes into making it all come about.

Sadly, as is the case in most areas, we usually only think to mention something when things go wrong. Not this time.

With very few exceptions this past primary election was a flawless execution of a sacred observance. There was the occasional line here and there, but the votes were cast and everything worked. We may not agree with every end result, but we laud the process.

Don't think for a moment that elections run smoothly "just because."

They take months of planning as township clerks allocate resources and plan for the big day. Poll workers, the real unsung heroes of any primary or general election, arrive early and leave late. And though tempers flare and tension mounts for even the best of us, the poll workers are always cordial and helpful — a blessing that shouldn't be overlooked.

We would also like to extend special kudos to the literally hundreds of faceless election night workers that we didn't see. There were people at the county elections division, who the public doesn't normally consider during election time, who tabulated the votes and made sure the numbers (many of them, anyway) were ready by the time most of us awoke in the morning.

For those who wanted to know, election results in Oakland County were ready by 4 a.m. on Wednesday, a phenomenal job when one considers the difficulty of tabulating tens of thousands of votes.

State numbers were available late Wednesday morning.

Also, for those who were interested, the Michigan Secretary of State deserves a commendation for all the work that went into getting pre-primary campaign finance reports available to the public so quickly after they

were filed.

For those with a fast enough connection to the internet, campaign finance reports containing contributions and expenditures for candidates seeking state office were available on the Secretary of State website in plenty of time for voters to see where political aspirants were getting their money.

And while we're on the subject, let's not forget the candidates, both the winners and the runner-ups. We say runner-ups, rather than losers, because by and large this was a clean, issue-oriented campaign.

We won't sully the process by labeling any of these candidates losers.

They all worked difficult hours, enduring both the positive and the negative. For every voter who listened with interest, we're certain there were more than a few doors slammed in candidate's faces.

The risk of rejection is one that every candidate faces, and they do it willingly to participate in our democratic process, but to the best of our knowledge they all acted with dignity and honor.

And finally, we want to acknowledge the voters themselves.

We know — it's no fun to head to the polls in early August when we'd rather be doing a million other things, but voting is a privilege that we should take seriously.

It has become fashionable in the media to decry voter apathy and the lack of participation in the electoral process, but that wasn't the case this year.

On Aug. 4, the turnout in the state was 1,409,928, up 13.7 percent over 1994.

In north Oakland County, the percentage of registered voters who turned out for the primary ranged from 17.7 percent in Springfield Township, to a high of 26 percent in Clarkston.

Great numbers? Well, of course, since primaries often are the real election in GOP-parish Oakland, we would like to see even higher numbers, but voters should be proud that they are reversing a downward trend.

New law is more equitable, just

The Michigan Legislature did a relatively good job of modifying the so-called "650 drug lifer law" in the closing days of its 1998 session. Those who worked for the change have earned our praise.

For years it was known not only as the toughest law in the nation but also as a cruel statute that imposed harsher punishments than for many murders. Some thought it should be considered "cruel and unusual punishment," a violation of the U.S. Constitution, but the nation's highest court left that to the discretion of the state.

From 1978-98 the law mandated — with no judicial discretion — life in prison with no hope of parole for anyone caught with 650 grams of a controlled substance. It was aimed at drug "kingpins," to use the police lobby's term, but didn't catch many. It took no account of the fact that many on the drug scene are young and reckless and are likely to outgrow their behavior patterns after 15 years.

The new and improved law says: The penalty is 20 years to life, at the judge's discretion.

Current convicts are eligible for parole after 15 years if they have cooperated with the prosecutor. (A prosecutor could still abuse his or her discretion, unfortunately.)

Current lifers with no other convictions for serious crimes are eligible for parole after 17 years; 20 years if they are offenders.

The parole board must consider whether the convict played a key role in the transaction, whether the offense involved children 17 or younger, or if the offense was committed in a "drug-free zone" around a school.

The Senate voted 26-9 for the improvement. The vote was prominently reported in this newspaper. No one, that we are aware of, made it a primary campaign issue. Perhaps that's good. We heard no demagoguery saying that a yes vote was a "vote for drugs," or "a vote against crime victims," or other such nonsense.

Getting much of the credit for fighting for the reform is Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, who opposed the prevailing emotions of her Oakland County base. The Senate had passed a bill that was a modification of the 650-lifer law, but it gave too much power to police and prosecutors in deciding paroles. Dobb amended it in the right direction.

Those who voted to amend the law deserve praise for bucking the propensity of legislators to sit up at night and invent new crimes and harsher punishments.

As Portia, in Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice, explained:

*"The quality of mercy is not strain'd,
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven...
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes."*

"Tis mightiest in the mightiest."

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Should school's teach moral issues?

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



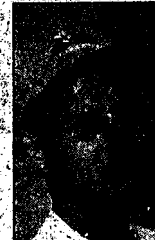
'Oh boy. I'm a teacher. I think it should come from the home and the school should reinforce it.'

Cindy Finnigan
Independence Township



'I think that they should teach ethics instead of morals.'

Gail Evans
Independence Township



'I think that today we need all the help we can get, as long as teachers aren't imposing their moral values.'

Craig Sabo
Ortonville



'I think it should be the parents.'

Daniel Bourque
Independence Township

LETTERS

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The Clarkston Foundation, on behalf of the children of our community, wishes to thank all of the generous supporters of our 1998 "Golfing for our Kids" summer golf classic of July 15. Your continued support helps our educators to make better Americans.

Bruce and Sue Whitmer
Clarkston Foundation

Candidate made fine showing

I'm proud to be among the 35.2 percent of the voters who had the opportunity to vote for Jeff Gallant in the race for the 46th District seat in the Michigan State House of Representatives. Those voters saw an extremely well qualified young man dedicated to fight for a return of citizens being personally involved in a smaller and less tax-minded government.

Jeff took his platform by foot to the voters, where he discussed simple as well as difficult issues. He was not afraid of any subject because he was so well informed and "shows an excellent grasp of a wide range of issues" (Detroit News 7/7/98), plus his national criminal prosecutor experience would have been valuable at the state level.

I have observed the highest ethical standards by Jeff and his wife, Angie. We are very fortunate to have individuals like them in our community and our government needs them. Jeff's time was not wasted because he has impressed and gained a huge following of enthused citizens who want a change in our government.

The voters will remember Jeff's tremendous endeavor and his wisdom!

Peggy Dryer
Clarkston

Keep hands off signs

I read with interest your editorial asking the candidates to remove their signs as soon as possible.

I have another thought along those lines. I would like to ask candidates not to steal each others' signs.

During the past two years I have worked on at least two campaigns and it is very frustrating to ask someone's permission to place a sign in their yard and then have it stolen a few days later.

As you stated, these political signs are a form of free speech and as such should be respected. They cost the candidates a lot of money and in one instance I replaced a sign several times only to have it stolen repeatedly.

If candidates cannot win an election without stealing their opponents' signs, they are not the kind of honest and ethical official the people deserve. If I were a candidate running for office, I would ask my campaign workers

not to steal my opponents' signs but instead just put up more of mine.

Stealing is stealing no matter what you steal or when you do it (in the dark of night, for example). Let's hope all the candidates will run a clean and honest campaign for the November election.

Eleanor Whitson
Bloomfield Hills

Cyclists have rights

I am writing out of extreme frustration and concern for my life. I am a moderately serious cyclist. I started riding in the spring of 1997 and since then have logged over 8,000 miles. I'm training to become an ultra-marathon cyclist. In order to accomplish this my highest priority "should be" training. Unfortunately, this has not been the case.

In less than one year I have not only been run off the road, cursed at and threatened by people in motor vehicles, but I have actually been hit by a car once and seriously assaulted numerous times. Twice I was forced to file police reports, the most recent being this past weekend where I was run off the road and physically hit by the passenger of the car.

Most drivers don't realize that, when they threaten a cyclist by swerving, throwing objects or even hitting a cyclist by swinging their hand out the window, this is considered an assault. And, should the cyclist feel his or her life is in serious danger, this is considered assault with a deadly weapon.

The more time I spent on the bike the more I realized the vast majority of drivers had no idea that cyclists have the very same rights to the road as they do.

How many cyclists are going to have to get hurt or killed before someone takes a very long look at the problem here?

I would like to inform every would-be cyclist assailant that more and more cyclists are taking your license plate numbers and are calling the police. Even more are prosecuting and suing their assailants.

Small children who ride bikes should keep them away from the road. It's bad enough that adults have to contend with such moronic behavior, I'm sure no one would want to hear of the tragedy of a child being killed by a driver who was ignorant of the law.

Ken Marzorati
Rochester

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— Philip Power

Government takes page from entrepreneurs' book

Readings publications entitled "Award Winning Joint Projects" ordinarily is not the way I'd prefer to spend my time.

But this particular booklet, put out jointly by SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments) and MAC (Metropolitan Affairs Coalition), turns out to be great reading. It details a bunch of joint projects undertaken by local governments in this area that both cut costs to taxpayers and improve community services.

They are part of a growing movement toward something called "entrepreneurial government," the term coming from Tim Richard, who covers governmental doings for this newspaper.

The idea is that historically governments have been pretty good at doing more and more when their revenue base was growing, but they have proven largely clueless at doing more when revenue was shrinking.

In response to this problem, some governmental leaders are trying to learn the habits of entrepreneurs, who run their businesses by finding

ways to cut costs, improve productivity, innovate and even take risks.

Here's an example from Livingston County, which used to be mostly serene, rural farm country, but today is the fastest growing county in Michigan.

Going back to 1989, the Brighton Post of the Michigan State Police provided county residents with 911 emergency services. But the explosive growth of the county soon stretched to the system's capacity and it had to be abandoned.

At that point, government leaders in Livingston County could have thrown up their hands and let individual communities such as Brighton and Howell go their own separate ways in providing 911 emergency services, each with its own overhead costs. But the County Board of Commissioners authorized a study that determined that a shared countywide emergency dispatch system would save money and improve service.

In the fall of 1997, Livingston County voters approved, by 57 percent, the largest emergency telephone surcharge in the state for a new 911



PHIL POWER

system. The total charge per one-party line is not to exceed \$3 per month. For that, Livingston County residents get a totally new 911 communications system and dispatch facility, designed to meet the growth requirements of the county into the next century.

Another example comes from Novi, formerly little more than the old name for the sixth (in Roman numerals No. VI, get it?) stop on the inter-

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urban street railway, but today a mushrooming community surrounding enormous shopping malls.

In 1995, the Novi Community School District realized it needed to build new schools in response to increasing population, while the city woke up to the fact that it had better acquire some land for parks and recreation before the entire community got paved over. But the only site available was too big for either use.

Viola! Enter entrepreneurial government! Leaders from the city and the schools got together to buy 100 acres of land for joint use.

Both city and school benefited from reduced costs for land acquisition and site development. New elementary and middle schools will come on line in 1999 and 2000 to serve Novi kids.

And more than 50 acres of athletic fields, tennis courts, woodlands and wetlands are now available for community residents.

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There might be hope for long-shot Democrats yet

Everyone but party chair Mark Brewer is predicting disaster for the Michigan Democratic ticket Nov. 3. Even if gubernatorial nominee Geoffrey Fieger learns to curb his tongue, he still is "not yet novice" in his knowledge of civics. He'll go down, hard.

So why, then, are other candidates eager to be on the ticket with him, for example, as attorney general? Are they gluttons for punishment?

The reasons are many. First, the man at the top of the ticket has short coattails because Michigan voters are notorious ticket-splitters.

Recall President Johnson crushing Republican Barry Goldwater by a million votes in 1964, and Gov. George Romney trouncing Democrat Neil Staebley by 393,000.

Recall Gov. John Engler winning in 1994 by 710,000 over Democrat Howard Wolpe, but Democratic Attorney General Frank Kelley mowing down the GOP's John Smietanka by 444,000.

Look at the 1994 results another way: The Republican dropoff between

Engler and Smietanka was nearly 626,000 or 20 percent of those who went to the polls. That's an enormous amount of ticket splitting.

There are only two ballot notches between governor and attorney general. So the farther down the ticket you go, the greater become a Democrat's chances for survival if there's an Engler landslide.

Second, a Democratic candidate who makes a good impression running for attorney general, even if he or she doesn't win, is in an excellent position to try another day.

At this writing, Fieger hasn't announced who else he wants on the ticket, and if he's smart, he'll let the Aug. 23 state convention decide. But unusually high numbers of Democrats are courting him and the party for the AG nomination.

Carl Marlinga, the Macomb County prosecutor, has been waiting in the wings for higher office for most of the 1990s. Even if he isn't nominated or elected, he's timber for any spot in 2002.

Bob Ficano, after 15 years as Wayne County sheriff, is still the



TIM RICHARD

polite, even-handed practitioner of his youth. A nomination for attorney general, even if he doesn't win, could give him high visibility to succeed Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara in four years.

(Incidentally, why hasn't McNamara, who is in his 70s and whose wife wants him to retire, groomed an obvious heir who would be accepted by the voters? Aren't good executives supposed to groom successors?)

Jennifer Granholm, Wayne County

Suffice it to say that the Democratic hopefuls aren't the least bit afraid of Romney's name and even less afraid of the candidate.

corporation counsel, seems to have excellent prospects, despite her loss in the state Supreme Court on the real estate transfer tax and her loss in the Court of Appeals in a lawsuit against the governor.

Even if only nominated for attorney general, she would be nicely positioned to succeed aging Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair in a couple of years. Ditto with Sen. Chris Dingell, Rep. Nick Ciaramitaro and a half-dozen others.

Third, the Democratic nominee might just win. At least that was the mood when the brass got together for the "unity breakfast" Aug. 5.

Engler has ordained Scott Romney, son of the former governor and part of the big Honigman Miller firm in Detroit, as his candidate for attorney general.

At 57, Romney has never run for as much as township trustee, let alone

served in any elective or appointive office.

There are nice questions about whether he has even practiced public sector law.

(Kelley, at least, had been Alpena city attorney and a member of the Alpena County board when he was appointed AG by Gov. John Swainson.)

I won't recount the other issues Democrats plan to raise against Romney until he has had a chance to speak to them.

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Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Same old problems seem to have few new answers

Today is a day when I vow to do what an older, wiser editor once advised: take a look at serious issues and provide readers with serious answers. Not just any issue — only the most important. Not just any answers — but fair, unbiased and totally objective ones.

And I remember how that former co-worker, a respected writer of editorials, discoursed on such deep and profound topics.

There are only three things wrong in the world today, he would proclaim — the same three things that have been wrong with the world since shortly after the very first deadline was met and the very first edition came off the press. They were and continue to be: ignorance, greed and apathy.

Yes, I was taking notes.

Volumes could, and have been, written on each, he said. Volumes still need to be written on each. Of all the world's ills and all the community causes that need to be versified upon and researched in depth, these three head the list.

Well, I've had them on my list for some time now. But today's the day. Let's solve them once and for all and make it a better world. Bear with me, now.

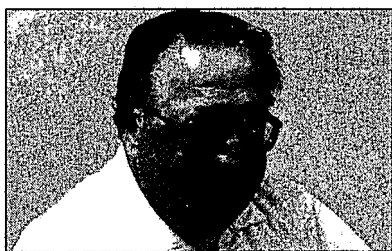
So, first I consider ignorance:

I see rising and falling MEAP scores in our schools and wonder over their exact significance. Educators tell me how unfair it would be to use them to gauge a school's or a district's progress in educating our progeny, while yet another TV-worldly generation inured to 30-second "in-depth" sound bites from "The Learning Channel" is afraid they'll forever be labeled and classified as "proficient," "not-yet proficient," and/or whatever that third label on the proficiency test was, by employers and society as a whole for the rest of their natural lives.

I wonder if "impartially applied" labels could ever scrape through to an individual's core and tell somebody else what was contained therein — though many of our most learned foolishly continue to try.

I considered how even Solomon, perhaps the wisest man in the entire Judeo-Christian heritage, was actually stupid enough to publicly proclaim that a living baby should be cut in half to settle a civil suit. Perhaps it is true that wisdom is only a passing fad, dependent on time and place.

I conclude that mankind is bereft of what could pass for wisdom, and probably has been for some time, so there's no practical solution for it.



A.J. MALTA

It's true — we are nowhere near wise enough to know much about ignorance, and frankly the wisest thing I can do is tell you I'm too ignorant about ignorance to write about any possible solutions to it.

Next let's try greed:

Since I'm not a professional free-agent athlete, nor a backer of a large casino operation which is philanthropically seeking to help solve Detroit's unemployment rate, nor even a believer in the proverbial "free lunch," I thought I might at least be objective in discussing this.

Then I remembered that I once had to sell my car, after a dealer discouraged it as a trade-in. I bought the new one, and put a "For Sale" sign on the old.

I remember the strange feeling that came over me when a would-be buyer called, telling me how long he'd been looking for one of those, in just that color, and asking "what kind of shape was it in?"

Yes, I opted to sell the car and allowed truth to keep a safe distance from my tongue. I guess, like most of us, I'm not interested in talking about greed unless I know what's in it for me.

That disqualifies me for solving this one, too.

How about apathy? Hmmm. This will be quick. Well, just like you, I could care less about that.

Strike three!

Are ignorance, greed and apathy all part of the normal human condition?

My thoughts have led me right back to the wise editor's original conclusion. It's no wonder we have so many problems in this world today.

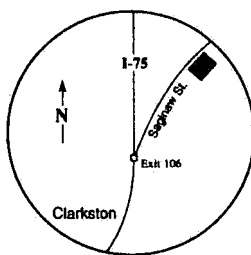
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Fieger nomination fires up Democrats, Republicans

Geoffrey N. Fieger has put some excitement into what otherwise would likely have been routine gatherings, according to precinct delegates getting ready for county conventions.

But the flamboyant attorney's campaign for governor seems to be causing a stir among Republicans as much as Democrats.

"I would say his (Fieger's) nomination has energized the troops," said Jana Jensen, secretary of the Oakland County Republicans, where phones have been ringing steadily since the Aug. 4 primary when Fieger won the Democratic gubernatorial nomination by defeating Larry Owen and Doug Ross.

Fieger — best known as the attorney for assisted suicide advocate Dr. Jack Kevorkian — will face incumbent Republican John M. Engler in the Nov. 3 election, a prospect that seems to have generated excitement in both parties.

Democrats have also been fired up because he's an intelligent and outspoken candidate who makes sense on the issues, said Catherine A. King, a precinct delegate from Berkley.

Even so, some Democrats have questions about Fieger's process of selecting a running mate, she said.

"Right now, I'll probably vote for him," said King, a teacher at Bloomfield Hills Andover high school. "But if he puts a Republican on the ticket, no way." She was referring to news accounts that Fieger at one time was considering Republicans like Ronna Romney and Helen Milliken as possible running mates.

Another Democratic precinct delegate, however, said such talk was stimulating and provocative. "I really have a lot of respect for Mrs. Milliken," said Arthur Lanski, a retired teacher living in Farmington Hills. "But she and Mrs. Romney are both intelligent women, and they both would have attracted Republican votes."

Precinct delegate Mae Lanski, Arthur's wife, said she and other Democrats will likely have more fun this fall because of Fieger. "He will certainly add to the debate," she said.

The Republican county convention is 7:30 p.m. today in the commissioners' auditorium at

NEIL WALLACE
Co-chair, Order for Governor Committee, for Democratic Party nomination
Geoffrey N. Fieger



the Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. Congressional caucuses will be part of the fare.

Democrats will also hold their county convention in the commissioners' auditorium, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Conventions for the 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th congressional districts will held after, generally at different locations.

The primary function at each gathering is to elect convention delegates who will represent the congressional districts at each party's state convention the last weekend this month — Republicans in Grand Rapids and

Democrats in Lansing.

That is an important duty, according to Troy attorney Gary L. Kohut, chair of the Oakland County Democratic Party, because convention delegates vote to nominate the party's choice for important positions such as attorney general, secretary of state, the supreme court and the state board of education. "And we try to involve as many people as possible," he said.

As important as those nominations are, however, having Fieger as a candidate gives the process more significance and makes it more fun, said Democrat King, a delegate in

Berkley's second precinct.

"I don't know if there'll be any floor fights," she said, but Fieger will not merely impose his choice on the party.

"I like Gubow and Freeman because I know both of them," King said, referring to David Gubow and John Freeman, outgoing state representatives from Huntington Woods and Madison Heights, respectively. "But I met (Wayne County corporate counsel Jennifer) Granholm at a fund raiser and I was impressed."

Fieger has not publicly voiced a preference for attorney general. In a previous interview with The Eccentric Newspapers, however, the outspoken attorney said, without mentioning names, he wanted a "kick-ass lawyer who would help him clean up corruption in state government."

Fieger may not be all good news for Democrats, King said. "Several of my Democratic friends have told me they can not vote this fall because of him," she said. "As far as I'm concerned, that's a vote for Engler."

The Republican county convention was already expected to be heated because of competition

between Birmingham attorney Scott Romney and Ada lawyer John Smietanka for the GOP nomination for attorney general.

But Fieger will add some spark, said attorney Neil Wallace, former GOP chair in the 9th Congressional District and currently a co-chair of the Engler for Governor Committee. "I think Fieger's candidacy is a wake up call for Republicans," he said.

It certainly woke up members of the Oakland County Young Republicans Club when they met this week in Birmingham, said Jana Jensen. "I'm organizing the party's phone bank," she said, and at Monday's meeting, young Republicans were enthusiastically volunteering to make calls.

"Republicans are not going to sit on their hands," she said.

Karl Kling, executive director for Oakland Republicans said one of the many calls the office in Birmingham has received since Fieger's primary victory came from a woman who said she was calling on behalf of her prayer group.

"She said her group is determined to defeat Fieger," he said.

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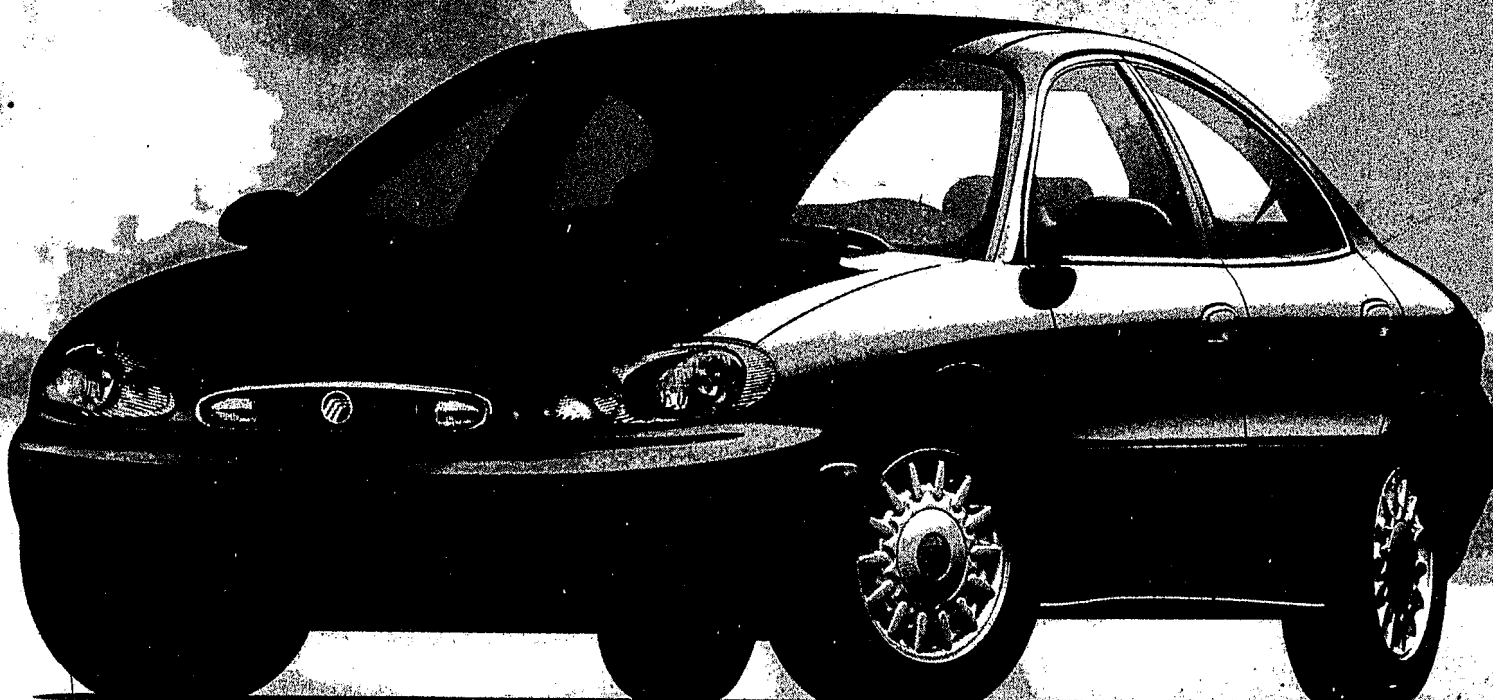
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Fix-it approach never fails to get the job done

Did you hear about the floods last week? Water was everywhere; flowing into cupboards, covering the floors, dripping from the pipes. Oh, you thought I was talking about the rain. No our house had its own floods, both of which came from the kitchen sink. By the time the heavy rain hit, I had already finished cleaning up the second ocean of water from our kitchen.

Our flooding started with a bang. I was standing at the kitchen sink attempting to clean the hard water lime stains out of our cat's water dish with a generous supply of Lime-A-Way. I could see the Lime-A-Way bubbling up and rolling the lime right off the sides of the plastic dish. After each application, I poured the used product down the kitchen drain and squirted another generous supply onto the remaining stain. Several minutes into this clean-up job, I suddenly felt a big bang on the floor near my feet. It felt like someone had dropped a big bowling ball only inches away from me. Startled, I turned with a jolt. No one was there. I checked the basement to see if someone hit the ceiling with something heavy, but no one was in the basement either. Starting to think I was losing my mind, I went back to finish cleaning the cat dish. When I was done rinsing it and turned off the water, however, there

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Locals flock to 'new age' massage center

■ Certified massage therapist doesn't just smooth out the kinks, she helps her clients reconnect with their bodies.

Ruth Ratcliff's standard greeting, "How's the body doing today?" may be something short of typical in most places.

But at Clarkston Massage Therapy, 3918 Ortonville Road, the clientele expect it.

Ratcliff, a licensed massage therapist, has been practicing for more than 10 years. She considers it her job to help people relax and get in touch with their own bodies.

But before she could help others, she had to help herself.

Ratcliff was introduced to massage two years after she was involved in a car accident. A friend recommended it as a method to relieve the pain she continued to suffer.

"It was just amazing," Ratcliff said of her first experience.

She began an apprentice program at a physical therapy center and took courses in anatomy and physiology at Oakland Community College. Six months later Ratcliff was certified and began practicing in Rochester. Then three years ago she moved to the Clarkston area and has built up a regular clientele. Ratcliff performs about seven sessions a day.

"You just feel better after," said Robert Smith, an Independence Township resident who has been getting a massage once every two weeks at Clarkston Massage Therapy for more than one year.

Smith experiences pain in his back and legs and the medication he tried just did not help. At first, he was skeptical that massage therapy could ease his pain, but after trying it, Smith said he's a believer.

The benefits of massage include a reduced heart rate, lower blood pressure, relief from aching muscles and



Body therapy: Ruth Ratcliff works on Independence Township resident Robert Smith, who regularly schedules appointments with the massage therapist at Clarkston Massage Therapy.

tension headaches, reduced anxiety, and improved concentration.

Al Bauer, another Independence Township resident, said he sleeps better the night after a massage. Usually he wakes up at 4 a.m., but after a trip to a therapist, he sometimes sleeps until 9 a.m.

"I just can't tell you how good you feel," Bauer said. "Once you get a massage you get hooked on it. Those who

can afford it should go once a week. It's good for your health."

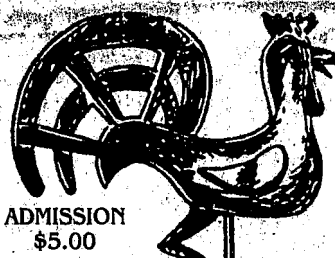
When a client walks into her office after a hectic day, Ratcliff likes to see the change which occurs during the massage.

"My favorite thing is watching that transformation," she said. "It's like their whole personality changes. It affects all of the (body's) systems — muscular, respiratory, circulatory."

The frequency of visits varies from one client to the next. Ratcliff sees some individuals, like Joyce Rose of Waterford, weekly. Others visit less frequently, and some treat themselves once a year.

Bauer said when he walks out of a massage appointment, he "feels like a million bucks." He purchases visits to a therapist as a gift for his friends.

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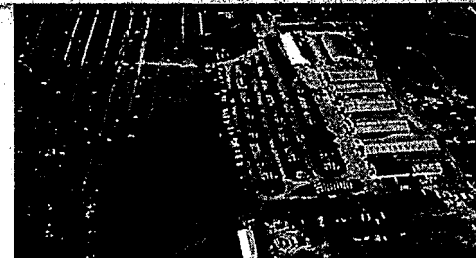
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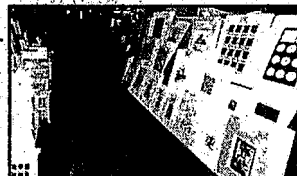
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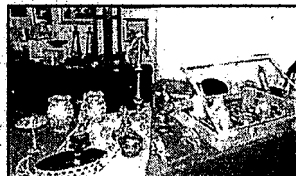
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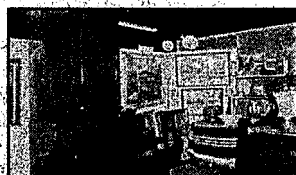
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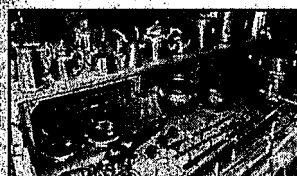
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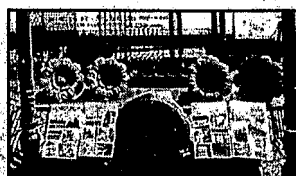
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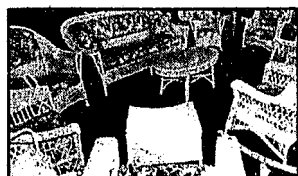
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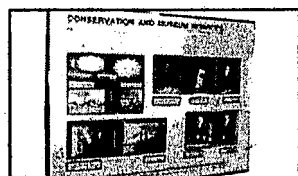
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Bauer found out about Ratcliff from a newspaper advertisement. And Rose, a retired teacher, heard about her from a co-worker.

Rose suffers from scoliosis, a curvature of the spine, and has tried six therapists to ease the pain that the illness causes.

"My body needs to be perked up," said Rose. "It's extremely relaxing."

People try massage therapy to ease stress and as a preventative measure against illness. Some clients have reported the therapy reduces their occurrence of migraines — severe, somewhat debilitating headaches — or to ease the symptoms of asthma.

To receive the benefits of the massage, Ratcliff stressed the

importance of communication between a therapist and client. Everyone needs a different amount of pressure, she said. Some people prefer a light massage, others require a therapist to work deeper into their muscles for it to be effective.

"Feedback is important," Ratcliff said. "This is their time and money and they need to help me know what their body needs."

Rose agreed. "You have to be totally open and honest," Rose said. "She gets a read on you right away. Her goal is to help you."

A one hour massage costs \$50 at Clarkston Massage Therapy. Ratcliff uses unscented oils and lotions, but does not rely on much more than a strong pair of

hands to perform the massage. Not everyone is comfortable with the idea of massage therapy. Shedding clothing is not a requirement, though it does make her job easier.

"It's up to the client," said Ratcliff. "I always cover them with a sheet, and I only uncover the area that I'm working."

As a method of therapy, massage has become a more acceptable, mainstream alternative to medication, said Ratcliff. The industry itself is changing.

Massage therapy was once associated with either "a seedy place" or "the very rich," said Ratcliff. "Real people do it," she said.

"It's not just a glamorous thing. It's a healthy way of life."

Rochelle from page A13

was still a drizzling sound. As I looked around I noticed a river of water flowing out of the cabinet door and through the kitchen, on its way to the dining room. In a panic I grabbed handfuls of paper towels and started throwing them on the floor. I realized it would take a lot of paper towels to handle this ocean of water

so I yelled for reinforcements. One of my sons grabbed a roll of cheap paper towels off the workbench in the garage, while the other son got his father who was cooking chicken on the grill in the backyard. I stood in the water throwing paper towels as fast as I could into the flowing stream until I managed to dam

it up before it reached the dining room.

Upon inspection my husband determined that the flange which holds the garbage disposal had rotted away allowing the garbage disposal to drop, with a bang, from under the sink. It appears my many uses for Lime Away over the twelve years that

we have lived in our house, have been hard on the rubber fastener that holds the garbage disposal to the bottom of the sink. After removing the many plastic containers, scouring pads, water filters, dishwashing soap and everything else that had accumulated under the sink, my husband determined what part we

needed to fix the situation and we headed for our home-away-from-home - Home Depot. This is where our personality differences show again.

My husband is a "fixer" while I am a "replacer". He gets a real feeling of accomplishment from fixing something and saving money. I, on the other hand, enjoy getting something new. While waiting for a sales person to help us, I started looking at the shiny new garbage disposals. Meanwhile, my husband was combing the shelves of parts, looking for the small rubber flange. When the sales person finally arrived and told us that we would have to buy the entire garbage disposal, or call the manufacturer and order the small part, I thought I had won. Unfortunately, within minutes after the sales person walked away, my husband found the part he needed right there on the rack for \$3.57. He fixed the sink within minutes of getting home and the garbage disposal ran like new (apparently the extreme noise it had been making had more to do with its looseness than its age).

Days later when my husband decided to fix the drip coming from the faucet of that same sink, it was déjà vu all over again. He had fixed previous dripping situations in that sink by replacing a \$12 gasket. Each time I had tried, to no avail, to sway him toward replacing the entire faucet. This time I just occupied myself with the task of paying bills and left him to do his fixing thing. He announced that the water valves in the basement had been turned off and, after taking the sink apart, headed for the hardware to buy the gasket. Before leaving he mentioned that the lime build-up in the pipes prevented him from getting the water valves completely closed so there was a small amount of water dripping into the sink. Several minutes after he left, I happened to go into the kitchen for a pen. As soon as I entered the room I had

a "sinking" feeling. Again, the Nile River was heading for the dining room (this causes me to wonder about the levelness of our floors, but no time for that now). To the paper towels I flew. Thank goodness I had replenished the supply since the last dam experience. After emptying the roll onto the floor, I tried to locate the source of the flow, which was no easy trick. Everything under the sink seemed to be dripping hot water. By the time my husband returned from visiting two hardware stores to locate the \$12 gasket, I had bailed about 20 quarts worth of water from under the sink. Upon his arrival home, he turned a knob and stopped the flow of water. Unfortunately, replacing the gasket did not go as well. After struggling for quite awhile, and having a few choice words with the sink, he gave it one good hit to get the gasket to go on. At that point, the faucet broke. At 8:30 p.m. on a Wednesday evening he was off to Home Depot again, faucet in hand, to buy a new fixture. Although I truly love shopping, it seemed that he was not in the mood for company, so I waited patiently at home. Within minutes of his return, he had hooked up the shiny new plumbing fixture and the water was flowing smoothly out of its lime-free polished nozzle. Over the next 20 hours each member of our family took turns experiencing the joy of lifting the smoothly functioning handle and watching the water flow in one even stream from the sparkling new tap.

Even Mr. "Fix-It, Don't Replace it" enjoyed the ease of operating the shiny new faucet. So much so, as a matter of fact, that the very next evening he decided to "fix" a leak in our bathroom sink. Off to Home Depot we went. This time we didn't just buy a new faucet, though, we got a new sink too. I think I'm really going to enjoy his future repair jobs.

Rochelle Smith, a Clarkston resident, is a freelance columnist.



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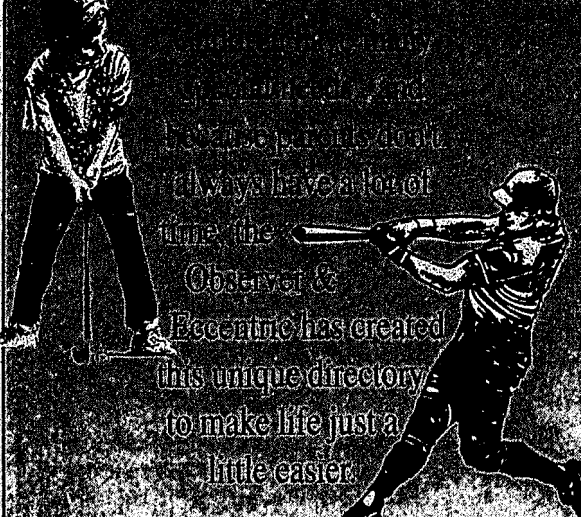
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Youths take alternate path to goal attainment

Recently, I found myself driving down Maybee Road, looking for Renaissance High School. I pulled into the parking lot of a building marked "Clarkston Community Education" and asked a young man nearby if he knew where Renaissance High was. Rather incredulously, he looked at me and said, "You're here. This is it!"

Thus began my first exchange with the youth who attend Renaissance — an alternative high school for those who have not found success in a more traditional school setting. Renaissance has little name identity in the community, lacking even the most basic sign of all — the name of the school on the building. Yet, it represents a second chance for most of these students — a second chance based on consequences of their own first choices.

A colleague and I volunteered to collect data from the young people in our community, about what they see the community doing well in preventing substance abuse, and what they see as needing improvement. We visited both high schools and both middle schools, but we began with Renaissance, because some of these students had attended a Clarkston Community Task Force Town Hall meeting in January, and invited us to come.

As adults, we could not know what they knew, so we listened attentively. Part of good listening is being prepared to be changed by what you hear. And changed we were! We began to understand things from the inside, not the outside, as numerous examples were shared, illustrating how these students viewed success.

There were "good" success and

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"bad" success stories because they were viewing success very personally — not as a function. They were proud of having set internal, realistic, productive, and thoughtful goals for themselves, and were thankful to the staff of Renaissance for creating an atmosphere of caring, structure, and respect. Perhaps this structure offered more positive expectations and behavioral boundaries than they had ever before experienced.

The symbol of their achievement, the graduation ceremony held at Kirchessner Auditorium, was awesome to witness. Never have I seen so much gen-

uine gratitude to school staff, administrators, and community mentors for their support. The greatest outpouring of appreciation from the students, however, was reserved for their extended family members (some even reported they had remained true to their goals so they could be a better parent to their own child).

Many students approached the microphone with grace, humor, and tears as they prepared to enter the adult world, some receiving scholarship funding for further education.

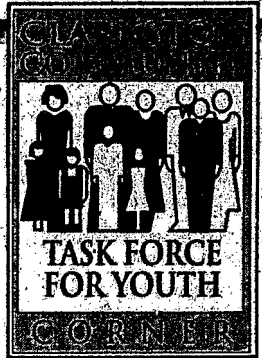
The solemn tone of the evening was modified only slightly by the babies and toddlers in the audience.

Before addressing the packed auditorium, Dr. Al Roberts shook the hand of each graduating senior. "These students have taken an alternate path to success ..." began his congratulatory

remarks.

Yes, how we define success has a profound effect on the paths we take. The graduating seniors at Renaissance were positive about themselves. Many have learned tough lessons from life, often inadvertently going through an extended adolescence due to choices made without foresight. Yet most display a maturity and wisdom beyond their years, finding their own "niche," rather than mirroring a society that often holds up income, physical attractiveness, popularity, or power as the correlates to happiness.

It has become clear to members of the Clarkston Task Force that a powerful approach for raising healthy young people in our community is to invest energy and effort in empowering youths to harness their own goals, and productively harness



their own creativity.

We have been changed by what we saw and heard from these students at Renaissance and are grateful for their perspective.

To learn more about the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth, check out our website at www.clarkstonyouth.org or call us at 394-0252. This column is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Clarkston Youth Assistance.

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.

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

BEACH PARTY

4:30 - 8:30 p.m. Deer Lake Beach, White Lake Road, Clarkston. Independence Township Parks and Recreation lifeguard staff are hosting their annual Parent's Night. Event is for 1998 swim lesson students and their parents. Cookout, magic show, beach games, water games, dinosaur dig, tug of war, dunk tank, dancing, raffle drawing, reptile and amphibian exhibit and sand castle building contest.

MIGRAINE AWARENESS PROGRAM

7 p.m. Learn the signs and symptoms that will help identify a migraine. Learn how migraines are triggered and about available treatments. Speaker: Theodore G. Englemann, D.O. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. For further information call 674-7433.

FRIDAY, AUG. 14

BATS 'R UP

8 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Join us for a night of slides, discussion on bat abodes and construction and observe the local bats as they emerge for their nightly forays. Free. Registration required. Call 625-7280.

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

SUMMER STAR PARTY-METEOR MADNESS

8:30 - 11 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park. Look up and look out at this star-studded astro-event that will feature the Perseid meteor shower and seasonal constellations. The nature center's Starlab planetarium will be set up and the Oakland Astronomy Club will bring telescopes for sky viewing (clear

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TUNING YOUR TOT INTO SUMMER

10-11:45 a.m. or 1-2:45 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park. The program for 3- to 6-year-olds and their parent, adult friend or grandparent offers songs, stories, a nature hike, craft and snack focusing on summer "sense"-stations. Cost \$3 per tot. Younger children are discouraged from attending. Park is located on Sashabaw Road 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, near Clarkston. For more information call 625-6473 or TDD (248) 858-1684.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

THE BAN-JOES

7:30 p.m. Cohn Amphitheater, Independence Oaks County Park. The group plays old time favorites. Cost \$2.50 person.

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

KID'S STAR GAZERS

8:30 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Ages 6 through 12 will enjoy a stellar night of activities. Bring a white or light color t-shirt and paint the summer constellations on your shirt, then enjoy a campfire as we explore the night sky. (In case of inclement weather, we will observe indoor "stars".) Cost: \$1 per child (Parents may make a shirt for free). Registration required. Call 625-7280.

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

TUNING YOUR TOT INTO SUMMER

1-2:45 p.m. The program for 3-6 year olds and their parent, adult friend or grandparent offers songs, stories, a nature hike, craft and snack focusing on summer "sense"-stations. Cost \$3 per tot. Younger children are discouraged from attending. Park is located on Sashabaw Road 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, near Clarkston. For more information call 625-6473 or TDD (248) 858-1684.

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2 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. It's a Lepidopteran round-up. Youngsters ages 5 and up will learn about these beautiful insects inside, then gear up for an outdoor "catch and release" hunt. Build a simple bug box (optional) to observe your butterfly and use it as a caterpillar nursery. Cost: \$1 per kit. Registration required. Call 625-7280.

"BUGGIE NIGHTS"

8 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Hang around after bagging butterflies and go for the nocturnal insects. We will use our ears and eyes to locate the night music of crickets and katydids. This is a program for serious listeners-young children must be able to remain quiet. Free. Registration required. Call 625-7280.

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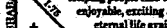
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Hope Network expands mission

By BARR PERT TEMPLETON
SPECIAL WRITER

The Hope Network of south-east Michigan has been locating homes in Macomb and Oakland counties for those who suffer with mental illness but now they're going beyond shelter to offer their clients spiritual support.

The Rev. Michael Kniespeck recently joined Hope Network, S.E., as its director of pastoral services and volunteer coordinator.

"We are a Christian based organization and we hired Rev. Mike to expand on that by providing spiritual guidance to our consumers," Heather Tiffany, community development coordinator said.

"He will be responsible for the administration of our volunteer program as well as providing spiritual guidance to consumers in our program. He'll serve as a resource and advocate for these people."

The "people" Tiffany refers to are those who suffer from mental illness and or other similar disabilities and are assisted by the Hope Network, S.E. via its Pontiac based offices.

A non-profit organization, Hope Network, S.E., is a branch of the 33-year-old state wide organization whose headquarters are in Grand Rapids. The Pontiac offices were opened in 1994 to serve those in need in Oakland and Macomb counties.

The Hope Network currently operates 14 residential programs throughout southeastern Michigan. Their mission is to enhance the dignity and independence of persons who have a disability by creating

and maintaining dynamic, integrated services.

"We are a housing developer and provider for people with chronic mental illness and related disabilities," Tiffany said.

The residences include typical group home settings as well as independent living situations in apartments and homes.

Kniespeck, whose background is in special ministries, has previous experience that includes professional and ministry positions for Grace Hospital, Boyssville of Michigan, and the Allen Park VA Hospital.

He will focus his efforts on developing a Pastoral Care program and Ministry program for individuals with chronic mental illness and disabilities throughout the parish communities in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties.

"I envision Pastoral Services becoming an active and exciting presence for the individuals served by Hope Network, S.E. as well as staff, families and their communities," Kniespeck said.

"As a Christian based organization, this is an essential part of providing services for emotional, physical and spiritual well-being of the people we serve by helping integrate them into their communities," Virginia Skrzyniarz, executive director of Hope Network, S.E., said.

"The development of this program completes our mission to enhance their quality of life."

In addition to Skrzyniarz and Kniespeck, the Hope Net-

work, S.E., employs 10 support services people in their Pontiac offices and has more than 100 workers in residences across the community who service some 80 clients.

Community Mental Health Agencies in both counties serve as referral bases for the Hope Network, S.E., sending those in need to the organization for assistance in housing.

"Now we are extending our scope to the community via Rev. Mike because he can help out some of those people in need that have not been referred by the counties and he'll be looking for volunteers too," Tiffany said.

One established Hope Network program that Kniespeck plans to expand on right away is "Project New Start." Individuals throughout the county who are on probation can be of service to the community at the Hope Network.

"They may do filing of paperwork in the office here or maybe some painting but they don't have any direct contact with the clients," Kniespeck said.

"But I hope some of them will stay on with us as volunteers once their mandated hours are completed."

"Our ministry volunteer program would be the ones who work with our population in conducting things like a bible study program," Kniespeck added.

To contact the Hope network, S.E. for additional information or to volunteer in the pastoral ministry call (248) 334-3454.

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OPEN HOUSE

Congregation Shir Tikvah invites the public to attend its annual open house for new and prospective members on Aug. 15. The morning will begin at 10 a.m. with a Shabbat service led by Rabbi Arnie Sleutelberg using Shir Tikvah's prayerbook, which was compiled by congregants and has received many accolades. Following the service, at noon, congregants will host a luncheon for all guests. Congregation Shir Tikvah is located at 3900 Northfield Parkway, (south of Wattles between Crooks and Coolidge) in Troy. For more information, call the Temple office at (248) 649-4418.

RABBI BERGMAN AT BORDERS

Eilu Eilu, the joint adult Jewish learning project of Congregations Beth Abraham Hillel Moses, Beth Shalom, B'nai Moshe, and Shaarey Zedek; Hillel Day School; and Women's League for Conservative Judaism-Michigan Branch, is offering a two-part Latte & Learning series with Rabbi Aaron Bergman at Borders Books and Music in Farmington Hills, entitled, "Jewish Representational Art: The Depiction of the Akedah (The Binding of Isaac) Through the Ages." The second meeting in the two-part series will meet on Monday Aug. 17, from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuition is \$5 for members of the sponsoring organizations, \$7 for others. Advance registration is not required. Eilu v Eilu welcomes all adult learners regardless of affiliation, background or previous Jewish study experience. For more information call (248) 737-

1931 or e-mail eilulearn@aol.com.

MORE COURSES

At the request of participating students, Eilu v Eilu, the metro-wide Jewish learning partnership of Adat Shalom Synagogue, Congregations Beth Abraham Hillel Day School, and Women's League for Conservative Judaism-Michigan Branch, is extending its current Summer Conversational Hebrew classes through the end of August. New students are welcome to join a class if the level is right for them. Tuition will be pro-rated according to the number of sessions attended. Beginner Conversational Hebrew meets on Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Basic familiarity with the Hebrew alphabet is a prerequisite for this class. Tuition for each two-hour session is \$15 for Eilu v Eilu members and \$18 for others. In addition, an intensive Intermediate Class meets on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuition for each two-hour seminar is \$20 for Eilu v Eilu members, \$25 for others. For more information, including directions to the class location, call (248) 557-2739 or e-mail Sabra19@aol.com

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SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICES

Congregation Shir Tikvah, located in Troy, invites the public to attend its special Shabbat Services for new and prospective members on August 21, 1998. The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with a mini-open house, followed at 7:45 p.m. by a Shabbat service led by Rabbi Arnie Sleutelberg. Following the service there will be a special, elaborate Oneg for all members and guest to enable them to partake in the unique experience of a Shir Tikvah Shabbat. Congregation Shir Tikvah is located at 3900 Northfield Parkway, south of Wattles between Crooks and Coolidge. For more information call the Temple office at (248) 649-4418.

LEEMIS NEW PRESIDENT

Terran Leemis was recently named the new president of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills. A member of Adat

Shalom since she was a child, Leemis and her husband, Roger, became official members of the congregation in 1977. Following in the footsteps of the Shiffman Family, she then began to assume important leadership roles (Leemis' brother, Milton Shiffman, served as Adat Shalom President from 1982-1984). She was elected to Adat Shalom's Board of Trustees in 1982 and joined the Executive Committee in 1992, first as Treasurer and then as a Vice President for the past four years. Leemis also served the Detroit Jewish Community in numerous capacities. She has been President of the Greater Detroit Section, National Jewish Council of Jewish Women and has sat on the NCJW National Board since 1992, chairing its Planned Giving program since 1996. Others elected to serve Adat Shalom for the coming year are: First Vice President Beverly Liss, First Vice President Tobi Fox, Vice President Larry Wolfe, Recording Secretary Paul Magy and Treasurer David Schostak. Michael Gellis and Allan Nachman will serve as Executive Committee Members at Large. Newly elected members of the Board of Trustees are Lori Issner, Sam Holzman and Brad Wasserman.

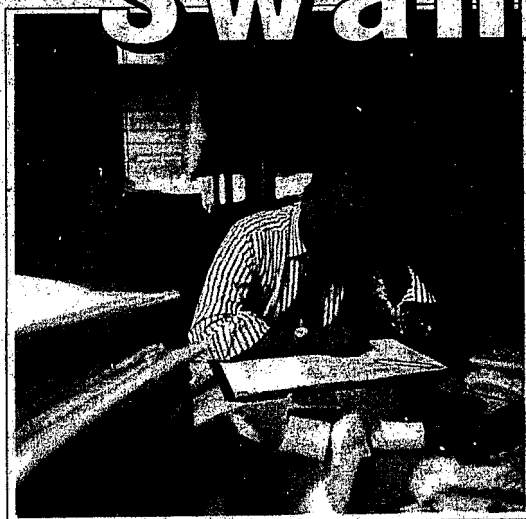
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Worldwide Marriage Encounter will host a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled for Sept. 18-20 and Oct. 9-11 at the St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth. For more information or to register, call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or www.rc.net/detroit/wwwme. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Roman Catholic, non-profit organization dedicated to marriage enrichment.

FAITH ON CABLE

Northwest Suburban Interfaith Ministerial Association and Bloomfield Public Access Television are creating a monthly program entitled, "What's Faith Got To Do With It? The first program, entitled "Who Wrote the Bible?" will be at St. Owen Catholic Church in Bloomfield Hills on Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. The taped production will run several times throughout the month and will feature local clergy addressing faith issues from the viewpoints of their own religious traditions. The plan for the upcoming cable show includes taking the film crew on the road to tape shows at a half dozen churches. Filming will be before a live audience. Dr. Allan Eickelmann of the Congregational Church in Birmingham will serve as moderator for each show welcoming a panel of guests from the clergy. The debut program at St. Owen will feature the following participants: Rabbi David Castiglione, Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills; the Rev. Dr. Phillip Hemke, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Bloomfield Hills; and Father John H. West, St. John Center for Youth and Family in Plymouth. For more information about programs planned call Rabbi Amy Brodsky at (248) 353-2434.

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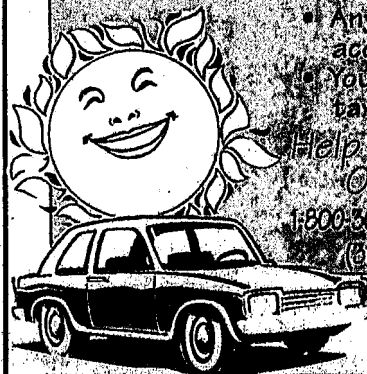
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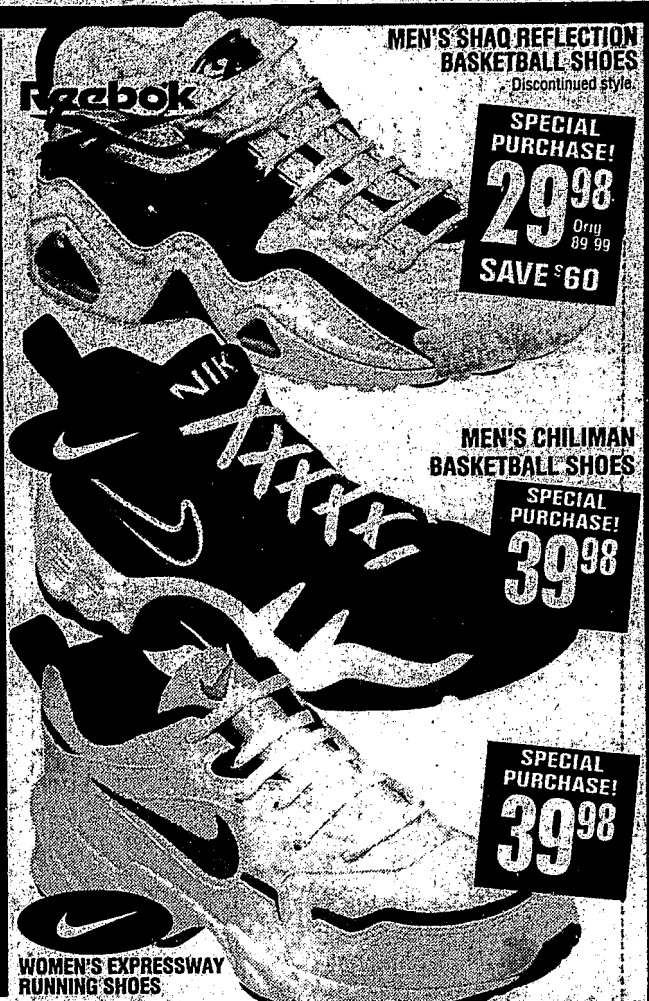


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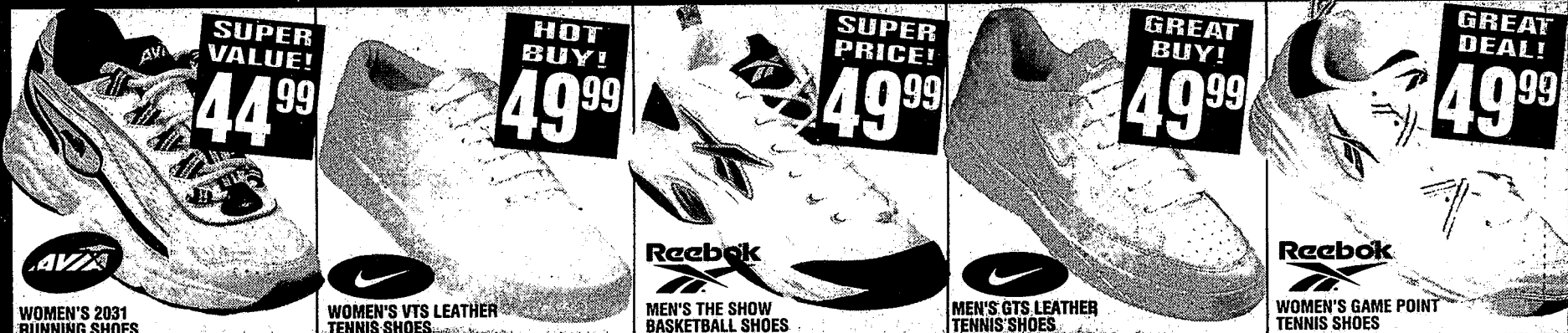


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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

Players needed

A quarterback and receiver are needed for an area adult touch football team. Games are played on Monday and Wednesday nights.

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Immediate hoop coach needed

Rochester Hills Christian, a 103-student baptist high school, has an immediate opening for a varsity girls basketball coach for the 1998 fall season.

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Scrimmage search

Rochester Adams' girls basketball team is looking for an opponent to scrimmage on Saturday, Aug. 29. For further information, contact Adams head coach Fran Scislowicz at (248) 377-2643.

Tryouts set

■ The Sharks Baseball Club, a 14 and under federation team, will be conducting tryouts Aug. 29-30 for the 1999 season. For further information, call (810) 781-8290.

■ The Oakland Cougars of the North Oakland Baseball Federation will be holding tryouts for the 1999 season Aug. 29-30 at Hart Middle School.

Birth dates must be between Aug. 1, 1984 and July 31, 1985. For further information, contact Norm Claerr at (248) 377-2532 or Tom Rowe at (248) 375-0432.

■ Tryouts for the Birmingham Barons 12-and-under North Oakland Baseball Federation 1999 team are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 22 at Robert S. Kenning Park (diamond No. 4).

Tryouts will be conducted from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Call Dr. Dennis Packey at (248) 642-2942 for more information.

■ Birmingham Beverly Hills Franklin Baseball, Inc., will hold its 1999 Little Caesars Sandy Koufax Division travel team tryouts for boys ages 13 and 14 at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29.

The Birmingham Groves High School diamonds will host the event. Players must be residents of or attend school within the geographic boundaries of the Birmingham School District. For more information, call Bryan Williams at (248) 647-1553.

On the links

■ Renaissance Home Health Care will present the 10th annual Home Caring For Kids Golf Classic on Monday, Aug. 24 at Oakland University's Katke Cousins Golf Course.

The outing benefits uninsured moms and babies in Metro Detroit. Cost is \$195 per person and includes lunch, 18 holes of golf with a cart, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. A lunch and reception are scheduled to be held at Meadowbrook Manor, and a package featuring lunch and a tour of the Manor will also be available at a cost of \$35 per person.

Call Melissa Baich-Osborn at (248) 569-6440 ext. 239 for ticket information.

■ Golden Bear Golf Center in Royal Oak will be the site of the Seventh Annual Enterprise \$2 Million Dollar Hole-In-One Shootout Aug. 20-23.

Together with Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the Children's Miracle Network will offer amateur golfers the opportunity to fire at a target green approximately 110 yards away. For \$1 per ball, contestants placing tee shots inside a three-foot circle qualifies for the semifinal round and then onto the \$1 Million Final Round.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Helping hands

Area players Nadia Bedricky, Lisa Parker, Laura Reese, Kilee Goetz and Elissa Malthaner helped lead USA Michigan's Summer Elite Volleyball Team to three wins against all-star teams from Canada. Other players contributing to the team's success include Melinda McCormick, Teaha Sheppard, Marta Lehman, Katie Forman and Jessica Buck.



Wildcat drills: Oxford football players take part in drills on opening day of the fall football practice season. The Wildcats are one of several teams trying to catch Lapeer West in the Flint Metro League grid standings.

A new beginning

Optimism runs high as prep all season begins

■ The baseball gloves, water skis and camping gear have been stowed, and student-athletes from around the area are hitting the fields and courts as practice for the high school season heats up.

Just when you thought all was quiet on the western front — prep athletes returned to the playing fields.

On Monday morning, preseason practices began at over 800 schools statewide — including at most of the 729 members of the Michigan High School Athletic Association — for student-athletes in football, girls basketball, boys soccer, boys golf, girls tennis, girls swimming & diving, and boys and girls cross-country.

On Monday and Tuesday, the Eccentric took a grand tour through five of its communities — Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford, Rochester and Troy — and here are some of the sights and

sounds.

Unfamiliar territory

Clarkston head football coach Kurt Richardson and his staff opened up training camp at Oakland University Monday for the first time instead of the traditional on-campus workouts. But that's not the only major change.

Three-year, all-everything starting quarterback Dane Fife and a large and talented supporting cast have departed and the Wolves have started the reloading process.

"I guess you could say that it is the Fife-less era," laughed offensive coordinator Gordie Richardson. "We might not have a superstar that you can

always count on, but we have a lot of kids that are really working hard. I guess sometimes that's even better to have."

"Overall, the attitudes are really good out here."

Keep on building

Opening-day numbers at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest weren't staggering for third-year football coach Jason Zielinski, but it's an improvement over the previous two years.

"We have about 20 kids out here to start and we're hoping that will continue to grow," beamed Zielinski. "Last year we started with 16 and we finished with 26, so this is promising."

Last season marked the first time in years that the boys soccer team at Rochester Hills Christian didn't win a league title, but the winning attitude is more than present at the corner of Livernois and Auburn.

"Things look very good so far," said

■ **'Going in, Clarkston has to be the favorite because they return the most.'**

Tom Hawes

—Rochester basketball coach

veteran coach Chuck Burch, noting one key transfer and a strong freshmen class amongst the mix. "We have about 17 players on varsity right now, and that's the highest number for the first week that we've had in years. The interest in this program is building again."

Going for the gold

Clarkston's girls basketball team has been labeled as the slight favorite to win the Oakland Activities Association Division I title — and the Wolves are so serious at reaching that goal that coach Anne Lowney's practices go interruption-free, especially when the pad and pen are awaiting in the gymnasium corner.

"Going in, Clarkston has to be the favorite because they return the most (talent), but winning it won't be easy."

See NEW SEASON, B2



How to: Clarkston girls' basketball coach Ann Lowney lets her team know what she expects on and off the court as the Wolves prep for the 1998 season.

Mark these dates

The fall prep sports season started across the state Monday. Here is a list of dates to remember for MHSAA members.

Football

Sept. 3-4: First games.
Nov. 6-7: Preregionals
Nov. 13-14: Regional finals
Nov. 21: State semifinals
Nov. 27-28: State finals

Girls Basketball

Aug. 24: First games
Nov. 16-21: Districts
Nov. 23-25: Regionals
Nov. 28: State quarterfinals
Dec. 3-4: State semifinals
Nov. 5: State Finals

Boys Soccer

Aug. 21: First matches
Oct. 19-24: Districts
Oct. 26-31: Regionals
Nov. 4: State semifinals
Nov. 7: State finals

Boys/Girls Cross-Country

Aug. 25: First meets
Oct. 31: Regionals
Nov. 7: State finals

Girls Swimming & Diving

Aug. 22: First meets
Nov. 20-21: State finals

Boys Golf

Aug. 10: First meets
Oct. 9-10: Regionals
Oct. 16-17: State finals

Girls Tennis

Aug. 10: First matches
Oct. 9-10: Regionals
Oct. 16-17: State finals

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for them," remarked Tom Hawes, the veteran coach at league rival Rochester. "I think in the five years of the OAA, this is by far the most balanced Division I has been. It should be a great race."

Dreams can come true

Every coach dreams of a standout transfer who shows up at preseason practice and several area coaches have been blessed, among them Rochester's Hawes.

"We finally got a big-time transfer," beamed Hawes. "Her name is Aryn McCumber and she's a player. Last year her high school in Maryland (Middleville) was state runner-up. She'll step in and help us right away."

Oxford girls basketball coach Ian Smith has also reaped the

benefits of a new face.

"We lost two big players, but we've picked up a transfer that will step right in," said Smith, who declined to give a name. "She has looked good so far."

The Wildcats' soccer program also picked up two new players that transferred over from Auburn Hills Oakland Christian and defending Division III state champion Madison Heights Bishop Foley, respectively.

"We have a very solid core of players coming back, but having these new players will really help out," said second-year coach David Summers. "It's always a plus getting in some new players."

Freshmen phenoms

Making the cut for varsity is hard to do for any sport, especially for underclassmen. But it

appears that several ninth-grade prospects have more than great chances of making the grade.

"I have three freshmen practicing with the varsity and I won't be surprised if a couple of them even crack the starting lineup," said Rochester soccer coach Erick Pfeifer. "When they are talented enough, there's no sense of keeping them down on J-V just because they're young."

Rochester Adams soccer coach Ralph Torre is also eyeing a cast of freshmen.

"We have some great young kids and I have no doubt that they'll contribute. This is the largest freshmen class they've ever had here and fortunately there are some very good soccer players in the bunch."

New in command

Both Oxford and Lake Orion

high schools recently hired new athletic directors and both are enjoying the opening of the new year.

"It's hectic and exciting at the same time," said Oxford A.D. Pat Ball, who has spent the last five years at Class A Greenville northeast of Grand Rapids.

Among the changes at Oxford is that the Wildcats are now a Class A school.

"We're now a Class A school, but that doesn't really affect the type of schedule our teams play because most of the schools in our league are Class A and we play a lot of Class A schools in (non-league games)," continued Ball. "What we are excited about here are numbers. We have a lot of kids showing up at practices this week."

New Lake Orion A.D. Jim Wood is also enjoying the return of athletes.

"It's nice to see the optimism of the kids," said Wood. "The attitudes seem to be very positive."

The numbers game

Everybody likes to have a large turnout during opening week and Lake Orion cross-country coach Stan Ford is smiling.

"The first day we had 29 boys and 23 girls, so I can't complain at all," said Ford. "Things look very positive."

Rochester football coach Mark Merlo isn't as fortunate.

"We have some great skilled players coming back, the problem is that we are really hurting for bodies," said Merlo, who is in his fifth year at Oakland County's largest high school. "We only have about 12 seniors and 32 upperclassmen right now. We graduated 35 kids from last year and that was most of our team."

"Hopefully, we'll get some more kids to come out," he concluded.

Defending a title

Winning a state title can always have an effect on a program. It sure did on Tim Storch's soccer team at perennial power Troy Athens — the defending Division I state champion, which returns 15 varsity lettermen.

"The first day was very long," reflected Storch. "We had over 80 kids out here, which is the



Opening day: Lake Orion coach Eve Claar (left) sets the pace at the first day of practice for her Dragon basketball squad.

most that we've ever had. And that's including the mid-80s when we once three out of four championships.

"It's going to be a tough process watching this many kids and selecting the team," Storch concluded.

Diving right in — sort of

While most swimming & diving teams are getting wet, Lake Orion's first-year team is dry as a bone.

"Our pool won't be done for a couple of weeks yet, so our coach, Darin Abbasse, has the girls doing some dry-land training," said Wood. "He's a veteran coach, so he knows how to keep things going until our pool is ready."

Thrown into the lions den

The OAA has made several changes in their league alignments for the upcoming school year. Lake Orion's soccer team has won four straight league titles, two in Division III and two in Division II, and now the Dragons must pay the price as they as they move up a notch into Division I — the state's premier soccer conference.

"It should be interesting for us," said coach Paul Elder. "I have no idea how well we'll do up there, but we've had good players the last couple years and I think this year's group will still keep us competitive."

Small schools, big headaches

Oakland Christian soccer coach Randy Johnson was pointing to this year as being the Lancers' best shot at winning a state title. But that was before Johnson had five players transfer to neighboring schools and two more elect not to play this season.

"I lost a lot of quality players and they didn't even graduate," said Johnson. "But I do have three returning all-state players back and some young kids that could surprise. So maybe you shouldn't count us out yet."

Inside the gymnasium at Oakland Christian, the Lancers' basketball team got off on the wrong foot — or ankle should we say.

"Our first day of practice didn't go well. Our dominating post player, Stephanie Jackson, sprained her ankle," said coach Ed Mehlberg. "We've got her on the bike already because we can't afford to lose her for very long. Our schedule is as tough as it has been."

Worries aside, Mehlberg did take time to reflect on the summer gone by.

"My son and I just got back from a trip down to Hilton Head, South Carolina," he recalled. "Down there we played about 200 holes of golf — at least 18 holes a day."

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1-14	Michael Quick	20:19	1-14	Jaclyn House	22:51
15-19	Jeremy Schneider	17:52	15-19	Julie Beth Mumaugh	22:20
20-24	Derek Dodge	19:43	20-24	Susan Folino	22:00
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TURKEY HUNTING

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FESTIVALS

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The 51st annual Pointe Mouillee Waterfowl Festival, formerly known as the Michigan Duck Hunter's Tournament, will land at the Lake Erie Marsh in Brownstown Twp. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13. The event features the annual Midwest Decoy Contest, one of the biggest events of its kind. There will also be wildlife art, taxidermy displays, an outdoor trading post stocked with hunting and fishing equipment and much more. The Monroe Sporting Collectibles Show will be held in conjunction with the festival on Friday, Sept. 11, at the Monroe Holiday Inn. Call (734) 379-9902 for more information or call Pointe Mouillee at (734) 379-9692 on Mondays or Wednesdays.

MEETINGS

NRC
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 9-10, in Lansing. Wednesday's session will convene at Lansing Center while the Thursday portion of the meeting will be held at the Stevens T. Mason Building. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sport-

ing clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. On Mondays and Tuesdays, shotgun and archery shooting is available noon-sunset while the rifle and pistol range is open 3 p.m. to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Green-shield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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

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

STATE PARKS

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

EVENING HIKE
Hike the woods and fields searching for some of the sights and sounds of the summer evening during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at Maybury.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-477-7756 for more information.

BATS 'N' UP

Enjoy an evening with and learn about the bats during this program, which includes a slide presentation and an outdoor observation session, which begins at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at Indian Springs.

HURON RIVER CLEANUP

Volunteers are needed to help clean refuse from the Huron River between Hudson Mills Metropark and Delhi Metropark. The cleanup will take place 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, August 15. Volunteers should meet at Delhi Metropark. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Call (734) 426-8211 for more information.

GEOLOGY BADGE

Junior Girl Scouts can complete their requirements for the geology badge during this program, which will be held throughout the day on Saturday, Aug. 15, at Indian Springs. Participants should call ahead for times.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

FREE WOOD CHIPS

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

SUMMER STAR PARTY

View the Perseid meteor shower and learn some summer constellations during this program, which begins at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Independence Oaks.

TUNING YOUR TOT INTO SUMMER

Tots ages three to six accompanied by a parent or guardian can tune-in and turn-on to summer through stories, songs, a nature hike, crafts and a snack during this program, which will be offered at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 18 and 19, and again at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22. Cost is \$3 and younger siblings are discouraged from attending.

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International firm in the Ann Arbor area seeking full-time representatives to coordinate transportation services with our business clients. We offer benefits, 401K, and growth opportunities. Please fax resumes to (734) 477-0465 or call (734) 477-0480. Interviews will be held in the Ann Arbor area.

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needed for full-time position by medical equipment company based in Livonia. Strong phone skills necessary for incoming order taking. Seeking a motivated individual who enjoys a fast paced environment along with a variety of job responsibilities. Benefits package available. Competitive salary. Send resume to: Metro Medical Equipment 12965 Wayne Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 Fax: (734) 522-8380

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Customer Service - Join the staff of major companies part and full time openings in Livonia and Troy. Great benefits. Experience required. \$9.50/hr to start. Customer Surveys - Ideal evening part time position for extra income. Valuable training, Troy & Auburn Hills. Medical Claims, support 3rd party inquiries. Farmington Hills and Detroit openings. To \$11.50/hr. Call Cathy today. Birmingham - 248-640-7683 East Side - 810-228-9842 Farmington - 248-522-9233

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Drafters needed for a 1 yr., 40+ hour/week temporary position with no benefits to read architectural, mechanical and electrical drawings. Entry level. Good pay. Clean driving record. Computer experience and some drafting background. Will train. Send resume to: The University of Michigan, Facilities Planning and Design, 326 E. Hoover, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1002; Attn: Temporary Drafter.

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Deliver office supplies & furniture. Local area. Full-time. No weekends. Competitive pay. Fax resume to: (734) 414-0400

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Experienced drivers wanted. CDL Class-A license required. Local delivery route. All shifts available. Good pay & benefits. If interested, apply in person at 35 Corporate Dr. Auburn Hills.

DRIVER

Full-time, CDL, no OTR, Plymouth location. 734-454-7620, ext. 109

DRIVER

Full-time local for Plymouth area, 2 years driving experience & CDL Class A license required. Competitive wages home very night. (610) 329-5809

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CDL-B with air brake truck. Full time. Excellent benefits. Physical unloading required. Please call 248-624-5000 or Fax resume to: 248-624-5063

DRIVER

Owner/operators for Michigan weight hauling. Aggregate manufacturer is looking for independent contractors with 11-axle or quad-axle dump units with the capability to pull one of our 12 wheel trailers or have your own trailer. Interested in hauling asphalt and aggregate. Independent contractors with tractors capable of hauling 8-axle concrete discharge trailer for asphalt and aggregate. Call for appointment at: (248) 349-6449 An Affiliate of Edward C. Levy Co.

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500 Help Wanted General

DRIVERS
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Attn: HR Dept.
30600 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
800-888-7370
Fax: 734-777-7473
EOE - M/F/V/D

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Demanding company needs drivers with minimum CDL-B with Haz Mat & Tanker endorsement. CDL A preferred. Good pay, good benefits. Fax inquiries to: 734-677-8544

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We are looking for enthusiastic, self-motivated individuals for stock positions in a fast paced, friendly atmosphere. 8am-6pm, Mon-Fri, alternate Saturdays. Good pay, benefits, license, company paid drug screen required. Benefits available. Please apply:
A & L Parts, Inc.
754 S. Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI
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Come work with a great team!
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P.O. Box 238
Howell, MI 48843
Attn: Human Resources - EA
EO/ADA

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SMALL, self-motivated, well rounded person with experience in drafting & inspection. Should be a team player, benefits package, Farmington Hills. Call Laura at 248-685-0961 ext 228

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Growing Westland manufacturing company needs a General Clerical Position. Must be able to handle multiple tasks & work well with others. Duties include answering phones, light typing & wordprocessing. Experience with Windows 95 helpful. Full-time position available. Salary commensurate with experience. If you would like to join our team, send resume to: General Clerical, P.O. Box 650606, Westland, MI 48165-0606

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Salary negotiable. Apply at: Smead, Inc., 12700 Delta, Redford, MI 48239

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Immediate opening for a reliable facilities maintenance person to assist with full-time supervisor. Responsibilities include: miscellaneous stock work, interior/exterior building maintenance, miscellaneous installations i.e. shelves, lights, phones, etc. untrained, rental, vehicle maintenance and other duties as requested. Flexible hours 20-25/week, must be Mon-Fri. Send resume to:
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Livonia, MI 48150

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Energetic person to care for tropical plants at metro area businesses. Flexible transportation. Flexible hours. 20-30 hrs. Will train. 248-393-2704

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Full/part-time needed for residential new construction sales office. Must be self-motivated & energetic. Call (248) 855-4447 or fax resume to: (248) 855-4440

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For large Farmington Hills apartment community. Apply in person: MUIRWOOD 36505 Muirwood Dr. Farmington Hills, MI N.W. corner of Grand River & Drake

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Full time for generalist with a focus in Defined Benefit Pension Administration and Compensation. Must possess a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources or related field & 5+ years experience in HR department. Excellent communications and customer service skills. Full time full benefits. Interested candidates should send their resume with references and salary requirements to:
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25900 Greenfield Rd., Suite #600
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Fax: 248-354-3070

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ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: What is the most unusual condominium you have heard about in terms of the nature of the development?

A: In well over 26 years of being involved in the condominium industry, I thought I had heard about almost every type of condominium imaginable until I recently read about a condominium in British Columbia which is literally "to die for."

A developer is building a nine-floor, five-story mausoleum condominium with room for 90,000 "residents." Owners will be able to stand on a 150-foot high edifice and watch friends and families be cremated.

As for the deceased, they can store their remains on one of the building's "themed" floors, be it for Buddhists, Catholics, military veterans or the like.

Prices for the vaults range from \$600 to \$13,000. I suspect that there won't be any noise problems in this condominium.

Q: If the only inside access to a deck or patio which is a limited common element is through a general common element brick wall, must the association allow an owner to drill holes through that brick wall to put up a satellite dish?

A: Although this issue hasn't been specifically addressed by the FCC, it appears that the rule doesn't appear to permit drilling through general common element walls.

If an owner installs an antennae on an exclusive use deck or patio, the wiring must be installed in a way that doesn't damage general common elements.

For further clarification, however, you may wish to call the FCC at (888) CALL-FCC for additional information and/or consult with your association attorney.

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Real Estate 101

How well do you know real estate? One way to measure is to take a test. Try this one. All of the questions have a direct bearing on the process. Seven correct is passing. All the answers follow below. If you struggle, learn from your mistakes now so that when it comes time to sell or buy a house, you'll have all the answers.

1.) Commissions paid to real estate agents on the sale of a house are negotiable. Typically, what is the going rate in this area?

- a.) 2 percent of sales price
- b.) 3 percent
- c.) 6 percent
- d.) 10 percent

2.) Who usually pays the commission on sale?

- a.) Buyer
- b.) Seller
- c.) County register of deeds
- d.) Buyer and seller split cost

3.) How much is the statewide transfer tax on the sale of a house approved by voters in 1994?

- a.) 3/4 percent of sales price
- b.) 2 percent
- c.) 5 percent
- d.) 10 percent

4.) A mortgage pre-qualification is another name for a mortgage pre-approval.

- a.) True
- b.) False

5.) Points, a fee charged by lenders to obtain a more favorable mortgage rate, are fully federal tax deductible in the year you buy a house.

- a.) True
- b.) False

6.) When is the best time for a prospective buyer to have a lawyer review a purchase offer?

- a.) Between acceptance by the seller and an inspection
- b.) At closing
- c.) Before the offer is submitted to the seller
- d.) Any time

7.) Most house inspectors would rather not have buyers tag along during the inspection because they just get in the way and slow things down. You should wait for the written report, inspectors say.

- a.) True
- b.) False

8.) What amount of profit is excluded from federal capital gains taxes on the sale of a house provided that certain residency conditions are met?

- a.) \$250,000 for a single

filer, \$500,000 on a joint return
b.) \$50,000 and \$100,000, respectively.
c.) \$1 million and \$2 million.
d.) Nothing is excluded - all taxable

9.) Which of these documents are required by law in the real estate transaction process? More than one may apply.

- a.) Seller disclosure statement
- b.) House feature sheet
- c.) Lead disclosure statement
- d.) Real estate agency disclosure statement

10.) State property taxes on two identical houses may differ substantially depending on how long the owners have held them.

- a.) True
- b.) False

Answers

1.) c. The going rate for commissions here now is 6 percent. That means \$6,000 on a sale price of \$100,000. Again, the exact rate is negotiable on a case-by-case basis.

2.) b. The seller generally pays the sales commission, which usually is split between the different agents involved in a transaction and their brokers.

3.) a. The statewide transfer tax is 3/4 of one percent of sales price, or \$750 on the sale of a \$100,000 house. A county tax also applies - \$1.10 per \$1,000 of sales price - for an additional \$110 on a \$100,000 sale.

4.) b. False. A pre-approval is a commitment by a financial institution for a specific amount of money subject only to a property appraisal, property survey and title work.

A pre-qualification is a rough estimate of how much an applicant may be able to borrow subject to a credit check and job history review - plus all three above factors.

5.) a. True. Points for a mortgage on a home purchase are fully deductible in the year of purchase. Points on refinancings of existing mortgages must be pro-rated over the years of the refinancing.

A point is 1 percent of the amount borrowed. Two points on a \$100,000 mortgage would amount to \$2,000.

6.) c. The purchase offer is a legal contract whose terms are binding if the seller accepts the offer as submitted without changes. Therefore, a buyer's lawyer should review the document before it's submitted to the seller.

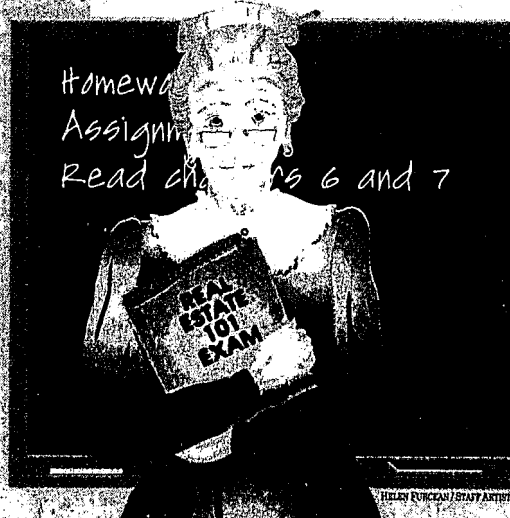
7.) b. False. Most inspectors want buyers along during the inspection so they can point out routine maintenance tasks, sound structural/mechanical elements and potential problems. Try to be there.

8.) a. As long as a homeowner has lived in a primary residence two of the last five years, profits of \$250,000 for a single filer, \$500,000 for a joint return are excluded from federal capital gains tax in the year of sale.

9.) a, c and d. The seller's disclosure statement about the condition of a property, the seller's statement about whether lead-based paint is in the house and real estate agents' disclosure about whom exactly they represent in a transaction are all required by law.

10.) a. True. A property's taxable value over the years is limited by law to an inflationary rate. When a property sells, its taxable value rises immediately to market value.

Therefore, a long-time owner could pay less property taxes than a new purchaser on identical houses.



Rental status

Where are residential rental vacancies high? Where are they low? Here are the numbers for selected metro areas, rounded to the nearest percentage point.

	1997	1992	1987
U.S.	8%	7%	8%
Atlanta	10%	11%	6%
Boston	4%	7%	4%
Chicago	8%	8%	6%
Cleveland	10%	7%	5%
Dallas	7%	9%	16%
Denver	2%	5%	11%
Detroit	7%	9%	8%
LA/Long Beach	8%	8%	4%
Miami	10%	6%	9%
New York City	5%	6%	2%
Philadelphia	11%	9%	5%
Phoenix	6%	9%	14%
San Francisco	2%	4%	5%

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Part 2

Not enough money for down payment.

In this case, the lender has determined that you don't have enough cash to make the down payment and cover the anticipated closing costs, based on your financial information and the Verification of Deposit.

Money for the down payment and closing costs usually can't be

borrowed. However, money from a friend or relative can be used as long as no repayment is expected. Other possible solutions include asking the seller to take back a second mortgage, reducing the amount required for the down payment, or asking the seller to assume some of the closing costs. Finally, of course, you could put your home buying hopes on hold while you save up more money.

Insufficient income for monthly payments. This is a tough problem to overcome, and occurs when the lender considers the amount of your monthly income in relation to your proposed mortgage payment and other monthly debts.

Generally, lenders operate under guidelines that state your mortgage payment should be no more than 28 percent of your gross monthly income (that is, your income before any expenses). The guidelines also stipulate that your total debt, including mortgage payments and other regular payments, should be not more than 36 percent of your gross monthly income. While these figures are guidelines rather than rules, if your percentages are substantially higher it could be cause for your application to be denied.

There's usually not much you can do about this situation. However, if your credit record is very good, and if you can show that you're already successfully carrying an equivalent housing expense, either through rent or your current mortgage, you may be able to convince the lender that you're the exception to the rule.

If someone in your household is in line for a raise, tell your lender.

Too many debts. Mortgage applications can be turned down not only because a prospective borrower has too much debt, but also because they owe money to too many different creditors. If a person makes extensive use of a number of different credit cards or revolving accounts and there's evidence of increasing account balances that are getting close to established credit limits, their mortgage application may be turned down.

The only solution is to pay off the debts, bring the outstanding balances down, and reduce the number of creditors who are owed money.

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Bank grants back affordable housing

Standard Federal Bank, headquartered in Troy, has sponsored five grant applications, totaling \$220,000, which were approved through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis (FHLB) Affordable Housing Program. Four grants, totaling \$200,000, support Michigan nonprofit organizations and a fifth grant for \$20,000 directly assists low- to moderate-income home buyers.

"Standard Federal Bank believes in the importance of reinvesting in the communities in which it operates to help ensure the potential for future growth," said Mary M. Fowlie, senior vice president of regulatory affairs and compliance for Standard Federal Bank.

"The FHLB Affordable Housing Program is an excellent vehicle for enabling the bank to put funds back

into the community, which are specifically directed to expanding opportunities for those who might not otherwise have access to affordable housing."

The grant amounts to non-profit organizations and their purposes are:

- \$120,000 to Bagley Housing Association Inc. in Detroit, to support repair of 24 single-family housing units;

- \$40,000 to Volunteers of America-Chelsea Project in Detroit, to support rehabilitation of 13 rental units;
- \$32,000 to the Saginaw County Habitat for Humanity in Saginaw, to support new construction of eight single-family housing units; and

- \$8,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County in Monroe, to support new construction of two single-

family housing units.

■ \$20,000 to provide down payment subsidies and closing cost assistance to qualifying prospective home buyers.

"Standard Federal continues to be the most successful Affordable Housing Program participant in its FHLB district with more than 70 approved grant applications totaling approximately \$4 million," Fowlie said. "We will continue to seek additional grant approvals from the Program for as long as qualified projects present themselves and money is available."

Fowlie also encouraged organizations in Michigan and Indiana with affordable housing projects to contact Standard Federal Bank for further information about the FHLB Affordable Housing Program.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded July 6 - 10 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.

City	Address	Price	City	Address	Price
Auburn Hills	2502 Hampton Dr.	\$117,000	Clarkston	5233 Allen Rd.	\$252,000
Clarkston	3058 Derry Ct.	\$89,000	Clarkston	7316 Bluewater Dr. #18	\$83,000
Clarkston	3012 Oakline St.	\$33,000	Clarkston	3009 Caribou Lake Ln.	\$80,000
Clarkston	604 Eastview Hill Dr.	\$48,000	Clarkston	820 Pinecroft Rd.	\$140,000
Clarkston	620 Pinecroft Rd.	\$140,000	Clarkston	2686 Williamsburg Ct.	\$128,000
Clarkston	2686 Williamsburg Ct.	\$128,000	Clarkston	963 Sharpshoot St.	\$210,000
Clarkston	963 Sharpshoot St.	\$210,000	Clarkston	4830 Sunset St.	\$173,000
Clarkston	4830 Sunset St.	\$173,000	Clarkston	3197 Woodlawn St.	\$108,000
Clarkston	3197 Woodlawn St.	\$108,000	Clarkston	1431 Woodview St.	\$305,000
Clarkston	1431 Woodview St.	\$305,000	Clarkston	22820 Plurive Ave.	\$108,000
Clarkston	22820 Plurive Ave.	\$108,000	Clarkston	11503 Big Lake Rd.	\$127,000
Clarkston	11503 Big Lake Rd.	\$127,000	Clarkston	11085 Clark Rd.	\$177,000
Clarkston	11085 Clark Rd.	\$177,000	Clarkston	5870 Long Point Dr.	\$15,000
Clarkston	5870 Long Point Dr.	\$15,000	Clarkston	11055 Nicole Ct.	\$42,000
Clarkston	11055 Nicole Ct.	\$42,000	Clarkston	5745 Ormond Rd.	\$158,000
Clarkston	5745 Ormond Rd.	\$158,000	Clarkston	12442 Windmill	\$180,000
Clarkston	12442 Windmill	\$180,000	Clarkston	22814 Brookdale St.	\$110,000
Clarkston	22814 Brookdale St.	\$110,000	Clarkston	24143 Elizabeth Ct.	\$145,000
Clarkston	24143 Elizabeth Ct.	\$145,000	Clarkston	23139 Farmington Rd.	\$150,000
Clarkston	23139 Farmington Rd.	\$150,000	Clarkston	22769 Floral St.	\$110,000
Clarkston	22769 Floral St.	\$110,000	Clarkston	23965 Whitaker St.	\$242,000
Clarkston	23965 Whitaker St.	\$242,000	Clarkston	25717 Arden Park Dr.	\$165,000
Clarkston	25717 Arden Park Dr.	\$165,000	Clarkston	22082 Oakwood Dr.	\$100,000
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Clarkston	37052 Caribou Ct.	\$305,000	Clarkston	30633 Country Ridge C	\$310,000
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Clarkston	27411 Cranbrook Dr.	\$270,000	Clarkston	23682 E Newell Ct.	\$102,000
Clarkston	23682 E Newell Ct.	\$102,000	Clarkston	29689 Eastfield St.	\$147,000
Clarkston	29689 Eastfield St.	\$147,000	Clarkston	35221 Elyria Dr.	\$182,000
Clarkston	35221 Elyria Dr.	\$182,000	Clarkston	29215 Fieldstone	\$308,000
Clarkston	29215 Fieldstone	\$308,000	Clarkston	29136 Forest Hill Dr.	\$222,000
Clarkston	29136 Forest Hill Dr.	\$222,000	Clarkston	20900 Gill Rd.	\$65,000
Clarkston	20900 Gill Rd.	\$65,000	Clarkston	23152 Glenwood Hts	\$150,000
Clarkston	23152 Glenwood Hts	\$150,000	Clarkston	28080 Grand Duke Dr.	\$250,000
Clarkston	28080 Grand Duke Dr.	\$250,000	Clarkston	25129 Harcourt St.	\$171,000
Clarkston	25129 Harcourt St.	\$171,000	Clarkston	29793 Harrow Dr.	\$394,000
Clarkston	29793 Harrow Dr.	\$394,000	Clarkston	28815 Hidden Trl	\$325,000
Clarkston	28815 Hidden Trl	\$325,000	Clarkston	35035 Hillside Dr.	\$165,000
Clarkston	35035 Hillside Dr.	\$165,000	Clarkston	30344 Hitching Post Ct	\$237,000
Clarkston	30344 Hitching Post Ct	\$237,000	Clarkston	38543 Horton Dr.	\$310,000
Clarkston	38543 Horton Dr.	\$310,000	Clarkston	31535 Kingston Ct #4	\$97,000
Clarkston	31535 Kingston Ct #4	\$97,000	Clarkston	30722 Knighton Dr.	\$358,000
Clarkston	30722 Knighton Dr.	\$358,000	Clarkston	38741 Lancaster St.	\$220,000
Clarkston	38741 Lancaster St.	\$220,000	Clarkston	23623 Lakeshore St.	\$125,000
Clarkston	23623 Lakeshore St.	\$125,000	Clarkston	38462 Lynwood Ct.	\$156,000
Clarkston	38462 Lynwood Ct.	\$156,000	Clarkston	24050 Middlebelt #6	\$76,000
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Clarkston	37861 Stableview Dr.	\$260,000	Clarkston	21189 Sunnydale St.	\$175,000
Clarkston	21189 Sunnydale St.	\$175,000	Clarkston	21977 Tredwell Ave.	\$134,000
Clarkston	21977 Tredwell Ave.	\$134,000	Clarkston	23256 Tuck Rd.	\$121,000
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Featured Fine Home



Troy - Uncompromising Elegance

- Stunning "award winning" McLeish Design beautifully styled with special touches - luxurious 1st floor master bedroom & bath.
- Unique windows & ceilings, daylight basement, pristine condition
- Premium setting backs to tall trees w/extensive decking, 3.5 garage

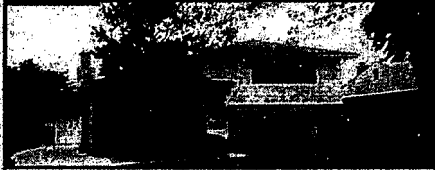
\$895,000 (248) 641-1660 FO241

WOLVERINE LAKE



- 891 Wolverine - S. of Glenary, W. of Commerce
- This two bedroom ranch has a remarkable view!
- Completely updated with new kitchen cabinetry
- Andersen windows, newer carpet, well & septic
- Large treed back yard is nicely landscaped

\$124,900 248-651-4400 WO891



MADISON HEIGHTS

- Impeccably kept quad level home provides the space you need with four bedrooms and 2 baths
- Hardwood floors, finished basement with wet bar
- Mechanic's dream workshop in garage wired for 220

\$134,900 Ask For: Mary Bann 970-6321 NO153



SOUTHFIELD - PRIVATE CONDO

- As spacious as a home with less maintenance!
- Enjoy serenity from the secluded patio, relish the beautiful white brick fireplace, spacious 1,775 sq. ft. interior
- Walk to heated pool, clubhouse.

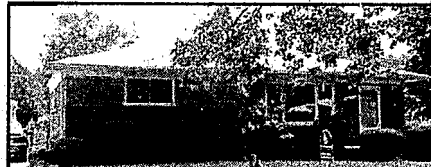
\$134,900 (248) 626-9100 GR251



WATERFORD - JUST LIKE NEW

- Just move in and enjoy all the updates on this home
- Freshly painted with new Berber and Pergo hardwood flooring plus remodeled kitchen and bath
- 3 bedrooms. A quality home in great neighborhood

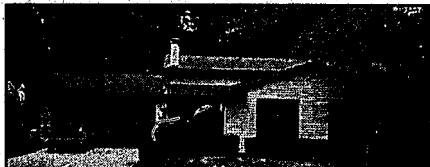
\$139,900 Ask For: Wanda Turbyfill (248) 625-5700 CO264



MADISON HEIGHTS - BEST RANCH ON MARKET

- Very clean and spacious situated in beautiful sub
- Fresh, neutral paint in living room, extra large rooms
- Natural fireplace, hardwood floors, cove ceilings
- Newer kitchen with oak cabinets & Corian counters

\$149,777 (248) 641-1660 LO302



TROY'S BEST VALUE

- Beautiful sub with mature trees is the setting for this spacious, open floor plan family home with fenced yard
- Large family room, white updated kitchen, newer windows. Award winning Troy schools - new high school!

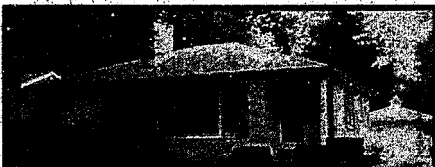
\$159,900 (248) 641-1660 BA901



SOUTHFIELD - COMFORT AWAITS

- Settle into this charming brick home with special touches like hardwood floors and cove ceilings
- Beautiful formal dining room plus lovely Florida room
- 2 1/2 car attached garage. Yard has many fruit trees

\$165,000 (248) 626-9100 MA181



ROYAL OAK - DESIRABLE AREA

- Charming brick ranch on a quiet tree-lined street
- Hardwood flooring and lovely fireplace in living room
- Freshly painted with updated kitchen and bathroom
- Wonderful sun room looks out to deep yard

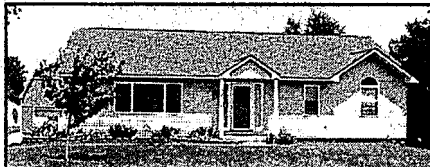
\$168,900 (248) 641-1660 OR728



WEST BLOOMFIELD - RARE OPPORTUNITY

- Great chances to own a beautiful three story condo with great floor plan in desirable Centuar Farms
- Double sliding doors from great room open to deck
- Cathedral ceilings in bedrooms, ceramic kitchen

\$168,900 (248) 851-4400 PA618



COMMERCE TOWNSHIP - HOBBIES

- Complete art studio and/or workshop in garage!
- Contemporary home built in 1994 boasts vaulted ceiling, open floor plan and a knockout deck
- Central air, large basement. All on almost an acre!

\$176,900 (248) 851-4400 WH427



TROY - UNBELIEVABLE

- The best ranch in Troy backs to Brinston Park!
- Completely updated with new windows, oak kitchen, refinished hardwood floors in every room and more!
- Two car garage has mechanic's dream workshop!

\$154,900 (248) 647-6400 PA232



WATERFORD - SHARP CONTEMPORARY

- Open floor plan, cathedral ceiling
- First floor master, light oak island kitchen
- Finished basement, security system, central vac
- Beautiful wooded lot. Loon Lake privileges.

\$229,900 Ask for: Nancy Ritter 656-4420 LO294



Just Listed!

HOLLY - NEW BUILD

- J & K Builders. Beautiful "Maplehurst" model
- New ranch, full basement, master w/deluxe model
- Open great room and cook's kitchen. Top quality
- Other sites available. (VLR)

\$195,000 Ask For: Robyn Lewis 620-4373



BLOOMFIELD CONDO

- Only 14 detached condos in this very private setting
- Great living space w/fireplace in library & living room
- Fabulous master suite w/walk-ins & separate baths
- Finished lower level adds to space. Home office

\$445,000 (248) 647-6400 AP643



HUNTINGTON WOODS

- Attractive floor plan for this terrific Cape Cod home
- Beautiful library with foyer and center hall entrances
- Master suite with large study, sitting or nursery & bath
- Updated bath, central air and finished basement

\$209,900 (248) 647-6400 KI127



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - SUPERB LIVING

- Elegant upper floor condo with special touches including hardwood floors, recessed lighting, crown moldings
- Library, glass enclosed sun room plus formal living room
- Two full baths and 2 car garage. Basement storage

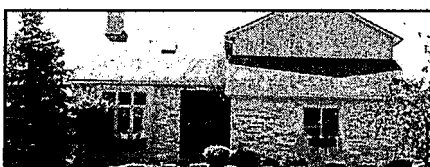
\$217,000 (248) 646-6000 TI173



ROCHESTER HILLS

- Light bright & airy Tudor with professional landscaping
- Neutral decor, ceramic foyer, French doors to den
- Kitchen with oak cabinetry and breakfast area
- Family room with cathedral ceilings, natural fireplace

\$264,900 (248) 651-8850 RO320



WIXOM

- Mint condition and beautifully decorated in neutral!
- This home boasts two story high volume ceilings in great room with lovely corner fireplace
- Walkout lower level and private site, multi-tiered decking

\$219,000 626-9100 GRA204



Just Listed!

FARMINGTON HILLS - ROMANTIC VIEWS

- Beautiful and neutral decor throughout this colonial
- Delight in gorgeous views of secluded site adorned with pines and boulders from wrap around deck
- Family room and dining room, White Bay cabinetry

\$229,500 (248) 626-9100 CE311



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - WELL LOCATED

- Mature landscaping and lake privileges
- Sprawling four bedroom ranch with fireplace, large family room, breakfast room plus formal dining room
- Over 2,100 sq. ft., security system

\$239,900 (248) 647-6400 SH643



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - WESTCHESTER VILLAGE

- Well maintained brick ranch situated deep in sub.
- Updated European kitchen with breakfast room
- Family room, fireplace warms the living room
- Private backyard with beautiful pool and pool house

\$239,900 Ask For: Christine Russo, CHR 647-8038 SU295



TROY - SOPHISTICATION & LUXURY

- Superb design with architectural flair
- Glorious decor and artistic detail abound
- Luxurious Eurostyle marble master bath
- Wonderful privacy amidst lush nature retreat

\$259,900 (248) 641-1660 CO460



ROCHESTER HILLS - COURT LOCATION

- Dynamic first floor master suite
- Great room with high ceilings and wet bar
- Fabulous kitchen with walk-in pantry, library
- Beautiful landscaping, private deck, pine treed lot

\$326,900 Ask For: Anna Percy 656-4400



TROY SCHOOLS - CUSTOM EXTRAS

- Four bedroom custom built Oak River West Colonial
- Formal living, dining and family room w/pan ceiling
- Leaded glass doors, den with Wainscott moldings
- 3.5 car garage, cedar deck. All on lovely large lot!

\$499,900 Ask For: Mary Bann PI464



TROY

- Excellent floor plan gives this colonial true appeal
- Large kitchen and dining area, spacious family room
- Multi-windowed sun room, hot tub, two fireplaces
- Four bedroom. Nice, private yard with landscaping

\$344,900 (248) 641-1660 ED375



WEST BLOOMFIELD PARADISE

- Perfect all sports lakelakefront home with all the amenities
- Six skylights let the sunshine in! Professional bar
- Jacuzzi, stone fireplace, plus deck, patio and dock
- Perfect home for indoor and outdoor entertaining

\$375,000 (248) 647-6400 CI237



Just Listed!

ROCHESTER HILLS - GOLF COURSE

- Custom home on 4th green at Brookwood Golf Club
- Great room with tall windows, garden fireplace
- Formal dining room, den, island kitchen with nook
- Finished lower level, golf cart storage in garage

\$384,900 Ask For: Cecelia Brown 656-4401



ROCHESTER HILLS - FALL IN LOVE

- Gorgeous home! Charming court entrance, paver walks
- Large island kitchen - oversized family room
- Wonderful master suite. Huge walk in bonus room
- Beautiful deck & landscaping. Three car garage

\$397,900 Ask For: Anna Percy 656-4400



TROY - HICKORY HEIGHTS

- Elegant, private country living in this Cape Cod situated on 10 acres of peaceful surroundings
- Each bedroom has private bath. Garden room and formal dining room.

\$440,000 (810) 641-1660 FO263



GOODRICH ACREAGE

- Elegant, private country living in this Cape Cod situated on 10 acres of peaceful surroundings
- Each bedroom has private bath. Garden room and formal dining room.

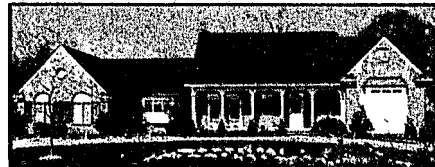
\$445,000 Ask For: Pam Burke (810) 658-4150 CO124



ROCHESTER HILLS - KNOCKOUT DECOR

- Robert R. Jones first floor master plan
- Former model with gathering room and tall ceilings
- Gorgeous white kitchen with circular eating nook
- Fabulous finished lower level, three car garage

\$495,500 Ask For: Anna Percy 656-4400



BLOOMFIELD HILLS

- Impressive. Built in 1991. Excellent floor plan
- Two gorgeous fireplaces, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths
- Modern kitchen, knockout lower level with wet bar and exercise room, gazebo, deck, 3 car garage

\$639,900 (248) 851-4400 HU179



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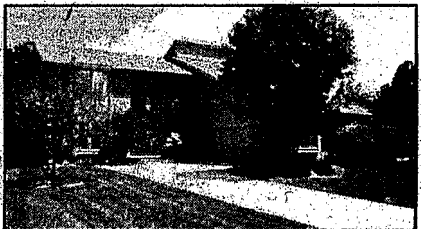
VERY SPECIAL HOME - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath salt box colonial. Updated kitchen, baths. Hardwood & ceramic flooring. Finished basement w/cedar closets. Central air. Florida room. \$239,000 (89ASP) 248-652-8000



PRIVATE EXECUTIVE RETREAT - Hilly & wooded 1.5 acre contemporary home. Many extras - 2 fireplaces, skylights, hardwood flooring, finished walk-out, separate pool building - private paved road. \$639,900 (79HID) 248-652-8000



DUPLEX - UPPER UNIT 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, updated kitchen. Central air, private entrance. Down unit, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, updated kitchen, full basement. Private entrance. \$295,000 (08FOU) 248-652-8000



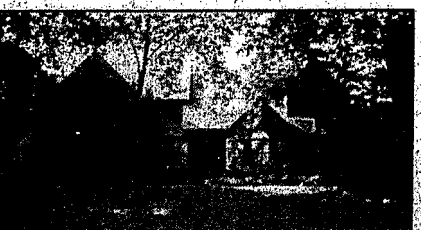
CUSTOM HOME - w/Great room, formal dining room. Oak island kitchen w/large nook. Den w/glass French doors. Ceramic 2 story foyer. Master bedroom w/cathedral ceiling. Master bath w/shower, tub, 2 sinks. Large 1st floor laundry. Neutral throughout. \$499,700 (98RIV) 248-652-8000



REGENCY HILLS - Perhaps one of the finest homes & properties! Beautifully maintained and decorated w/warmth and comfort. Interior finished in eloquent decor, accented by a majority hardwood in main floor. Living. \$324,000 (14BUC) 248-652-8000



NEW LISTING 4 bedroom colonial w/West Bloomfield Schools. 2,100+ sq. ft. full basement, large rooms, 2 car attached garage, well cared for. \$214,900. (57WIL) 363-1200



MISSION SPRINGS BEAUTY Contemporary 1 1/2 story home w/top of the line extras, stone front, brick pavers, cathedral ceilings, crown moldings. Not a drive by. 3 bedrooms & 2 1/2 baths. \$334,900 (28BEA) 363-1200



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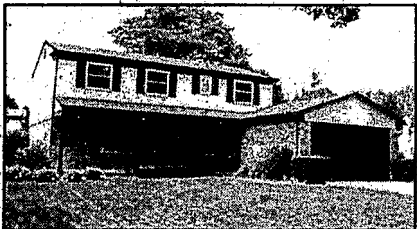
AFFORDABLE ESTATE Living Very spacious 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths w/custom kitchen, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, heated in-ground pool, sun room & more. Lots of windows & acreage. \$321,900 (61HEA) 363-1200



OUTSTANDING CEDAR Ranch Crooked Lake access, knockout walk-out basement, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, Great decks, 3 patios, built 1991, Jacuzzi, gas log fireplace, sprinklers, appliances. \$234,900 (30ANC) 363-1200



292 FEET OF ALL SPORTS LAKE Dream home deluxe w/stylish cachet. Airy & open, finished walk-out, 3 fireplaces, 4 bedrooms, 3 car garage. \$309,500 (57ELL) 363-1200



TROY COLONIAL Updated throughout, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, Family room w/fireplace, 1st floor laundry, master bath, finished basement, hardwood floors, Troy schools. Immediate Occupancy. \$217,800 (39PAT) 524-1600.



ROCHESTER HILLS 3 bedroom, 2 full bath Ranch awaits you. Large Great room w/fireplace & door wall to large cedar deck. Full basement w/ professional finished room & tons of storage. Central air, newer windows. Home warranty! \$207,500 (01SAN) 524-1600.



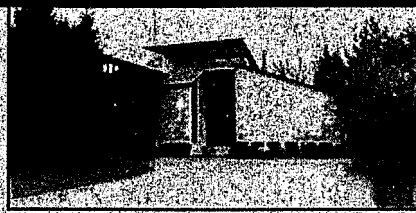
COUNTRY SIZE LOT Large 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Troy Ranch. 1708 sq. ft. Large master bedroom, 115'x169' lot backs to woods. Family room, 2 car garage. \$169,900 (21KIR) 248-642-8100



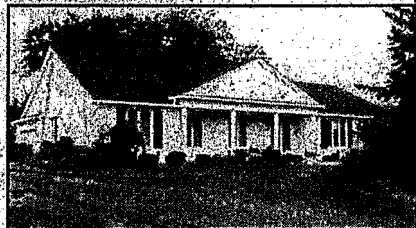
CONDO - Spectacular detached condo on peninsula setting in gated community. A jewel few know about. Dream kitchen w/double sub zero's. Great room, Library, Family room. Dynamite master bedroom suite, finished walk-out - gorgeous setting. \$629,900 (00ISL) 642-8100



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BLOOMFIELD - Contemporary 2 story w/finished walk-out. Living room, Family room, lounge, huge formal kitchen w/island on private cul-de-sac. Bloomfield location on over 4300 sq. ft. \$469,900 (43WAL) 642-8100



BLOOMFIELD - Hard to find Ranch! Over 2,600 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, & lovely white marble foyer, crown moldings, custom decorating, huge Family room, formal dining room, & finished basement. Great master bedroom, newer roof & windows. \$379,900 (76MAY) 248-642-8100



MAGNIFICENT SETTING - 5700 sq. ft. Cedar contemporary on spectacular 1 1/2 acre setting backing to woods/golf course. 5 bedroom, 4 bath, 2 lavatories, Great room, Family room, Library, indoor pool, 3 car garage. \$589,900 (80GOL) 642-8100



SPECTACULAR COPPER CREEK - 4800 sq. ft. 2 story Contemporary w/1st floor master bedroom suite, Living room & Family room w/fireplace, Library. Fabulously finished walk-out. \$495,000 (98HID) 248-642-8100



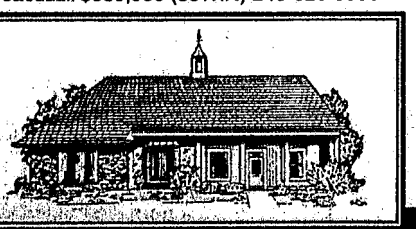
FARMINGTON HILLS - Newer 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath extensively updated. Great deck with hot tub, finished basement features rec room, 5th bedroom, full bath. Cul-de-sac site with large backyard. \$264,900 (21ARB) 248-626-8800



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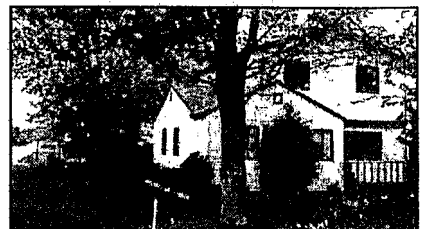
LAKE SHERWOOD LAKEFRONT - Traditional style colonial, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths on secluded lot. Backs to nature area, unfinished. Walkout, almost 1 acre secluded quiet serene lot. A Must House. \$499,900 (09DEE) 363-1200



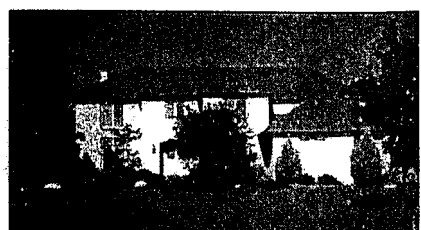
SUBURBAN LIVING Spacious 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath colonial. Landscaped premium lot. Built 1994, neutral throughout, open floor plan, 2 fireplaces, C/A, sprinklers, on a cul-de-sac. Immediate occupancy. Daylight basement! \$369,900 (08HID) 652-8000



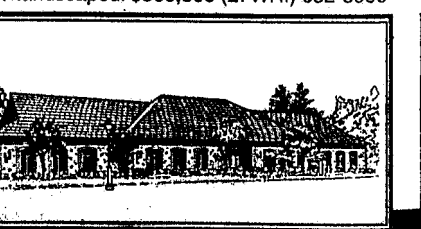
WATCH THE DEER from the window of the spacious kitchen in this brick country ranch home. Rochester schools, 3 bedrooms, 2 car garage, 1 acre, paved road! \$215,000 (67GUN) 652-8000



QUALITY BUILT family home, Rochester schools. Not only 3 bedrooms, breezeway, air and 1900 sq. ft. but a possible loft or carriage house over the heated garage. Fantastic Offer!! \$152,900 (46HES) 652-8000



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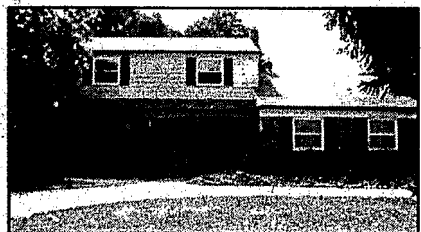
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FABULOUS HOME! Custom transitional beauty set on 2.5 acres of wooded land, huge living room, gourmet kitchen, two way fireplace, den, 4 bedrooms, walk-out, 4 car garage! \$649,000 (50HOW) 642-8100



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SUPER SHARP TOWNHOUSE! New white paint throughout. New beige carpet. Master bedroom w/balcony. Move-in condition. Includes: stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer. Private location. Immediate occupancy. A true gem! \$134,500 (74SOU) 248-642-8100



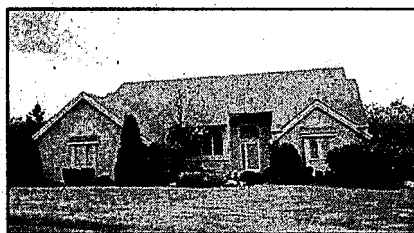
WALNUT LAKE CANAL FRONT! Updated Ranch, 120 ft. frontage on canal leading to all sports Walnut Lake. A short walk to the beach club. 2 fireplaces, family room, large custom deck w/covered hot tub. Birmingham schools, home warranty. \$294,000 (85PUT) 642-8100



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SPACIOUS 4 bedroom brick/wood Tudor in Bloomfield Hills. Wonderful patio overlooking beautiful garden. 2 bath, 1 lavatory, deep lot, kitchen with island, extra large family room & kitchen. MUST SEE! \$329,000 (38SPA) (248) 626-8800



BEAUTIFUL 4 bedroom, 3½ baths, soft contemporary on almost ½ acre park-like site. Finished walkout features sauna, rec. room, wine cellar. Knockout kitchen with granite island. Den has marble built-ins. \$389,900 (44CHE) (248) 626-8800



UNIQUE 4 or 5 bedroom 2 story contemporary with library and office, lovely in-ground pool, upscale Whispering Pine Sub. in West Bloomfield, 3 car side entry garage, partially finished basement. \$349,000 (45ROL) (248) 626-8800



CLAWSON. 3 bedroom brick ranch with 2 full baths. Family room with fireplace. In-ground pool. Country size lot. Immediate possession. \$159,000 (25BAT) 524-1600



LAKE PRIVILEGES! REDUCED. 3 bedroom colonial in Hartland offers a first floor laundry. Library. Formal dining room and master bath. Partially finished basement. Deck. Hot tub & central air. \$199,900 (02TIP) 524-1600



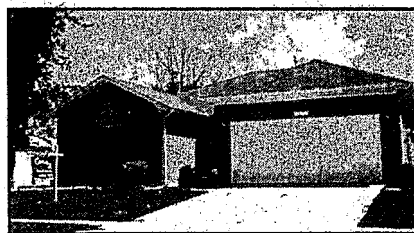
TROY. Stunning 4 bedroom colonial with updated everything. Professionally remodeled. Finished basement. Newer roof. Large lot. Call Today! \$219,900 (44SHA) 524-1600



SPACIOUS 4 bedroom Troy quad-level is located in desirable Golf Trails Subdivision. Features include 2 fireplaces, central air, large wood deck, sprinkler system and side entry garage. \$194,500 (56SNE) 524-1600



TROY. 4 bedroom Raintree Subdivision quad-level loaded with updates. New paint and carpet. Oak floor in kitchen. Alarm system. Neutral decor. Beautiful deck overlooks lot backing to woods. \$199,000 (28LAK) 524-1600



TROY. 3 bedroom brick ranch with 2½ baths. Sprinkler system, security alarm. Professionally landscaped yard. Home Warranty included. \$192,900 (17CAM) 524-1600



OLD PRAIRIE CHARM in Ferndale with many new updates including family room. 2 full baths. Large walk-in closets. Screened porch and deck for summer evenings. \$229,900 (30WOO) 524-1600



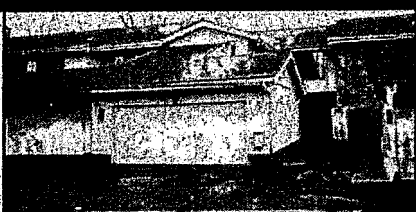
NATURE LOVERS! Over 3 acre wooded site is the setting for this 4 bedroom. Huge great room with fireplace, family room, walkout lower level. New roof and septic, newer furnace, air conditioning, deck and more! 3+ car garage. Circular drive. \$379,900 (42GRO) (248) 626-8800



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TAKE A CLOSE LOOK! Traditional colonial with contemporary flair. Newer white kitchen. Appliances stay! Family room with fireplace. Doorwall to 21x30 deck. Freshly painted throughout. 2 car side entry garage. \$252,911 (594SH) (248) 626-8800



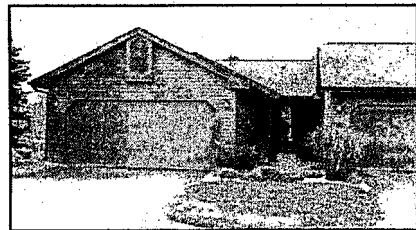
CONDO LIVING at its finest in this 3 bedroom, 2½ bath townhouse. Fireplace, library, basement, and 2 car attached garage. Pool in complex, gated community and conveniently located to shopping and expressways. \$187,900 (71PEB) (248) 626-8800



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SPACIOUS 4 bedroom colonial backs to commons, extra large master suite with dressing room and walk-in closet, basement even under fireplace. All rooms are large. Great area! Immediate occupancy. \$214,900 (24WEA) (248) 626-8800



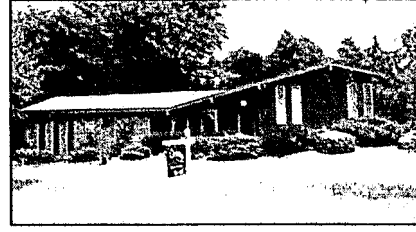
TRANQUIL, SCENIC SETTING. Canal front condo, views of Dixie Lake and commons, oak cabinets and trim, fireplace in great room, finished walkout, 2 full baths, 3 bedrooms, cathedral ceilings. \$179,900 (67CED) 363-1200



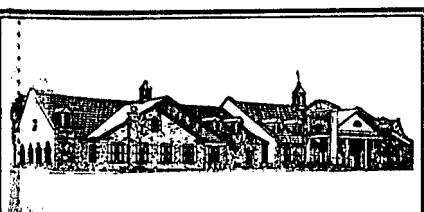
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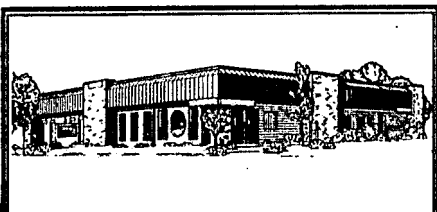
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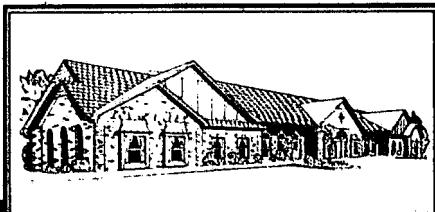
BEGIN A NEW LIFE IN THIS Panovision-view home, great big yard enhances this honey. Superbly maintained and updated three bedrooms, 1½ baths, nice!! \$149,900 (31VAN) 363-1200



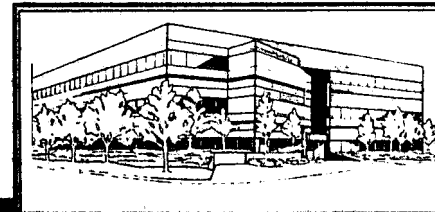
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The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland hosts a panel of experts on investor financing during a dinner/seminar 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at the

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NEGOTIATION SEMINAR

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors a seminar, "Negotiating Tactics, Strategies and Techniques," 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Aug. 20, at its offices, 30375 Northwestern, Farmington Hills. Presenter: Chuck Breiden-

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Price, including continental breakfast, is \$20 for members, \$35 for non-members.

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CONDO SEMINAR

The United Condominium Owners of Michigan presents its 24th annual seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Michigan State University Management Education Center in Troy. Sixteen sessions will be

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Price is \$95 for UCOM members, \$55 for each additional attendee from the same organization, \$125 and \$75, respectively, for non-members.

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PROGRESSIVE FINISHES

Progressive Construction announces the completion of Whispering Lakes Apartments in Shelby Township.

The project, which began in June, 1996, consisted of 184 units in 12 buildings, an outdoor pool and a community building

with, exercise and meeting rooms. The cost was just over \$11 million.

Progressive, headquartered in Novi, is a general contractor and construction management company specializing in multi-family, assisted living and retail developments.

Progressive projects are under way in Clarkston, Rochester Hills and West Bloomfield.

Paving walkways, patios without mortar

BY READER'S DIGEST BOOKS FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

Making an attractive mortarless walkway or patio is easy using bricks, concrete pavers or flagstones.

When used for such projects, bricks or concrete pavers are laid in sand on a flat, firm base and anchored with an edging. This method, called flexible paving, is easy both to install and repair.

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Because no edging is required, it is easier to lay out an area for flagstone than for bricks or concrete pavers. In addition, you can space the sand joints irregularly. But you must make sure that the flagstones are well supported underneath; otherwise, they can break when stepped on.

The site should be excavated to the depth of the paving plus 6 inches. Two inches is for a bed of tamped sand, which will keep the paving from shifting. The other 4 inches allow you to add a layer of tamped gravel beneath the sand. The gravel permits drainage and helps prevent frost heave from being pushed upward when the ground alternately freezes and thaws.

When laying out a project, base its shape on the dimensions of the paving units in order to minimize cutting.

You can cut bricks and flagstones fairly easily by hand, using a hammer and a wide chisel called a brick set. But you will

need to rent a special splitter to cut pavers.

The most crucial step in laying flexible paving is site preparation. A firm and flat site minimizes settling. As a rule, it is easier to excavate the entire site to the depth required and then install the edging and paving.

Take extra time to make sure that the soil or gravel bed is tamped and level.

You can tamp small areas with a hand tamper — a one-foot square of plywood nailed to the bottom of a 4 x 4. For best results, tamp large areas with a plate vibrator, a motor-powered tool that you can rent. Plate vibrators are noisy; be sure to wear ear protectors.

For edging, use pressure-treated lumber or wooden landscaping ties anchored with stakes or spikes. Alternatively, you can use strips of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), anchored with metal spikes. Or you can dig a narrow ditch and add an edging of bricks. To minimize the effects of frost heave, dig the ditch 2 inches deeper than the bricks, and pour in a layer of gravel before placing the bricks.

To reduce the chance of tripping over wood or PVC edging, place the top surface 1/4 inch below the paving. The paving will settle more than the edging, and the two will eventually be level.

When paving with flagstones, first fit as many uncut stones

together as possible to minimize the amount of shaping you have to do. Place flagstones with their more level and attractive side up. Avoid using small stones; they tend to sink into the ground or tip when stepped on.

Until the paving is laid, protect the sand bed from rain

either by covering the sand with plastic sheeting when you have finished for the day, or by spreading the sand in 10-square-foot areas just before installing the paving. Stay off the sand bed by working from outside the perimeter or by kneeling on previously laid sections.

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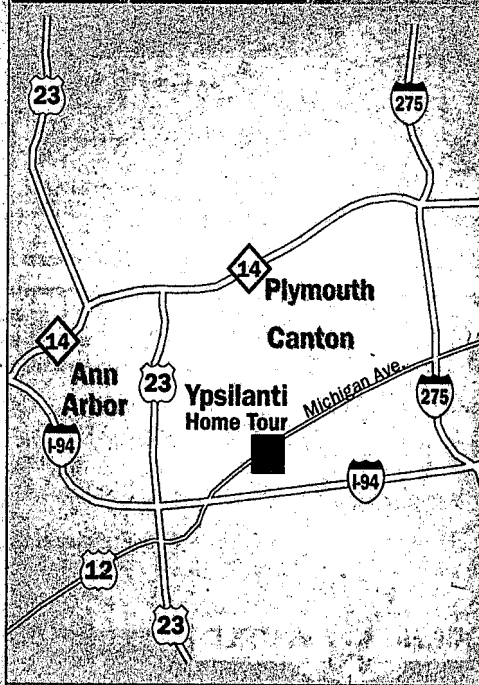
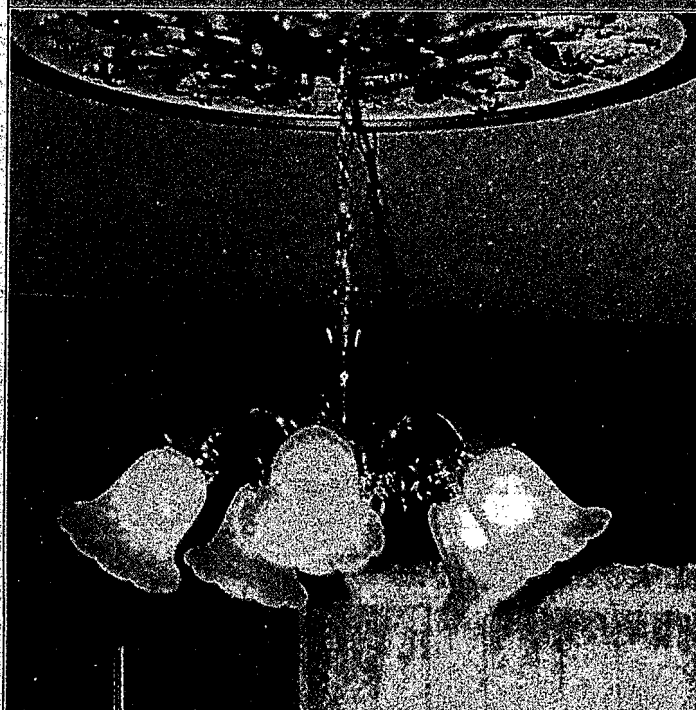
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AT HOME

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Big cheer for honest furnace folks

By JOE GAGNON
Special Writer

In my mailbox at the radio station someone had placed a newsletter from the Independence Hills Subdivision in Farmington Hills, and I sat there with my coffee and read it.

I was so impressed by what I read I think it is only fitting that I give you some of the content. I'm sure someone out there will get a few ideas to use in their neighborhood.

Before I do, I would like to give you my feelings on the subject of consumer awareness.

People in business who fall into the category of Rip Off are many in this country. Sure, they're found out, and sometimes published about, and sometimes taken to court, but all too often they continue in business.

It can be as simple as changing the names on the paperwork -- and that business is still out there gouging the unsuspecting consumer.

The Michigan Consumer Protection Act is as useful as a bump on a log, and I can't say much more about some of the

people we elect to office.

When will we ever have laws that truly protect consumers from those smooth, unethical rip-off artists?

Maybe never in your lifetime, and I can tell you that's only because of the lack of guts displayed by some elected officials. We as consumers need all the help we can get, and this little guy writing this column is not enough to fit the bill. That's why this newsletter from Independence Hills hit such a nerve.

Mary Winkler writes that her air conditioning stopped working and she had a company come out and check it. They told her the blower motor in the furnace had to be replaced at a cost of \$600. The service man recommended that the whole furnace be replaced instead of just the motor and the cost would be \$2,100. Mary has a friend who suggested she call Family Heating and Cooling to get another price on a new furnace. Mary writes:

"So, I called Family Heating and Mike came. I asked him to check it out and to also give me a quote for a new furnace. By now I was convinced that a new heater would be needed.

"Let me check one more thing," Mike said and he went to his truck for another testing device. "If this is the problem, it will be a quick and inexpensive fix."

It turned out to be only the capacitor, an \$18 part. The service call charge, plus parts, plus labor was \$10 cheaper than the first company's "vanilla" do-nothing-to-solve-the-problem service call. Mike could have made a big sale. Instead, he made the extra effort and reported that it was an easy and inexpensive repair.

Three cheers for honest and ethical and capable repair people.

Because of Mary's experience with a rip-off company who shall remain nameless, the subdivision is starting a referral service for their homeowners for roofers, floor installers, painters, window replacers, deck washing companies, landscapers, plumbers, remodeling contractors.

If you have had a good or bad experience with a company, please let me know, she writes. "Then in the future when you need a referral, I will be able to produce names and who in our subdivision has used their services, so you

can talk directly to them."

Mary's husband, Jim, heads the Neighborhood Watch program. At their most recent meeting the discussion was about a reporting system within the subdivision that would immediately make everyone aware when and where a crime occurs.

These folks are smart and I am proud of what they are doing.

Some of you will notice that Family Heating and Cooling is an advertiser on my radio show and also does advertising with this newspaper. Several articles have been written by regular staff writers of this paper on the subject of the furnace industry, and television reporters have used Family Heating and Cooling to help them expose some of the unethical operators in the industry.

The fact that this company has received an extra plug and it didn't cost them anything isn't important. I personally think they are deserving.

What's important is that a whole subdivision is now more aware of what could happen, and they are smarter consumers and more involved than ever before.

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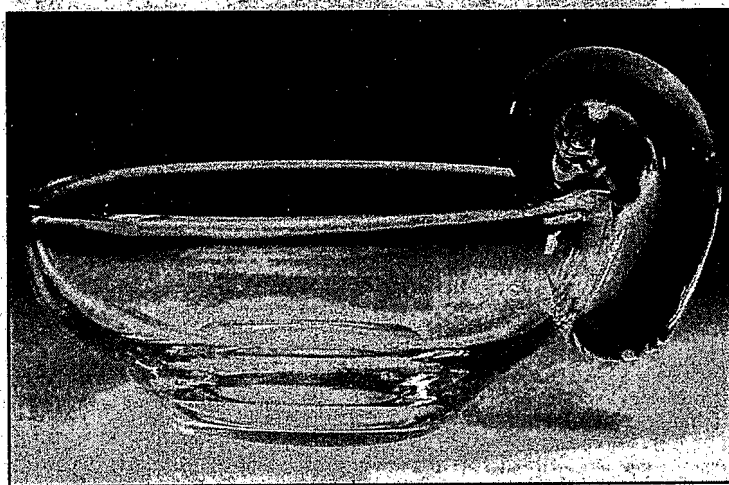
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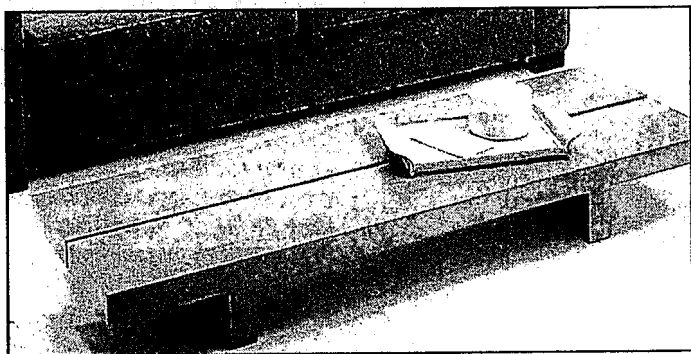


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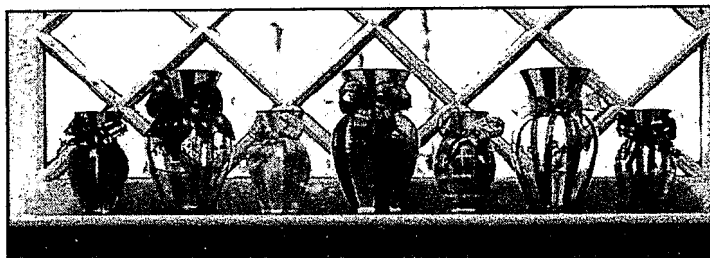
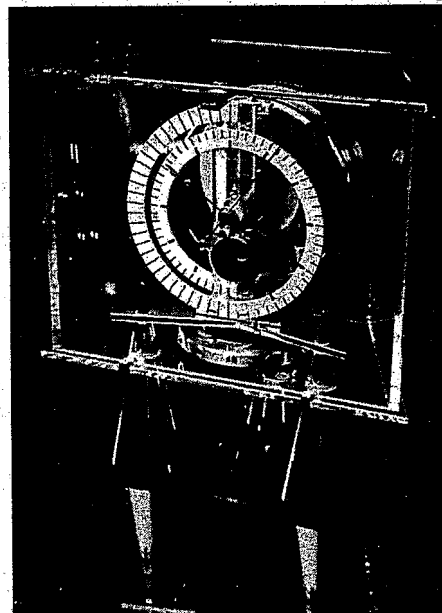
Tokyo table

On board: East meets West in the new Tokyo table from Workbench. Constructed in Portugal of natural cherry veneer over lightweight engineered wood, the table combines spare, modern design with an Eastern sensibility. Two long boards are supported by sturdy panel legs, creating a beautifully proportioned table that is as functional as it is elegant. Available exclusively at Workbench stores throughout the East Coast and Midwest, the Tokyo table adds a sophisticated flair to any decor.

Time capsule

To a degree: "Time off" can lead to a "time out" if you forget to wind an average clock. Fortunately, with the Jaeger leCoultre Atmos Atlantis, a lapse in memory doesn't stop time from ticking on. The ultimate in high efficiency mechanisms, the Atmos Atlantis operates via changes in air pressure, approaching the ideal of perpetual motion.

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Soft touch

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AT HOME, Mary Klemic, editor (248) 901-2569
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cover story

House preserves vintage look

You could say Chris Sorrick and Mary Jo Oke are living in the past. The couple's ranch style house was built in 1949, and Sorrick and Oke have carefully maintained the look and feel of that time in the residence — from keeping the distinctive wood trim, to featuring Heywood-Wakefield furniture of the '40s and '50s, even to replacing their modern stove with a vintage Magic Chef range.

The house is one of five sites on the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation's 21st annual Historic Home Tour, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 on the day of the tour. For information, call (734) 482-8666.

"We haven't really done much to change the house," Oke said.

The couple, the third owners of the house, researched the style of the period. They have lived in the residence since 1992. Local architect Ward Swarts, who later became well known for his work on the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia, designed the house.

Vintage look

You become aware of the residence's vintage style as soon as you enter the front door, with its peephole that resembles an eye.



Different eras: Houses on the Historic Home Tour in Ypsilanti show styles of different times, including the late 19th century. Photos by Richard C. Katon.



The mail slot on the wall near the door has the wood trim that is found throughout the house; the door to the laundry chute is another compact sample of the trim.

Sorrick and Oke worked to preserve the house's post-World War II modern look. They renovated the fireplace, with its screen and granite hearth, but kept it as close to the original style as possible. The living room and other rooms feature birch paneling and trim. A closet in the hallway contains stereo equipment.

The couple also renovated carpeting in the house, and added a patio and deck out back. Newspapers were found under the carpeting when it was removed, and signatures of previous owners were found on the wall when the

wallpaper was changed. (Sorrick and Oke added their signatures to continue the "tradition.")

Early American: A house on the tour built in the late 1930s is decorated in Early American style.

The kitchen features ceramic tile on the walls, some of the squares bearing designs of fruits or vegetables. The linoleum for the floor was chosen to be in keeping with the peel and stick pattern of the period; magenta and light pink borders edge the room on the floor.

Today's stoves would have been too small for the 40-inch space in the kitchen. Instead of placing a modern stove there and filling the space somehow, the couple decided to buy a vintage one that would fit in the area and put their modern stove in the basement.

Furnishings

The kitchen can be closed off from the dining room, which is good for formal entertaining. Built-in cupboards tucked in two corners of the dining room encourage collecting, Oke said. Among built-in features in other rooms are shelves in the living room and a niche for a desk in the guest bedroom.

Walls throughout the house are painted in soft tones, echoed in the pastels of Oke's McCoy and Hall flowerpot and teapot collections. Art works by friends also adorn rooms.

The arches of doorways suggest the gentle curves of the Wakefield pieces, which include a chest in the entryway and a low bureau in the master bedroom.

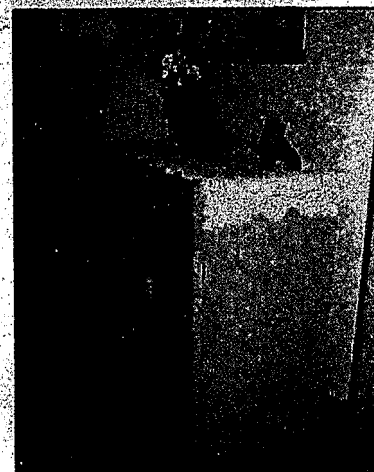
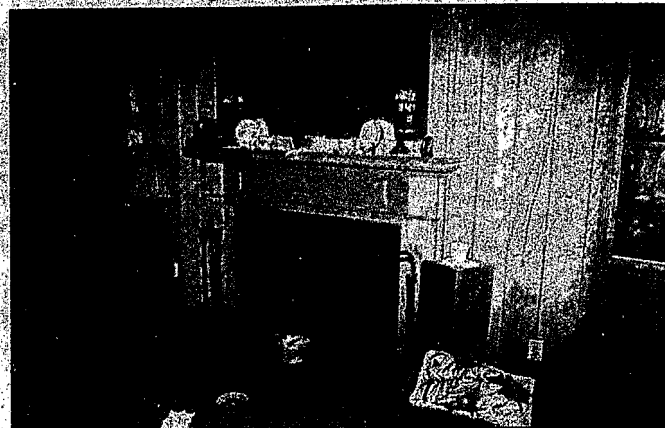
Improved lighting and accessibility were the only changes made to the bathroom, which features a square tub and tiles on the walls. The updated lighting consists of wide fluorescent panels near the ceiling.

The other houses on the tour show a variety of styles: two residences constructed prior to America's entry into World War II and representative of the solidly built architecture of that time; another built after 1945 and virtually unchanged since; and a quintessential Queen Anne style, built in the late 19th century and one of Ypsilanti's most spectacular "painted ladies."

Advance tickets are available at Saxton's Garden Center in Plymouth; Materials Unlimited, Norton Durant Florists and Gifts, and Remington's By Design in Ypsilanti; and the John Leidy Shop and the Dixboro General Store in Ann Arbor. On tour day, tickets will be available only at the booth in front of the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, beginning 10 a.m.

The foundation will present a slide program of before-and-after images of local structures, running continuously during the tour. Art works by Riverside Arts Academy students on the theme of Ypsilanti's historic architecture will be exhibited. The slide show and exhibit will be at the Riverside Arts Center.

Tour proceeds go to an annual scholarship, the foundation's Historic Structure Marker Awards and education programs on preservation-related topics. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the 1998 Ypsilanti Heritage Festival, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 21-23.



Vintage look: In a house built in 1949, furnishings include Heywood-Wakefield items, such as a chest in the entryway (above) and a bureau in a bedroom (below). The living room features wood paneling (top).



On the cover:

A quintessential Queen Anne style house is among the residences on the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation's 21st annual Historic Home Tour this weekend. Photo by Richard C. Katon.

at home calendar

■ The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will have an auction 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13. Call (248) 332-1500.

■ All Art Van Furniture locations will offer a complimentary child ID fingerprinting program 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, with materials provided by AAA of Michigan. Fingerprinting is a good way to help law enforcement officials find missing people and deal with other emergency situations.

■ The Metro Detroit Hosta Society will present "The World of Hostas: Past, Present and Future" with Tony Ayen of Plant Delights Nursery of North Carolina 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at Birmingham First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham. An auction of collector plants will follow. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

■ Learn how to make safe and interesting photo albums to preserve your treasured moments in "Create Forever Photo Albums," a class Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow. Pre-registration is required. Call (248) 651-0622 for information.

■ English Gardens will have a free seminar 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, on "Do-it-yourself Landscaping: The Design Process." Call (248) 851-7506.

■ Global Relief of Michigan will host a tour of Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. Admission is free and the public may attend. Call (800) 642-7353 for reservations.

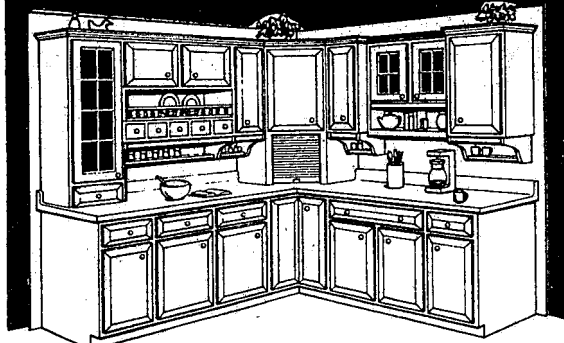
■ Trainers Academy will present an aggression seminar 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at its Madison Heights center. Attendees will learn the origins and causes of aggressive behavior in dogs, as well as what humans unwittingly do to encourage aggression. The fee is \$19 for two family members. Call Trainers Academy at (248) 616-6500.

■ Yuppy Puppy, a division of Trainers Academy, will present a free "Think, Learn and Communicate" seminar 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at its Keego Harbor location. Learn how your dog views its interactions with you. Owner Barbara Bocci's presentation is part stand-up comedy routine, part intense dog psychology course. Advance registration is requested; call the Trainers Academy office in Farmington Hills at (248) 442-2224, Madison Heights at (248) 616-6500, or Keego Harbor at (248) 681-7900.

■ Create a working Roman shade in a four-session class beginning Thursday, Aug. 20, at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak. Pre-registration is required; call (248) 541-0010.

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Here everything's coming up roses

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

Elizabeth Taylor, Dolly Parton, Audrey Hepburn, Queen Elizabeth, Minnie Pearl and Empress Josephine are all there as happy as can be. You may be asking, "Has she finally gone off her rocker? Where is there?"

There is the large rose garden at Michigan State University's Conference Center, Tollgate, Meadowbrook Road and 12 Mile in Novi. It is open 10 a.m. to dusk, except Sunday; admission is free. These lovely ladies are just a few of the 350 gorgeous roses strutting their stuff "there."

Pat Hibbard, founder and president of Roses-West, American Rose Society horticultural judge and consulting rosarian, a member of the National ARS Fund-raising Committee and an award winner, is responsible for the majority of these roses.

The beds contain Old Garden Roses dating back to 1581, English Roses, Shrubs, including Rugosas, Climbers, Grandifloras, Floribundas, Hybrid Teas and Miniatures.

Roses in eight of the 10 large beds (300 of them) have been planted and are maintained by Pat. Each of the eight beds contains a specific rose variety. At the end of the season, they will be donated to MSU for educational purposes.

In the meantime, Hibbard has been teaching master gardeners how to care for the plants. Two beds are filled with a variety of roses donated by Jackson & Perkins and English Gardens and are cared for by master gardeners.

Here are just a few of the roses you will see when you visit.

Old Garden roses include "Rosa Rubrifolia," a rose with a very different growth pattern as roses go, as it has long, narrow, deep green foliage with deep red stems. The blooms are single and pink; hips are large. Pink "Empress Josephine" (1824) grows in this bed.

"Rosa Mundi" (1581) sports pink and white stripes and is a single. "Souvenir de la Malmaison" (1843) is named for Josephine's chateau in France. Its blooms are white.

English roses "have an extremely wonderful scent with an old garden

look." "Heritage" blooms in light pearl pink, while "Mary Rose" blooms in deep pink.

Shrub roses include "Lavender Dream," a single, and "Sally Holmes," which produces as many as 30 white blooms on one stem; quite a spectacular sight.

In the bed for Climbers the outstanding "Jeanne Lajoie" can get 7 to 8 feet tall and is striking in pink as is the single "Altissimo, Chinese Red."

In the Grandiflora bed, "Queen Elizabeth," a tall plant, blooms with pure pink blossoms, along with a newer rose, "Caribbean," with salmon blooms with a touch of soft coppery yellow. "Lagerfeld" has very fragrant pale, pale lavender blooms.

Floribundas include "Nicole," a white rose with hot pink ruffled edges; "Sheila's Perfume," a sturdy yellow with pink edging; "City of London," a light pink bloomer; and "Neon Lights," with magenta blooms.

Most of the ladies are in the Hybrid Tea category. "Elizabeth Taylor" "is great for garden exhibition," she is deep

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Rosy outlook: Pat Hibbard has devoted many hours caring for the roses at Tollgate.

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Seek clues to solve photo problems

BY MONTE NAGLER
Special Writer

Clue yourself in to playing photo-

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pink. "Dolly Parton" is very fragrant and has deep orange blooms, while "Audrey Hepburn" glows with porcelain pink blooms. "Touch of Class," in coral, is the highest rated rose of the ARS, Pat said.

Miniatures are singles and doubles; a number of them have the hybrid tea form. Among them are "Gourmet Popcorn" in white; "Incognito," purple/pink; "Sweet Revenge," a coral/orange; and "Minnie Pearl," one of the ladies living here, with light pink blooms.

The spent blooms are regularly removed on the roses and they are all pruned for shape and character.

The roses grow in rich soil made up of leaf compost, aged manure, an organic soil conditioner from English Gardens, and this year mushroom compost

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Once a year Pat applies Miracle-Gro with iron for roses and in early spring, only once, she scatters a timed-release fertilizer by Scott "for roses only - in a blue bag." She also waters often, very thoroughly.

She sprays all the roses except the Rugosas, once a month, with Immunox mixed with Daconil (per directions) for black spot and mildew. When insects are apparent, Pat uses Safer's Insecticidal soap.

Winter protection is simple and it has worked well. The roses are mulched about 8 inches deep with leaf compost - that's it!

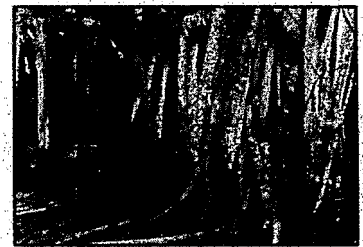
If you wish to contact Pat Hibbard about joining Roses-West, call her at (248) 449-4626.

Print too dark? Not enough light reached the film. First thing to check is the ASA setting. If you set it higher than required by your film, you'll know right away what went wrong. If you've set the ASA correctly and still have prints that are too dark, then look at your negatives. If there is detail overall, including shadow areas, then your exposure was correct but the processing lab goofed. Ask for a remake of your print.

But if the negative lacks detail, then your camera's meter may be at fault. The best way to check this is to stand side by side with a fellow photographer and compare light readings of the same subject. If your readings are inconsistent, take your camera in for repair.

Print too light? Too much light may have reached the film. Again, check the ASA setting first to make sure you didn't have it at too low a setting. Then check the negative. If it looks good, request a remake from the lab. If it appears dark all over, check your meter as described above, and take your camera in for repair if necessary.

Scratches on your prints? Look closely at the negatives. If the scratches are



Banyan bonanza: Everything worked just right for Nagler to produce this shot of Banyan trees in Fort Myers, Fla.

intermittent, there was probably a burr on the lip of the film cartridge or a nick on the pressure plate (part of the film transport mechanism). If the scratches are consistent through the entire roll, the problem could be twofold: a bad burr or nick just described, or a processing lab goofup when your film was developed.

Overall yellowish tint on your prints? The cause is most likely either old film or a loaded camera left in a hot place.

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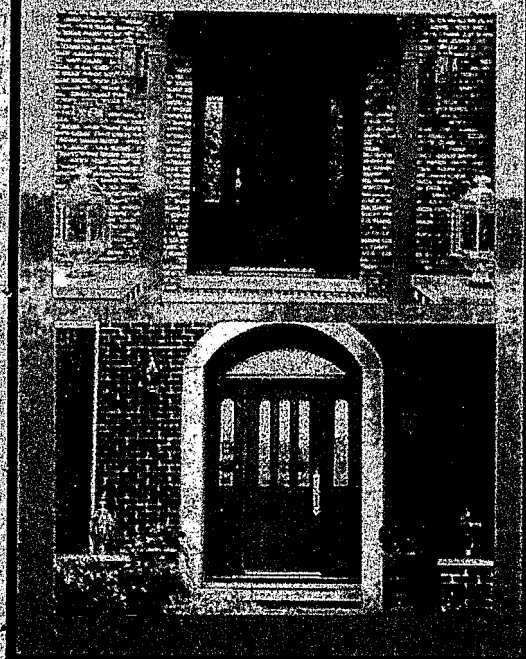
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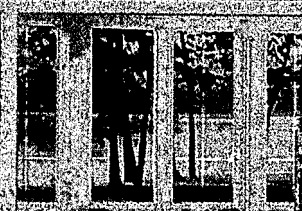
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Earth Wind & Fire perform with the Isley Brothers and The O'Jays, 7:30 p.m. at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$62.50 to \$47.50, available at all Ticketmaster locations, or call (248) 433-1515.

SATURDAY



Richard Jeni performs 8 p.m. at Meadow Brook Music Theatre on the campus of Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tickets are \$10 and \$20, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>

SUNDAY



Richard Denomme is one of the more than 200 award-winning artists exhibiting works in the Fourth Annual Novi Art Festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Town Center, I-275 at I-96, live music daily, call (248) 347-3830 for information.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: There will be lots of cruising on Woodward Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14-15 during Woodward Dream Cruise 1998. Check out the schedule of events inside.

A Feast of Fantasy



Musician: Lord Owain Phylfe (above), a world renowned musician. The Vulgarian court (top photo) has returned to Hollygrove for the royal nuptials of Queen Eleanor and King Robert.



Indulgences: Father Jerry, played by Jerry Bacik, helps everyone indulge in fantasy and fun at the Michigan Renaissance Festival.

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (rain or shine) weekends and Labor Day, Sat. Aug. 15 to Sunday, Sept. 27.
WHERE: Off I-75, Exit 108, on Dixie Highway, (between Pontiac and Flint)
ADMISSION: Adults \$13.95 gate, \$12.50 advance; Children (ages 5-12) \$5.95 gate, \$5 advance; Children age 4 and younger, free; Seniors (60 and older with ID) \$10.75 gate only; Season passes \$49.95 (Available through the festival main office). Call (800) 601-4848 or (248) 634-5552 for information. Advance tickets available at Kroger, Kessel Food Markets, AAA, Michigan and BP.

Schedule and Highlights:

- **Leisure & Lore** - Aug. 15-16
International Strongman Competition, Merlin's Magic Fest, Fizzle The Dragon's Birthday Party
- **A Faire of the Heart** - Aug. 22-23
Wedding of the Century, The Dating Game, Valentine Making
- **High Seas Adventure** - Aug. 29-30
Singing Pirates, Great Lakes Beer Tasting
- **Travel The Silk Road** - Sept. 5-7
International Beer Fest, Belly Dancing Contest, Free Fortune Cookie Contest
- **Highland Fling** - Sept. 12-13
Bagpipe Blowout and Dance Competition, Caber toss
- **Spirits of the Realm** - Sept. 19-20
Home Brewing Demonstrations, Mask Making, Grape Stomping, Parade of Fools, Inglenook Wine Tasting, Parade of the Little Spirits
- **Sweet Endings** - Sept. 26-27
Tournament of Temptations Baking Contest, Chocolate Festival with free samples, Pie Eating Contest, Cupcake Decorating Contest

Hospitality is Queen Eleanor's middle name, and now that she has her own personal chef, her royal highness is in more of a position to properly entertain guests at the 19th annual Michigan Renaissance Festival opening Saturday, Aug. 15.

In addition to the usual succulent roasted turkey legs, savory soup served in a bread bowl, Scotch eggs, and apple dumplings, Queen Eleanor and her personal chef, Cheri Sias, are cooking up some surprises sure to delight your tastebuds and senses.

New this year at Holly Shire is the Feast of Fantasy - a five course, two hour meal featuring entertainment between each course.

"The menu includes Maryland Crab cakes, chilled beet soup, Caesar salad, sorbet, and herb crusted pork prime rib with roasted red potatoes and sautéed summer vegetable medley," said Michelle Bono. "Guests also receive a limited edition hand-thrown pottery goblet as a remembrance."

There are two seatings every Sunday during the festival - noon and 3 p.m. The cost is \$60 per person, advance reservations are recommended call the

number listed in the chart.

Perhaps you'd like to enjoy tea with Queen Eleanor and her court, English high tea, including scones, cream puffs, finger sandwiches and, of course, lively entertainment, is served 4 p.m. each festival day. The cost is \$12 per person, advance reservations are accepted.

Get an early start and join Minute Maid and legendary characters of the Renaissance Festival for Tables at the Table, a continental breakfast filled with laughter and merriment, 10:30 a.m. each Festival morning in the Castle. The cost is \$5 per person.

Quality cigars, premium beer, and a buffet of crackers, fruits and hard meats is offered 6 p.m. every Saturday and Labor Day during the Festival. Admission

is \$12 for guests 18 or older, and advance reservations are recommended.

Dragon's Breath Ale, brewed especially for the Renaissance Festival, is available at the new Dragon's Breath Pub and Stage.

This year's ending, Sept. 26-27 will be especially sweet, a Chocolate Festival and Cupcake Contest were added to the festivities.

The fun begins Saturday, Aug. 15 with the International Strongman's Contest and Merlin's Magic Fest. Witness daredevil antics and frightening feats of courage as the amazing Cliffhanger tempts fate on the high wire with the "Blindfolded Walk of Death."

Michigan Renaissance Festival offers non-stop entertainment including sword swallowers, magicians, musicians, and comedians on 12 stages and performance sites. There are games of skill, hilarious contests and lots of special events every weekend. Eat, drink and be merry, you can even go shopping too. There are more than 150 artisan shops to choose from including the Ye Silver Castle Sword Shop and Queen's Choco-

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ANNIVERSARY

The Palace celebrates 10 years

Two hours before the Aug. 1 Rod Stewart concert at The Palace of Auburn Hills, the venue's banquet room is filled with the scents of prime rib, pasta and chicken intermingling with laughter and enthusiastic conversations.

Tom Wilson, president of Palace Sports and Entertainment, shakes hands with television personalities, newspaper reporters, athletes and others who have supported the organization during its 10 years of existence.

As Stewart hits the stage with his sassy rendition of Oasis' "Cigarettes and Alcohol," Wilson patiently watches but then sneaks away. After 10 years at the helm of The Palace, he's anxious to recreate his memories with the WDIV-TV special honoring the venue's 10th birthday.

"It's almost like raising a child in the sense that day after day you're plugging away and then you step back and marvel at how they've grown and how they've changed and how much fun it is to be around them," said Wilson, a Rochester Hills resident.

"To a great degree, The Palace has

been like a child for a lot of us. There's a number of us who have been here all 10 years. Besides a business interest, we have almost a human interest in her success."

Millions of customers

The Palace of Auburn Hills opened for business Aug. 13, 1988, with a concert by pop star Sting and has since welcomed 23.5 million people into its facility.

The organization now known as Palace Sports and Entertainment has



The Beastie Boys

added to its roster Meadow Brook Music Festival at Oakland University in Rochester, Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township, The Detroit Vipers and the Detroit Shock.

In the last decade, The Detroit Pistons won back-to-back championships in 1989 and 1990; the hockey team, the Detroit Vipers, hit the top spot; and the venue has undergone millions of dollars worth of renovations.

The most notable change is the Atrium addition which includes a Jam Session comparison exhibit, the merchandise stores, Sony Maximum Television Theatre, Music Superhighway CD listening stations and the Pistons and Palace Celebrity halls of fame.

It hasn't gone unnoticed. For the last 10 years, the honors have been rolling in. The Palace has earned "Best New Venue" honors by Performance and Pollstar trade publications, and it is annually ranked among the nation's top-grossing indoor venues leading to numerous "Arena of the Year" plaques.

Several pop stars have made return

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The Palace of Auburn Hills is celebrating its 10th anniversary by hosting a variety of events during the next year. Tickets may be purchased at Ticketmaster unless otherwise noted. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>

MUSIC ACTS:

- The Beastie Boys with special guests A Tribe Called Quest and Detroit-born keyboardist Money Mark, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18. Tickets are \$25.50.
- Reba McEntire, Brooks and Dunn, Terri Clark and David Kersh, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. Tickets are \$43.
- Pearl Jam and Cheap Trick, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23. Tickets are \$23.
- Elton John, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18. Tickets are \$49.50 and \$39.50.
- Tentatively scheduled for The Palace of Auburn Hills are the "Family Values Tour" featuring Korn, Rammstein, Ice Cube, Limp Bizkit and Orgy on Thursday, Oct. 1; and The Paperboys on Saturday, Nov. 21.

SPORTING EVENTS:

- The Detroit Shock's remaining home game is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, against New York. Tickets range from \$8-\$12.50.
- The Detroit Vipers has not announced its season schedule as of press time. The season usually begins in early October and runs through mid-April. Tickets range from \$8-\$35.
- The Detroit Pistons season is scheduled to begin Friday, Nov. 6, against the Philadelphia 76ers pending resolution of the labor dispute. Tickets range from \$12-\$31.

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visits to The Palace - Billy Joel, Reba McEntire, Elton John and Jimmy Buffet - as well as family shows such as Discover Stars on Ice, World Championship Wrestling and the Longhorn World Championship Rodeo.

Others have made their Detroit-area debut. The Spice Girls treated a sold-out crowd of mostly girls under the age of 10 to its Broadway-style show last

month. Pearl Jam will re-enter Ticketmaster venues in the area by playing The Palace on Sunday, Aug. 23.

The birthday activities began in late July with 10 20-foot-tall candles mounted on the top of the building facing Lapeer Road. Keeping with that theme, The Palace of Auburn Hills is hosting a variety of activities during the next 12 months. Joel, McEntire

and John will return to play The Palace (see accompanying chart).

A Palace guest - namely the 25th million - will get "some major surprises."

"We haven't announced the package yet. We're at 23 1/2 million right now. We're going to put a counter up on the main entrance with it marking each passing guest so everyone can see how close we're getting to 25

million. Somebody - hopefully a relative - will get a very nice package," Wilson said with a laugh.

Bringing back memories

The Palace's 10th anniversary coincides with the 10th anniversary of the Detroit Pistons' first championship, so it is holding a season-long celebration.

"Every few games, one member of the championship team will come to a game. It will all culminate on April 3 when Orlando and coach Chuck Daly come in and we'll have everybody back for one big night to revisit the Bad Boys," he explained.

Pete Skorich, the vice president of broadcasting and multimedia, counts the Detroit Pistons' titles as his fond memories.

During those seasons, the Rochester Hills resident served as the video coordinator for the Detroit Pistons and visited the White House with the champions. That led to other, bigger opportunities including a stint as the video coordinator for the 1992 original men's basketball Dream Team.

"I was able to do some things that under normal circumstances I wouldn't have been able to do. When something like that happens to you, you go, God, I'm still relatively young. I wonder if these will be the two biggest events of my life?"

But they weren't.

He lists among his other high-

lights as the Vipers championship in 1997 and the concerts held throughout the years. Skorich, who started with the Detroit Pistons in 1976 as a ball boy when the team played in Cobo Arena, was instrumental in putting together the anniversary special.

"Putting the special together created a new memory. In 1996 when Bob Seger did those concerts here, we shot video of it. I directed video of every concert on the tour in Detroit - the six Palace shows and two different Pine Knob shows. As I went into the studio in recent weeks to put the finishing touches on the live performance videos (which premiered during the special), through it all it occurred to me that I had never met Bob Seger."

Soon thereafter he got the opportunity when Seger ordered minor changes in the video that premiered during the television special.

"We went into the editing studio and spent the evening together until 6 a.m. putting the finishing touches on the video. Not only did I meet him, but I spent a lot of time with him."

For Wilson, seeing Barbra Streisand in concert in 1994 was a thrill.

"Still to this day, it's the best shows that we've ever hosted because it was just so perfect. No one had any hope that they would ever see her perform live. That made it very, very special.

There was this level of excitement, too, about the fact that they (patrons) were paying \$350 and nobody called to complain," Wilson explained.

Upcoming improvements

The Palace of Auburn Hills, according to Wilson, will continue to keep up its reputation. World-renowned restaurant designer Ron Rea, who also worked on the nearby Industry nightclub in Pontiac, will head up the multi-million-dollar effort to revamp The Palace's restaurants and banquet facilities.

The Suite Entrances at the east and west sides of the building will be gussied up. Further in the future, the organization is planning to "modernize" the arena's public address/audio system and PalaceVision video screens, to enlarge areas of the concourse and expand the north end of the building.

Looking back at The Palace's 10 years, Wilson is amazed at its growth.

"At the beginning, we were a pretty tight little group of more than 100 that opened the building. Now we're up to 350 full-time employees. We went from being an arena and a basketball team to (adding) an amphitheater, the other amphitheater, the Shock, the Vipers hockey team. Now 300-plus nights a year, give or take a few days, we're doing something somewhere. That's the most amazing thing."

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Harding, director of entertainment. "There are over 300 performers on any given weekend. We perform anywhere there's a patch of green."

To help prepare young actors and actresses for the challenges of performing at the Renaissance Festival, Harding expanded the Academy of the Michigan Renaissance Festival to include classes in the history of theater, movement, period costume design, and Renaissance performance.

Local experts including Phil Fox of Wayne State University and Roberta Lucas of the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, worked

with the students.

"We want to give the students more ammunition," said Harding. "They step out on the festival grounds with a little bag of tricks; they're very young actors who don't have a lot of tricks. We feel it's important to help them gain experience."

The 40 Academy graduates range in age from 16 to 23, and will be joined on the festival grounds by seasoned performers including Greg Oatley who portrays Sir Collin Macleod and world-renowned Renaissance bard, Owain Phyfe. Guest artists will also be performing on select weekends.

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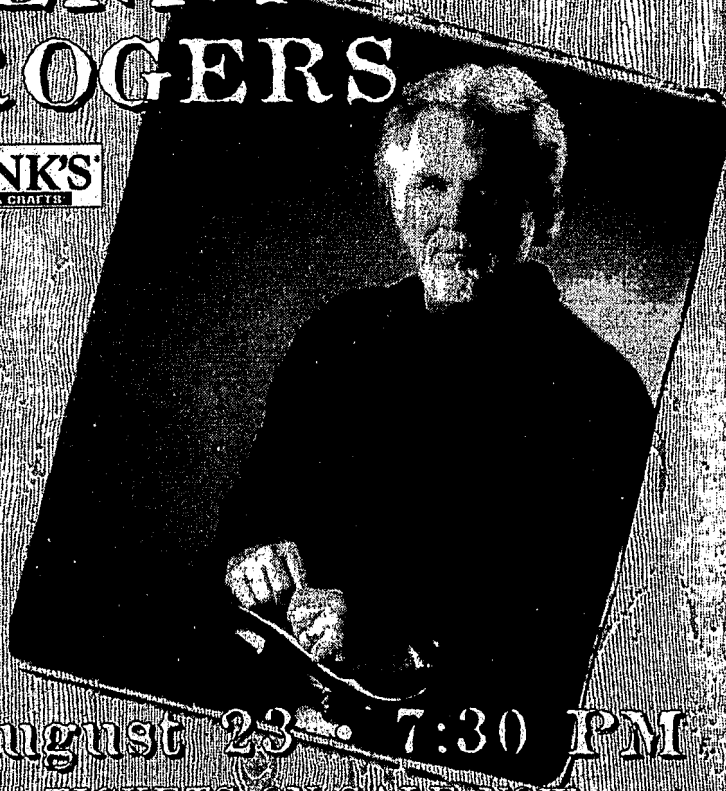
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Sister Hazel tires of the 'nice guy' label

They're nice guys who write nice, happy songs and put on happy shows. But Ryan Newell, rhythm/slide guitarist for the roots rock band Sister Hazel, said the "nice" label is getting old.

"When we write songs, a lot of times they come from the same places the angst-ridden songs come from. Usually the songs start with some kind of frustration and either you elaborate on the frustration or write a song to try to make you feel better. We're the ones playing the songs every night so there's no use in making ourselves more depressed," Newell said with a laugh, via telephone from Hawaii.

"We like to put people in a nicer place. But people write us up as the 'happy band.' That's ridiculous to us because we feel like we're writing about the same things."

No matter where the songs

come from, Sister Hazel's style has proved to be successful: The giddiness of Sister Hazel's single "All For You" pushed its album "...Somewhere More Familiar" (Universal) past the one million sales mark.

Sister Hazel — lead vocalist/acoustic guitarist Ken Block, vocalist/acoustic guitarist Andrew Copeland, bassist/vocalist Jeff Beres, and drummer Mark Trojanowski — formed in 1994 in Gainesville, Fla., home to the University of Florida. Newell, a Berklee College of Music graduate, joined the band in 1996 after serving as the band's session guitarist.

The band, named after an African-American woman who ran Sister Hazel's Rescue Mission in Gainesville during the '70s and '80s, released its self-titled debut in 1994. It includes an acoustic version of "All For

You."

"The first record, it's self-titled, and is actually a demo for us to get gigs when we were first starting out. People liked the cassette so we decided to get CDs made," explained Newell, who appeared on the album.

After the success of "Sister Hazel," the band returned to the studio to start work on "...Somewhere More Familiar." Recorded in six days and mixed in four, the band released it on its own label, Croakin' Poet Records.

"We rode around in a van and trailer and sold the CD on our own. We started to have label interest but we decided to put it out as is. I think a lot of the magic from that record was the raw energy on it. We recorded a lot of those tracks live and went back and touched it up."

When Universal Records showed interest (and a budget) the band "touched up" a few of

the guitar and vocal parts to make it "major-label worthy" and to reflect the changes that had been made to the songs while Sister Hazel was on the road.

"We improvise a little bit more so we don't play the same show every night. It's more interesting musically. There's longer solos on some songs. We change an arrangement here, do an interesting transition there. We change it quite a bit," he explained.

Sister Hazel and Seven Mary Three perform Wednesday, Aug. 19, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets are \$11 in advance, \$13 at the door for the all-ages show. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>. Sister Hazel's Web site is <http://www.sisterhazel.com>.

Dave Wagner returns to Backstage Pass

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

In the salad that is *Backstage Pass*, with its many contributors adding flavor to the overall dish, Dave Wagner was the arugula. So Dave's departure last season was rough(age) on all of us. Sure, you can have a great salad without arugula, but the entire time you're partaking of it you're thinking, "Great salad! If only it had some arugula."

Well, our salad days are back. Like Michael Myers and Freddie Kruger before him, Dave Wagner won't stay gone. Of course, we couldn't be happier. But when you're talking about the guy who for so many years at WQRS was noted for bringing a sense of humor to the sometimes staid world of classical music, you have to figure we're going to tease him mercilessly.

I called Dave and asked him, just where the heck was he, anyway? "I was in Cincinnati for half a year, where I had a great time doing the morning show at WGUC." And what brought you back? "I had the opportunity to

teach full time at Madonna, so I took the plunge doing the gig I got as associate professor, teaching music history, music theory, and arc welding for plumbers. Oops! I'm low on acetylene. OK, how about directing the University Chorale, then? I'll be busy doing some gigs on pipe organ, too. And, of course, I get to work with you again, Ann, which is extremely cool. I'm glad to be back for the third season of *Backstage Pass*." While he liked Cinci, Dave missed Detroit. "Sure, they have Skyline Chili, but they don't have our Coney or Greektown. You have to go away to realize the great things we have here."

Speaking of what we have here, how about a preview of the upcoming classical season around Detroit? "The upcoming Michigan Opera Theatre season opens with Puccini's *Turandot*, which actually hasn't been done here in a while. It has a really good cast, including Alessandra Marc, who got her first big break with the MOT and has gone on to an international career. Les Ballets de Monte Carlo, is coming at the end of September to do the ballet *Romeo & Juliet*. Also, the Paul Taylor Dance Company is coming to perform at the Detroit Opera House as part of

the MOT season in May.

"The Detroit Symphony Orchestra season opens with Joshua Bell, the violinist, who's on the cutting edge now of the upcoming names. In October there's Nigel Kennedy, who goes by just the one name 'Kennedy,' kind of like Prince. He's one of the new wave of performers; he doesn't dress in the traditional tuxedo, he may come out wearing all black. Then you have Awadagin Pratt, an African American pianist from Philly, who's won all these competitions. Also coming in October is guitarist Christopher Parkening. He was one of the favorite students of Andres Segovia, the great guru who brought the guitar forth as a solo instrument on the concert stage. And I can't forget about the Preservation Hall Jazz Band coming in from New Orleans.

Anything outside the big venues? "Detroit's particularly rich in community music-making, both university and community groups. You've got the Lyric Chamber Ensemble, the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, plus other community symphonies and ensembles, we're a very rich area for that. I hope we offer some surprises too, off-the-beaten-path groups you

don't always hear about."

Speaking of surprises, Dave got one earlier this year. "I won the 1998 Motor City Music Award for Best Classical Disc for my CD 'Bright and Clear.' I was going to call the disc 'Dull and Opaque,' but I thought this was more uplifting. Maybe it was a sympathy vote after what happened at WQRS. I was so caught up in my romance with I-75 that I didn't even know I was nominated. One day a friend told me, 'Congratulations, you won the award.' So now I have this statuette."

Thing sure turned around after the demise of WQRS and the abandonment of classical radio in Detroit got 1998 off to an unceremonious start. "Yeah, what a great year! Oddly enough, I'm looking forward to 1999; I've got a bunch of concerts lined up in Cincinnati. I guess you just look for opportunities as they come up."

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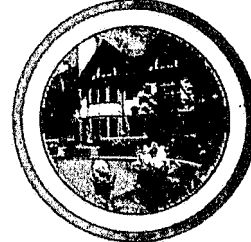
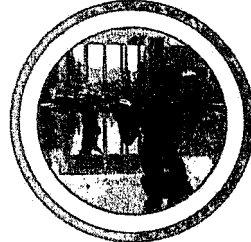
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"Motown Beat Makes the Pontiac Loop"-themed events include a swap meet on Water Street 5 p.m., "Pontiac Makes the Loop Car Show" near Saginaw and Pike streets 6-9:30 p.m., DJ Paul Cooper at the Courthouse on Saginaw Street and Huron, auto cruise parade 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Chubby Checker concert at Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, 10 Water St., Pontiac, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14; Swap meet on Water Street 6 a.m., "Pontiac Makes the Loop Car Show" at Saginaw and Pike Streets 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Motown music 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saginaw Street, official auto cruise parade 6:30-7:30 p.m., The Commodores concert at Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre 8:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. (248) 857-5603

ROYAL OAK
Sun Messengers (1 p.m.), Impact 7 (4 p.m.) and Joe's Lynn B. (7 p.m.) Saturday, Aug. 15, "Taste of Royal Oak" with Outback Steakhouse, Bert's Jazz on the River, Dobb's, Kola's, Dakota Inn, Tanla's Pizza, Mario's, Mongolian Barbecue and Culinary Trends Saturday, Aug. 15, all at Memorial Park, northeast corner of 13 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue; Classic car display, Northwood Center parking lot, southwest corner of 13 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue. (248) 544-6680

Thurman and Sean Connery, a light summer supper, and beer tasting courtesy of Copper Canyon Brewery, 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, Star Southfield Entertainment Center and Galleria Officecenter, 25333 W. 12 Mile Road (between Telegraph Road and Northwestern Highway), Southfield. \$50 patron tickets include supper and screening, \$25 movie tickets, benefits the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. (800) KARMANOS

ANIMAL CARE FAIR
Sale of pet foods and supplies to benefit the homeless and abused animals at the Michigan Humane Society, adoption tent (cats and dogs), bomb sniffing demonstrations by Southfield Police Department K-9 Unit, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 22-23, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, at Civic Center Drive, north of I-686.

"REGGAE ON THE RIVER"
A fundraiser for the Panclub Foundation for the Arts featuring music by Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band, an exotic island buffet from the Roostertail, and a summer-

themed art auction sponsored by Gallery Function Art of Pontiac, Gallery Function Art glass blower Tobl Upton, and a fashion show featuring artist Adam Shirley, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, on the Roostertail deck, on Detroit's waterfront, 1 1/2 miles east of the Belle Isle Bridge off Jefferson Avenue, Detroit. \$35 general admission and cash bar, \$30 Panclub members and cash bar. (248) 559-1845

SINGLES COALITION BENEFIT DANCE
8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, to benefit the children of Oakland Family Services, all singles welcome, dressy attire, at the Nov Hilton Hotel (Main Ballroom), 21111 Haggerty Road, E275 and Eight Mile. \$15 in advance, \$20. (248) 881-9909

SUMMER CONCERTS

"AN EVENING WITH IRVING BERLIN"
Wednesday, Aug. 19, at Nardin Park Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, just west of Middlebelt Road

Farmington Hills.

BIRMINGHAM STRAW HAT BAND
8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Heritage Park, west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 473-9570

DETROIT BREAKDOWN
6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, Performing Arts Pavilion behind William Faust Public Library, 6123 Civic Center Parkway, Westland. Free. All ages. (rock) (734) 326-8123

IMPERIAL BRASS QUINTET
6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, near the wolverine exhibit at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 30 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Free. All ages. Free with zoo admission. \$7.50/\$5.50 students/seniors 62 and older; \$4.50 children ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

ROBERT NOLL/BLUES MISSION
"Entertainment on Us" series, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Ann Arbor Trail and Forest, Plymouth; Ursula Walker/Buddy Boudon Trio, and Pamela Ransford and the Plymouth Guitar Band closes the

p.m. Friday, Aug. 21 in Kellogg Park, Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Free. All ages.

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Civic Center Park, Livonia. Free. All ages. (734) 421-2000, ext. 351

MARC THOMAS AND MAX THE MOOSE
Noon Wednesday, Aug. 19, in Kellogg Park, Main Street, (between Ann Arbor Trail and Pennington). Free. (734) 418-1838

PANCHITO AND THE MEXICAN FIESTA DANCERS
7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Civic Center Park, Livonia. Free. All ages. (734) 421-2000, ext. 351

JIM PERKINS & STONE CIRCLE
7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the gazebo at Burgh Historical Park, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. Free. (Irish music) (248) 424-9022

"SHOUT!"
Beatles tribute group performs 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, in the Heritage Park amphitheatre behind Canton Township Administrative Offices and the Canton Library, Canton. Free. All ages. (734) 397-5110

KRISTYN SMITH AND BLACKSTONE
With Steve Azar, 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Free with admission, \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 senior citizens ages 62 and older, \$7.50 for children ages 5-12, and free for children ages 4 and younger. After 4 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 kids ages 5-12. (country) (313) 271-1620

STREETCORNER
3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, Inglenook Park on West 12 Mile Road, between Evergreen and Lahser roads. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 967-1112

PAUL VENTIMIGLIA GROUP
7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, on the front lawn of the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, at Civic Center Drive. Free. All ages. (jazz and variety) (248) 424-9022

ORGAN

DETROIT THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
Lew Williams in concert 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Ave., at Livernois, Detroit. \$10. (313) 894-4100

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
Movies and concerts series continues with "Goldfinger," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River, Detroit. Organ overture precedes film, guest organist Dave Calendine. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

AUDITIONS

BARBIZON SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN
The school is offering "The Play's the Thing," a series of summer acting workshops for special needs children and handicapped young persons taught by Detroit actor Bob Cafagna at the school, 6230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 110, West Bloomfield. Topics include improving their speech, movement, coordination and confidence through acting. (248) 855-5660

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP
Auditioning women who read music and like to perform light classical, show-tunes and seasonal favorites, by appointment only through Aug. 30 in Southfield. (248) 557-3734/(248) 642-3216

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA
Open auditions for the 1998-99 season for the tuition-free training orchestra for aspiring professional musicians, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 11-13, deadline for scheduling an audition is Friday, Aug. 28. For performances Nov. 15, Feb. 28 and May 9. (313) 576-5164

FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY
1-2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at Henry Ford Community College, (Dance Studio, lower level, Athletic Building), 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 845-6314

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Auditions for Black Box Production of Fred Carmichael's contemporary comedy "I Bet Your Life," four men and four women ages 20-60, 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 17-18, in Adray Auditorium, on the campus at 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Also needed stage manager, crew members and box office personnel. Performances Oct. 15-18 and 22-25. Scripts available in lobby of Mackenzie Fine Arts Building. (313) 845-9817

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD
Auditions for "A Chorus Line," 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, and 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, be prepared to sing and dance, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford. (313) 531-0554

CHORAL

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
The group is looking for members and former members to help celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala ball Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor, Livonia. (734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, Mich., 48170

JAZZ

ABLER-LEDFUFF AND HAYDEN TRIO
8:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 13, Fleetwood on Sixth restaurant, 209 W. Eighth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 641-8050

GEORGE BENSON TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

TASLIMAH BEY QUINTET
6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 3, Bert's on the River, Belle Isle. (313) 823-8000

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD
8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, and Friday,

Aug. 21, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (gypsy jazz) (248) 652-1600

JOAN CRAWFORD TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

EXPLOSION CEREBRAL
8-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (avant-jazz) (734) 668-1838

PAUL FINKBEINER TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

SCOTT GWINNELL TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 13, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

WENDELL HARRISON TRIO
8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, Duet, 2711 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838

ROY HAYNES QUARTET
8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 21-22, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO
6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333

JRT TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 15, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 25-cent surcharge on drinks. All ages. (248) 546-1400

KATHY KOSINS TRIO
8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Duet, 2711 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With guest vibist Cary Kocher, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, and on its own, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner. \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

"A MIDSUMMER'S NITE JAM SESSION"
Featuring the Paul Butterfield Reunion Band, Charlie Gabriel Ensemble, Johnnie Bassett, Phil Lasley, and Shahida Nurullah Trio, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Scarab Club, 217 Farmsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit. \$10. (248) 645-6666/(313) 831-1250

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY
8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Aug. 13-14 and 20-21, and Wednesday, Aug. 19, Duet, 2711 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838

ROBERT PHIPO DUO
8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, Duet, 2711 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838

PAMELA RANSFORD
With Ursula Walker/Buddy Budson Trio, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 453-1234

JOHNNY TAYLOR
With Betty Wright and J. Blackfoot, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater, Detroit. \$17.50-\$38.50. All ages. (313) 393-0292

PAUL VORNHAGEN
With his quartet, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 14-15, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310; With his trio, 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 20, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

GOSPEL

"THE 1998 GOSPEL GET DOWN"
With Revived, Angel of Joy, Angela Nelson and Leviticus, 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$15 per person, \$25 for two. 18 and older. (810) 465-5154

WORLD MUSIC

"AFRICAN RHYTHMS SUMMER FESTIVAL"
With Ensemble Kalinda, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Orchestra Hall, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$40. (313) 576-5100 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

"AFRICAN WORLD FESTIVAL"
Featuring 150 African and African American vendors, food court, two public mural projects, mask-making, drumming workshops, children identification pins, African counting games, open mic poetry and performances by Caribbean Pans of Joy (6-7 p.m.), Akoben (7:30-8:30 p.m.) and Yelloman (9:10-4:30 p.m.) Friday, Aug. 14; Seven Mile (12:30-1:30 p.m.), Step Show (2-4 p.m.), Wachanga Na Malika Dance Co. (4-5 p.m.), Tremé Brass Band and Yellow Pochontas Mardi Gras Indians (5-6 p.m.), Kola Ogunkoya (6:30-7:30 p.m.), Jay U Experience (8-9 p.m.), War (9:30-10:45 p.m.) Saturday, Aug. 15; and Dottery/Dottery (12:30-1 p.m.), Mosaic Youth Temple (1-2 p.m.), David Myles (2:30-3 p.m.), Soweto Beat Street Dance (3:30-4:30 p.m.), Samba Ngo (5-6 p.m.), Universal Xpression (6:30-7:30 p.m.), OJ Ekemede (8-9 p.m.), and The Mighty Sparrow (9:30-10:45 p.m.) Sunday, Aug. 16, all at Hart Plaza, Detroit. (313) 494-5800

THE ARTICLES
10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (Jamaican jazz) (248) 650-5080

IMMIGRANT SUNS
With Fez, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (Eastern

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European) (734) 996-8555

IMMUNITY
6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Augie's, 31660 John R., Madison Heights. Free. 21 and older. (248) 588-3120. (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

DAVID GRISMAN QUINTET

With Leo Kottke, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Canceled. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

JAN KRIST

8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (folk) (248) 650-5080

LONESOME AND BLUE

Celebrates the release of its CD with a party and performance, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

"MINI-FESTIVAL: A BENEFIT FOR THE ARK"

With Bruce Robison, Guy Clark, Rodney Crowell, Danny Britt, Jimmy Tittle, Matt Watroba and David Barrett, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

SHAWN PHILLIPS

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

DUSTY RHODES

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 14-15, at the Botsford Inn, Grand River west of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800

DANCE

"FOURTH FRIDAY FLING"

For advanced contra dancers, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863

"THIRD SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE"

With Cobblestone Farm Dancers, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 665-8863

COMEDY

CARROT TOP

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

RICHARD JENI

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$20 pavilion, \$10 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Chris Zito from WPLT-FM, John McDonald and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 13-15, Hector Rezzano and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 20-22, 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

Dean Haglund, who plays the "Lone Gunman" on "The X-Files," 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 14-15 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package); Jef Brannan, 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21 (\$6), and 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22 (\$8), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Jim Mendrinos, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 14-15 (\$7); Cathy Ladman, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 21-22 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

John McClellan and Alan Olfson, Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 13-16: Spike Rizzo and David Luther Glover, Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 19-23, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 9:30 p.m. Fridays (\$12), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

JOAN RIVERS

With Don Rickles, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$25 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

SECOND CITY

"Viagra Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through September, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

SHERYL UNDERWOOD

With Gary Owen and Steve White, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12.50, \$22.50 and \$27. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

POPULAR MUSIC

LAUREL AITKEN AND THE NEW YORK

SKA JAZZ ENSEMBLE

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (ska)

ANTHRAX

With Life of Agony, and V.O.D., 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$16 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

ATHENAEUM

With Emmet Swimming, 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (pop)

BACKSPACE

With Nightside Eclipse and Esion, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

BARREL HOUSE BLUES

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (248) 348-4404 (blues)

BEASTIE BOYS

With A Tribe Called Quest and Money Mark, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$25.50 in advance. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rap)

BIG WRECK

With The Mayfield Four, 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (rock/Brit pop)

BIZER BROTHERS

8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Aug. 14-15, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 567-4400 (pop)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Sensitive Clown, Something Retarded, 52 Static and Menage-A-Ska, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 18 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, I-Rock, 16530 Harper, Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 881-7625; 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Corral's, 1090 Rochester Road, Troy. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 588-3471 (blues)

BLUECAT

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Hazel Park Racetrack, 1650 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel Park. (248) 398-1000 (blues)

"BLUESTOCK"

With emcee Dan Macnail, Johnny Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, Blind Tiger Band, Boogiemen, Bugs Beddow Band, James Cloud Group, John Cook and the Big Skillet Blues Band, The Dogs with Harmonica Shah, Motor City Josh, Robert Noll and Steve Somers Band with Valerie Barrymore, noon Saturday, Aug. 15, and with emcee Mike Shannon, Alligators, Catfish Hodge, City Limits Clubs Band, Curtis Sumpter Project with Cathy Davis, Glen Eddy Band, Tim Flaherty Trio, Bobby Murray Band, Mystery Train with Jim McCarty, Mojo Rattle and Val Ventro Blues Band, noon Sunday, Aug. 16, all at Hennessey's Pub, 49110 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Tickets at Ticketmaster. (248) 348-4404 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (R&B)

BOYZ II MEN

With Destiny's Child, Next and Uncle Sam, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$25, \$45 and \$75. All ages. (313) 983-6606 (R&B)

BRIAN JONESTOWN MASSACRE

8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

BRILLIANT

9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-0917 (pop)

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND

10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 21-22, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (blues)

CAELUM BLISS

10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Ascension U.K., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-5333 (dark pop)

CHRONIC STREET

10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (rock)

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 21-22, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (248) 348-4404 (blues)

CONNIPTION

With Crazy Flying Giants, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

BILLY RAY CYRUS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$20 pavilion, \$10 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (country)

CHICO DEBARGE

7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$26.50 main floor, \$22.50 balcony. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (R&B)

DEEP PURPLE

With Emerson, Lake and Palmer with Dream Theatre, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages.

(248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

DELTA CHILDREN BLUES BAND

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, Cup of Joe, 26061 Town Center Dr., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 344-2176

CHRIS DUARTE GROUP

With Neko Case and Her Boyfriends, 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (blues)

EARTH, WIND AND FIRE

With The O'Jays and The Isley Brothers, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 13-14, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$62.50 and \$47.50. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (R&B)

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PSYCH

De Palma's 'Snake Eyes' worthy of praise

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Nicholas Cage fans, be patient, we'll get to him in a moment. "Snake Eyes," a suspense thriller that starts over the speed limit and doesn't slow down until you're halfway home, is Brian De Palma's to praise.

The versatile, veteran director's resume includes "Carrie," "Dressed to Kill" and "Body Double" in the same genre, as well as "Mission: Impossible" and "The Untouchables." With "Snake Eyes," De Palma has taken the DNA of 40's B-movies and created a whole new high-tech species of suspense. It's more than cloning; "Snake Eyes" is "The

Maltese Falcon" on steroids.

Set in an Atlantic City hotel-casino, Nicholas Cage is Rick Santoro, a corrupt police detective which, we're advised, is indeed redundant. In an opening sequence which will be dissected in film schools alongside that of "Citizen Kane," De Palma's steadicam follows, leads and encircles Santoro from the Boardwalk to his ringside seat of a heavyweight title match. It's a continuous 13-minute shot that required incredible choreography of actors and equipment.

And in that uncut scene, Santoro is reunited with old chum Kevin Dunne (Gary Sinise), a navy commander assigned to protect the Secretary of Defense.

When Dunne is drawn away from his post by one mystery woman, while another sits down next to the Secretary, the champ is apparently knocked into next week and rifle shots ring out. The Secretary is hit, and Santoro looks around at the 14,000 fleeing suspects.

A series of flashbacks, each with innovative filmmaking, replays the events leading up to the assassination from the viewpoints of three witnesses: Dunne, Julia Costello (Carla Gugino), the woman who spoke to the Secretary just before he was shot, only to run from the scene, and heavyweight champion Lincoln Tyler (Stan Shaw) whose loss comes under scrutiny of the pay-

per-view cameras.

As the individual stories unravel while simultaneously becoming intertwined, Santoro knows he's taken on a lot more than his cop's beat prepared him for, and must choose allegiance between the old friend and the beautiful woman who lost her glasses in the fracas but never squints. A no-brainer, you say? Well, maybe.

Fresh from "City of Angels," in which he did little more than look ethereal, Cage chews the scenery with relish as the loud, on-the-take and on-the-make Santoro. When he's reminded that Atlantic City has turned from a high-class resort into a sewer, he responds "Yeah, but it's my sewer." In his tacky Hawaiian shirt, Cage is a fun guy to follow as he puts the pieces together. De Palma allows us to stay only a half-step ahead of the detective, so we root him on from the dark while wondering if we, ourselves, are on the right track.

Sinise (ever-identified as Forrest Gump's Lt. Dan), is revealed soon enough as more than just the victim of a redhead's ample cleavage. From there, he turns into the intense pursuer, like the unstoppable robot in "Termina-



Suspense thriller: Detective Rick Santoro (Nicholas Cage, left) discusses the investigation into the murder of the U.S. Secretary of Defense with Navy Commander Kevin Dunne (Gary Sinise) in "Snake Eyes."

tor 2," he just keeps coming, and so much for anyone who gets in his way.

Gugino (TV's "Spin City"), turns in a multi-hued performance as a missile specialist for the Trump-like defense contractor, but she scores more points as an innocent than as a faux hooker. Stan Shaw ("Fried Green Tomatoes") plays a boxer on screen for the third time, and

makes us feel each blow of this and every other fight his Lincoln Tyler has ever had.

"Snake Eyes" moves at the pace of a crowded crap game on Saturday night, with just as many ways for its players to lose. Don't be late for that opening sequence, and stay for the slow zoom-in during the final credits, it makes for good speculation on the way out.

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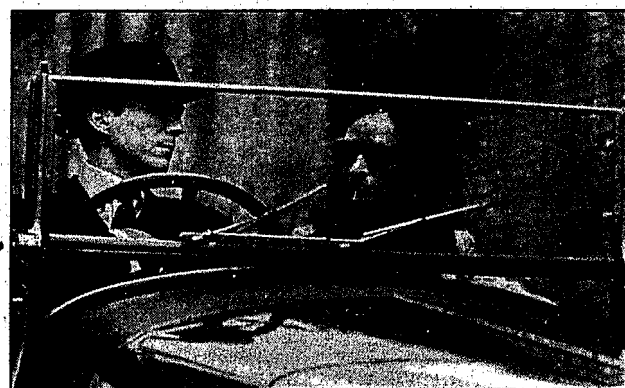
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Comedy about a pair of partying college freshmen who realize their only hope of passing lies in the bizarre myth that they live with a roommate who has committed suicide. Stars Tom Everett Scott.

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 28

"NEXT STOP, WONDERLAND"

A meditation on romance, friendship and destiny. Stars Hope Davis.

Soul Asylum bass player happy

Karl Mueller, bass player for the rock band Soul Asylum, is completely satisfied at this moment.

"I'm sitting in a Red Bank, N.J., hotel room right now. It looks pretty nice outside. I didn't crawl off the bus until about an hour ago," Mueller said at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6.

After doing banks of interviews in support of the band's latest album "Candy from a Stranger" (Columbia), he's going exploring.

"I'm going to go down to the marina and see if I can find myself a fishing pole."

Cities with marinas have boded well for Soul Asylum, he explained.

"We played Traverse City once. A friend of ours from Chicago booked us a show in some empty building. We drove up through the U.P. We had a rockin' good show in Traverse City," Mueller said.

For the thousands of shows that Soul Asylum has played in its 17-year career, Mueller has the ability to vividly recall shows that took place years ago.

Soul Asylum's Detroit history

includes a gig about 12 years ago at 3-D in Royal Oak, a small neighborhood dance club now known as The Groove Room.

"That thing was kind of a zoo," he said with a laugh. "The stage was tiny. They didn't have enough power to keep the back line from shutting down. There's a car in the middle of it, right? I remember walking down to the McDonald's down the street for dinner."

This time around, Soul Asylum is returning to Pine Knob on Tuesday, Aug. 18, to perform on a bill with Matchbox 20 and its fellow Minnesotans Semisonic.

Soul Asylum is touring in support of its third album for Columbia Records, "Candy from a Stranger," which includes the recent radio hit "I Will Still Be Laughing." For "Candy from a Stranger," Soul Asylum tapped Chris Kimsey (Rolling Stones, Gipsy Kings, Killing Joke) to produce. Super producer and Garbage drummer Butch Vig produced its previous effort, 1995's "Let Your Dim Light Shine."

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Red Hot & Blue is fun, casual and comfortable. The walls are red, which makes the place feel kind of cozy, and the ceiling fans help create that sultry Southern atmosphere that "ya all" are familiar with. The place seats 240 people, at booths and comfortable tables.

If you know someone who loves singing the blues, living or listening to them, you've got to get acquainted with Red Hot & Blue.

Posters and pictures of blues musicians, and musical instruments fill the walls. The music to dine by is, what else? Blues.

Come hungry, and you won't be blue. Mouth-watering smells greet you as soon as you open the door.

"We offer simple, good food," said Tracy Mills, manager. "It's unique, something you can't get anywhere else. Our service is excellent, we make you feel like you're at home."

Red Hot & Blue slow smokes their bar-b-que meats for over 12 hours in hickory wood pits to make them "tender, moist and delicious."

Start dinner with an appetizer. Onion Ring Loaf, "fun-to-eat, crispy-thin onion rings, shaped into a loaf," is one of the popular ones. The homemade Brunswick Stew is loaded with smoked chicken, smoked pork, corn, onions and tomatoes. "It's a good hearty appetizer," said Mills. Other choices are Red Hot & Blue nachos and Smokehouse Chili.

Red Hot & Blue
Memphis Pit Bar-B-Que
Where: 29285 Southfield Road, Southfield (248) 557-0955 and 33800 Van Dyke Road, Sterling Heights (810) 679-9400.

Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Reservations: For parties of 15 or more.

Menu: Memphis-style barbecued meats including beef brisket, chicken, sausage and ribs. Salads and sandwiches also available. Children's menu for kids 12 and under.

Cost: Moderate, huge portions. Platters \$7.99-\$12.99; ribs \$10.99-\$16.99; Sandwiches \$5.99-\$6.99; Main entree salads \$6.99.

Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Carry-out: Yes. Bulk orders, and smoked meats by the pound also available.

Banquet Room: For 50-60 people.

For a taste of everything, try the Tennessee Triple Platter — your choice of three different smoked meats: ribs, pulled pig, beef brisket, or quarter chicken.

You may ask yourself, what is a pulled pig. I never heard of that. Pulled pig, a Red Hot & Blue specialty, is tender, moist pork shoulder, pulled off the bones, served with Mojo Mild bar-b-que sauce.

Mills also recommends the beef brisket, ribs and chicken. The St. Louis Cut Ribs are available — "Wet" — slowly smoked over hickory wood and gazed with Mojo Milk bar-b-que sauce, or — "Dry" — rubbed with a secret blend of dry spices. You can add your own sauce Mojo Mild or Hoochie Coochie hot at the table. Share ribs with a friend and order a slab of ribs for two.

If you're real hungry, order one



Triple treat: Tracy Mills presents the Tennessee Triple, a combination of beef brisket, quarter chicken, and pulled chicken for people who can't decide what to order at Red Hot & Blue Memphis Pit Bar-b-que.

of the platters — pulled pig, beef brisket, chicken, smoked sausage or catfish. They're served with bar-b-que baked beans, cole slaw and fresh-baked bread. Starter salads are also available.

The smoked sausage is Earl Campbell's brand old-fashioned sausage, hickory smoked then grilled over an open flame. Catfish is Mississippi Delta farm raised, lightly breaded and fried.

"Our coleslaw and potato salad is made fresh every four hours," said Mills. "We also make our own baked beans with diced green peppers and onions."

The bar-b-que sandwiches included pulled pig, chicken, and beef brisket are served "Memphis Style" topped with homemade coleslaw. Sandwiches are served with homemade red skin potato salad and a crisp pickle.

If barbecue's not your bag, don't despair, Red Hot & Blue aims to please. You can get a Caesar Salad with or without chicken, a Grilled Chicken or

Blackened Chicken Salad.

Sandwich options include Smoked Turkey on a Roll topped with fresh tomato and red onion, 1/2 pound Cheeseburger, or Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich. The Memphis Blackened Chicken Sandwich is a chicken breast grilled with dry spices, topped with lettuce, tomato and red onion, served with bar-b-que Ranch dressing.

Save room for dessert, pecan pie, Oreo brownie sundae, fruit cobbler, banana pudding and key lime pie are some of the choices.

Red Hot & Blue serves a variety of fountain drinks, including Bar's Root Beer in a frosted mug. Refills on fountain drinks, coffee and tea are free.

On tap is Red Hot & Blue Brew, microbrewed by Atwater Block Brewery. Try one of the new blended Daiquiris or Margaritas, or tasty frozen drinks. A full service bar offers other choices too.

If you're on your way home

from work, and don't have a clue what to make for dinner, or need something different for a party, Red Hot & Blue can solve your problem.

There's a Memphis Bar-B-Que Pig Out for Four — full slab of ribs, whole chicken, 1/2 pound beef brisket, 1 quart each of coleslaw, red-skin potato salad, BBQ baked beans and dinner rolls for \$44.99, or a "Pig Out" for two for \$23.99. Hickory Smoked Meats including pulled pork, chicken, sliced beef brisket, turkey and Earl Campbell Sausage. You can order a half bar-b-que chicken or full slab of ribs, and even catfish by the pound. Whole pecan pies, fruit cobbler and banana pudding by the pint or quart are available too.

The name "Red Hot & Blue" is from the title of Dewey Phillip's radio show that played on WHBQ-AM in Memphis. He introduced Elvis Presley, Rufus Thomas and Jerry Lee Lewis.

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

In case you missed it. Here are some restaurants recently featured in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Send recommendations for restaurants to feature to: Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279.

■ Avant Garde — Where: 126 South Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 594-4499. Open: Monday to Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday to Saturday until 11 p.m. Menu: Exceptionally flavorful, cutting-edge alternative dishes made without red meat, oils or dairy. Same menu for lunch and dinner. Cost: Starters, sandwiches and salads \$5-8; main dishes all under \$16. Reservations: Not accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

■ Beau Jack's — Where: 4108 W. Maple (between Telegraph and Franklin Road) Bloomfield Hills, (248) 626-2630. Open: 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Something for everyone — fajitas, salads, sandwiches, soups & chili, pasta, steaks, chicken, fish, oven-grilled pizza.

Cost: Moderate, salads \$7.25-\$11.95; dinner entrees \$12.95-\$19.95; pasta \$9.95-\$14.95; burgers and sandwiches \$5.95-\$9.95. Credit cards: All majors accepted. Reservations: Not accepted. Entertainment: Piano bar — 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.

■ Encore — 1801 South Telegraph Road (east side north of Square Lake in the Quality Inn), Bloomfield Hills (248) 335-3790. Open: Tuesday through Saturday 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Menu: American cuisine with fresh daily fish special. All entrees include bread basket, salad, appropriate starch and vegetable. Cost: Appetizers \$6-8; sandwiches \$6-7; entrees \$14-18.

Reservations: Accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

■ Eurasian Grill — 4771 Haggerty Road (north of Pontiac Trail in West Wind Lake Shopping Center), West Bloomfield (248) 624-6109. Open: Monday to Thursday 4:30-10:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m.; Sunday until 9:30 p.m. Menu: Fusion or cross-culture cooking where East meets West in creative and unique dishes. Cost: First tastes \$2-8.50; fusion dishes \$13-20; Asian cuisine \$7-14. Reservations: Accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Restaurant Specials features restaurant openings and renovations, menu specials, and anniversaries. Send announcements to: Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279.

MENU SPECIALS

TOO CHEZ

Summer Nights by the Sea, every Friday in August beginning at 5:30 p.m. New England Steamer menu featuring Main Lobster, Steamer Clams, Redskin

Potatoes, and Corn-On-The-Cob. Cost \$14.95 per person, (excluding tax, gratuity and beverages). To complete your evening, stay and enjoy jazz on the patio. Too Chez is at 27000 E. Sheraton Dr. (at Novi Road and I-96 service drive). Call (248) 348-5555 for reservations/information.

JOHN CLEVELAND'S WATER CLUB GRILL

Summerfest menu through Sept. 6. Featured items include Salmon of the Angels, \$14.95, Chilled Oriental Shrimp Pasta, \$13.50, Grilled Whitefish Vera

Cruz, \$14.50, and Tournedos of Beef, \$16.50. The restaurant is at 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 454-0666 for reservations, information.

MARIO'S

Is celebrating its 50th anniversary in August with great specials. The restaurant is at 4222 Second Ave. in Detroit. They're open for lunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner 3-11 p.m. Monday-Friday, 4 p.m. to midnight Saturday, and 2-11 p.m. Sunday. Valet parking, reservations recommended, call (313) 832-1616. Anniversary specials served Sunday-Friday

THE LARK

Chef de Cuisine Dinner 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 24-25. Chef de Cuisine Marcus Haight will dazzle diners with his own personal cuisine. The menu features Tart of Sautéed Fresh Foie Gras with fresh blueberries and cinnamon sauce, Sachet of Wild Mushrooms with Tarragon Sauce, Roasted Veal Loin en Croute & Roasted Veal Chop

"Jean Banchet" with truffle sauce, Potatoes Dauphinoise, seasonal vegetables and Creme Brulee. The cost is \$85 per person, not including other beverages, tax or gratuity. Last date for cancellation or reduction of reservations without charge is Aug. 15. The Lark is at 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-4466 to make reservations.

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