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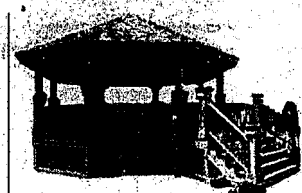
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VINTAGE



CLARKSTON

Last week we began to look at Clarkston's change from small rural town to suburban community. In 1960, according to a local newspaper article, growth was already beginning. In 1967, population in the township had grown from 11,000 to 18,000. But again, the village remained quaint and quiet. Population was still steady at 900, and though demand for the old homes on Main Street was strong, real estate agents were disappointed because private deals were struck between owners and buyers before anyone knew what was happening.

It was the small-town atmosphere that drew people back then. In the '60s people began to differentiate between newcomers and old-timers, who were called "The 400," a reference to the original population of the village when almost everyone was from a pioneer family. Lee Clark, a descendant of the Clark brothers for whom the village was named, was 86 in 1967. He noted changes in the area during his lifetime in the village. It began as a fairly important farm center, specializing in potatoes, then people left for jobs as farming became less important. "There wasn't much opportunity in the old days," said Clark, "a fellow had to get out." But Clark also remembered his father saying in 1915 that someday there would be a paved highway from Clarkston to Pontiac and Detroit, and his son lived to see that happen, first with Dixie Highway, then with I-75. Now no one needs to leave Clarkston; rather, everyone's trying to get in!

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



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WELCOME BACK

Clarkston High School



Which way?: Freshman Alyssa Bergkoetter points to where sophomore Larry Jones will find his next class at Clarkston's new high school. An electronic message (above) welcomes students.

Opening Day

New high school scores big with students

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

"It's game day. This is our Super Bowl."
— Brent Cooley, principal of Clarkston's new high school, on the first day of classes there

The principal of Clarkston's new high school claimed victory Monday, as a line of teen-filled vehicles inched onto Flemings Lake Road from a parking lot bottleneck to mark the end of the big game, uh, school day.

Brent Cooley's "sportsapalooza" assessment of the first day of school seemed uncannily on target in two respects:

- From an early morning traffic jam into the school, to congestion in a major stairwell of the building during class

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Making due: Without chairs, science lab students have to sit on desks.



Changing classes: Traffic inside the new school flowed better than traffic outside.



Controlling traffic: Superintendent Al Roberts helps direct cars.

Residents invited to dispose of hazardous waste

Independence Township is hosting its first-ever Hazardous Waste Day for homeowners — at a cost of \$23,000 — to help them dispose of unwanted paint, antifreeze and the like.



BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Officials in Independence Township are hoping to spur on a day's worth of environmental clean-up and safety in the community.

On Tuesday, trustees unanimously approved sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Day at which residents will be able to drop off paint, aerosol cans, old gasoline and other hazardous materials at the township's department of public works site on Flemings Lake Road.

The board also set Oct. 17 as the date of the first Household Hazardous Waste Day and approved hiring City Environmental, a waste processing company in Detroit, to collect, handle and dispose of the waste.

"It sounds like a good idea," said trustee Dan Travis.

Dan Travis
Independence Township trustee

Like the onset of the township's Spring Cleaning Day, the first Household Hazardous Waste Day will be a welcome community service and an "education," trustee Dan Travis said. "I don't know what we have lying out there. We have some old farms out there that might surprise us with what they produce," he joked.

Clean-up days have become increasingly popular for communities where officials want to help residents discard of hazardous materials and other cumbersome items, said Dawn New, a representative from City Environmental who spoke at the meeting.

Although all the event's details have not been set, township Supervisor Dale Stuart said the township will probably pay for the disposal of all the paint, antifreeze and aerosol cans that residents manage to bring to the event.

However, items that are more costly to dispose of will be accepted on a per-item charge to individual residents, he said. Doing so will help contain the overall cost of the event and insure that all residents who show up with items have an opportunity to drop them off, he said. The event is expected to cost the township an estimated \$23,000, Stuart said.

An example of a hazardous material that is expensive to process and for which City Environmental would charge residents is mercury from household thermometers, New said.

Other items that the company will accept include sulfuric acid, insecticides and gasoline, she said. One item the company cannot accept is gun ammunition, she said.

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Waves of 'Titanic' fans hit local video stores

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Local video stores prepared months ahead of time for this release. Copies were ordered in the triple digits. Displays covered the walls. Store hours were extended.

It was a phenomenon of "Titanic" proportions.

The video release of "Titanic," James Cameron's Academy Award-winning epic of the sinking luxury liner, fulfilled the expectations of local video store managers this week as people flocked in Tuesday to grab a copy before it was too late — too late to purchase it, that is.

The video cassette hit stores at midnight Monday and most employees expected it to be completely sold and rented out by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Blockbuster Video, 7071 Dixie Highway, experienced the biggest pre-sale of a

film in the store's history, said assistant manager Liz Pfeifer. For four months, the store has been pre-selling the video. This week, 662 people are expected to come into the Independence Township store to pick up their reserved copy. Pfeifer said on the night of the film's release, more than 80 people stopped in between midnight and 2 a.m., the extended hours, to buy or rent the film.

"Ninety-five percent were buying it," she said, rather than renting it.

But Pfeifer couldn't explain the rush or the popularity of the film.

"I don't know why it was so big," she said. "You'd have to see it to believe it."

Blockbuster might not have too many available for sale later this week, but with 270 available for rental, Pfeifer said, they probably won't all be gone at once.

A similar scene existed at Family Video, 5480 Sashabaw Road, in Clarkston. Employees sold 20 copies and rented 30 more between midnight and 1 a.m. Tues-

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day. When the store opened later that morning, about 16 people were lined up outside waiting to grab a copy of the film, said Kendra Smith, store manager. Smith expected to be out of copies by the afternoon.

"That's kind of how it is with a new release," said Smith.

Family Video received 140 copies for rent and 23 for sale. They don't take reservations, but can hold a copy for a customer for one hour at a time. All rentals of the film are granted for a single day throughout the month of September.

Smith compared the demand for "Titanic" to other films such as "Men in Black," starring Will Smith, and "As Good As It Gets," starring Jack Nicholson. She said the 214 copies of "Men in Black" went even faster than "Titanic." Smith attributed that to the success established by "Titanic" at box offices.

"So many people have seen 'Titanic' at the theater," said Smith.

Danny Yono, store manager at Mammoth Video, 6453 Sashabaw Road, was one of those patrons. He has a theory relating to the film's tremendous

'I think the love story has something to do with it.'

Heather Carter
Video store clerk, explaining
Titanic's popularity

success and widespread appeal.

"It's a good family movie," said Yono. "That's what it is. A lot of movies, you can't go see them with your kids."

Yono ordered 90 copies for rental and 60 for sale purposes. He has sold 65 used copies of the film. They will be distributed to owners after Sept. 30.

Yono called "Titanic" an excellent film and remembers it was that emotional draw that brought audiences back to the theaters more than once. Like other video store managers, he said he hopes that enthusiasm for the film translates into rental and retail business for the store.

Fans of the film said it was the historical significance that made the film a success. Lori Hall, of Clarkston, purchased her copy Tuesday for her daughter, though she's seen it 10 times.

Hall said it was interesting to see the film because it was based on a true story.

"It is a part of history," Hall said, adding that the length of the film didn't bother her. "It went fast. You didn't even want to get up and get popcorn. You have to experience it."

Dawn Moyer, a friend of Hall's and Clarkston resident, also purchased a copy. Moyer has read books on the subject of the tragedy.

"I think a lot of it seemed pretty factual," she said.

But Heather Carter, clerk at Family Video, said the film's popularity came from something other than just the facts.

"I think the love story has something to do with it," said Carter, in between telephone inquiries regarding the film. "After that came out, girls were coming in asking if there were any other movies with (Leonardo DiCaprio) in it."

Joann McDowell stood in line and said she rented the video because she likes the actor.

"It's romantic," she said, while strolling out of the store with her copy. "And I love romance."

I-75 crash kills 2, injures 1

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

A devastating three-car accident on I-75 killed two motorists early Monday morning and left a third fighting for his life. None of those involved in the accident was from the Clarkston area. The accident happened at approximately 6:40 a.m. near East Holly Road in Springfield Township.

According to Michigan State Police Trooper Nathan Ellis, a 1993 Plymouth Sundance, being driven in the southbound lane by 35-year-old Timothy Robert Melvin of Warren, crossed the median and struck head-on a northbound 1998 Chevy Camaro being driven by Shawna Lynn Cherveny, 24, of Burton.

Ellis said it is not known why Melvin's car went across the median, but police were speculating that he may have fallen asleep while driving home from the Roscommon area.

"We think he possibly fell

The Impact of the collision caused the rear of Cherveny's northbound Camaro to go airborne and a 1997 Dodge Neon that was following it then went under the Camaro before leaving the road itself, traveling through a ditch and up an embankment, where it struck a bridge structure.

asleep," he said. "A person following him said he was driving fine and all of a sudden he went off the road."

Melvin and Cherveny died instantly, Ellis said.

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under the Camaro before leaving the road itself, traveling through a ditch and up an embankment, where it struck a bridge structure.

The driver of the Neon, Ronald Eugene Yasoni, 59, of Sterling Heights, was reported in critical condition at Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Tuesday afternoon.

Alcohol is not thought to be a factor in the accident, a state police release said. Melvin was not wearing a seatbelt, but Cherveny and Yasoni were. Ellis said, adding that the impact of the crash caused the engine of Melvin's car to fly approximately 25 feet from the vehicle.

Ellis estimated that Melvin and Cherveny were each traveling about 75 mph when they collided. Police officers closed northbound I-75 for nearly five hours to clean up debris and investigate the accident, according to Oakland County Sheriff Sgt. Pat Miles, who assisted at the scene.

OBITUARIES

Kenneth L. Dooley

Kenneth L. Dooley of Clarkston, formerly of Pontiac, died Aug. 2, 1998, at age 79.

Mr. Dooley retired from Kroger and was active at St. Trinity Lutheran Church, Clarkston. He volunteered for the city of Pontiac Zoning Board of Appeals and Tax Assessment Review Board.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; sons, Michael of New York, Richard of Waterford and Timothy of Milford; daughter, Carol Kasat of Waterford; nine

grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ellen Jones of Waterford.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home in Clarkston. A funeral service was held Wednesday, Sept. 2, at St. Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Michael Klafehn officiating. Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorials may be made to St. Trinity Lutheran Church.

Geraldine V. Feltes

Geraldine V. Feltes of Clarkston died Aug. 29, 1998, at age 73.

Mrs. Feltes volunteered at the Independence Township Senior Center, Parks and Recreation Department and Library.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond. She is survived by friends Randy and Sarah Jidas.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home in Clarkston. A funeral service was held Tuesday, Sept. 1. Interment was at Oakland Hills Cemetery.

Hazardous waste from page A1

"The majority of the waste is paint ... and, typically, 1-percent of the population comes to a collection like this," New said.

Residents who bring items to the public works site other than materials the township has agreed to cover disposal of will be quoted a charge by City Environmental technicians.

The waste processing company will also facilitate the entire process, including the handling and packaging of hazardous materials, New said.

With 28,000 residing in Inde-

Residents who bring items to the public works site other than materials the township has agreed to cover disposal of will be quoted a charge by City Environmental technicians.

pendence Township, between 280 and 500 residents will probably participate in the first

Household Hazardous Waste Day, she said.

Subsequent events, if held annually, typically draw new residents as well as return users, she said.

CLARIFICATION

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Familiar face to take on another high-profile role

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

When he was first spotted in the Clarkston community a little more than two years ago, some local residents seemed, well, all shook up by the sightings.

Apparently, many people just weren't used to seeing someone in his position out in (gulp) public. In broad daylight. Without sunglasses on. Mingling with people.

But there was Clarkston school superintendent Al Roberts. In kindergarten classrooms. At the Dairy Queen. On community access cable. At Burger King. In the bleachers at high school football games. At Chamber of Commerce luncheons. In the checkout line of Kroger. At the Clintonwood Senior Center. In the Olde Village Cafe. At Optimist Club meetings. In the hallways of Sashabaw Middle School.

The man visited so many local venues over two years that he seemed destined to appear in his own hardcover tome, "Where's Al?"

But now Roberts will show up in one more spot where folks might not expect to find a school chief rolling (or rocking): He'll wheel through downtown as grand marshal of Clarkston's Labor Day Parade on Monday.

According to Clarkston Rotarian Bob Beattie, the local Rotary — which sponsors the annual procession — chose Roberts for the honor because of his strength as a school visionary and community leader.

"We thought it made sense to ask Dr. Roberts because our parade theme this year is 'Living Your Dream,'" Beattie said recently. "We — as a community — are dreaming into the future with the children. We're going into a time where things are growing so fast here, they're just mushrooming. And it takes someone like Dr. Roberts — someone who has a vision — to see that we're going to have to educate these kids well in order to survive as a community ... He's already a very visible leader, but if people don't have kids or grandkids in the schools, they might not know him if they see him on the street."

In a recent phone interview with Roberts, the superintendent said he was looking forward to leading the parade. But he said he didn't view his ride down

Main Street as an ego trip, but as another opportunity to be involved. "I was surprised to be asked," Roberts said. "I guess I really am a part of the labor team — but this really isn't about me. This is a time to celebrate our work force. It's also a time to celebrate the American dream — and the development of that dream begins at the school door."

Though Roberts didn't say he felt he's somewhat reinvented the role of school chief in Clarkston, he did admit that he was pleased with his performance over the past two years and with the community's response to its schools.

"No question, it's been a positive experience thus far," Roberts said, particularly crediting the support of Clarkston's school board. "The strides we've been able to make in our physical plan have put us on the map for the future. And those same strides have helped our work force in the school district see the bigger picture."

"Am I pleased with what we have accomplished? Of course. Does that mean we should ever be satisfied with the status quo? No. Complacency doesn't breed excellence."

Roberts said that while building renovations will command a lot of the district's attention this school year, children will remain top priority. "We need to help students be the best they can be in the classrooms, on the buses, in the lunchrooms and on the playgrounds," he said. "We need to encourage more parental involvement, especially providing opportunities for dual-working parents. We need to be getting the message to kids that they CAN."

School board president Kurt Shanks — one of the trustees who hired Roberts two years ago — said the superintendent "has turned out to be a magnificent performer — a winner." In a recent interview, Shanks said Roberts is a wise man who sees that only fools rush in to change things without first establishing trust and a consensus.

In terms of the superintendent's visibility and his desire to connect with the community, Shanks said with a chuckle, "He may be almost doing too much. It's uncanny how he's everywhere. And he really enjoys being out there. He welcomes dialogue with people on the



Grand marshal, Clarkston Superintendent Al Roberts will head up parade.

street. He's smart enough to know that he doesn't have all the answers, yet he isn't afraid of the questions. But thank goodness for Al's wife, Arlene. She accompanies him on many outings and helps him maintain a balance."

Independence Township supervisor Dale Stuart echoed some of Shanks' comments about Roberts' desire to reach out. "He's gone out of his way to be cooperative and inclusive in having the township more involved," Stuart said in a recent phone interview. "It's a very difficult situation for townships and schools because there's a long history in the state of animosity (between the two entities) over funding and other issues. But I believe he sincerely wants what's best for the entire community — not just the schools."

Clarkston PTA Council president Cheryl McGinnis said Roberts has earned the praise of many parents and community members, because he's an approachable leader and a good listener.

"He is what Clarkston needed in a superintendent," McGinnis said. "He's helped bring our (school) building phases to fruition and he's brought a lot of other positive changes to the district. He's just a very caring person."

Parade, fair included in town's Labor Day plans

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Celebrating Labor Day weekend doesn't have to mean fighting traffic to reach Northern Michigan camp grounds or a relaxing vacation spot.

Instead, residents can celebrate the American workers' holiday in sheer Clarkston style.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, downtown Clarkston will host the 1998 Labor Day Parade and Country Fair. Admission for both events is free and open to the public.

The annual parade begins at 10 a.m. and is again sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary Club. The parade route begins at Clarkston Middle School, 6300 Church St., advances north onto Main Street, then continues west to Miller Street and ends at St. Daniel Church, 7010 Valley Park. It is expected to last one hour and will include about 100 floats.

Performers are limited to two demonstrations along the parade route this year in an effort to keep the parade traffic steady and safe for all participants. One demonstration will take place on Main Street in downtown Clarkston. The other will be given at the intersection of Main Street and Clarkston Road. A reviewing stand will be set up near Rudy's Quality Market on Main Street to announce the acts. Al Roberts, Clarkston school's superintendent, will take on the role of grand marshal this year.

This year's theme, "Living Your Dream," is modeled after the 1998-1999 Rotary Club theme, "Living Your Rotary Dream." The theme mirrors the organization's goal of making a difference in the community.

Parade participants include the Clarkston High School Marching Band, Clarkston High School Cheerleaders, and representatives from Mr. G's Hair Salon, said Jeff Lichty, Clarkston Rotary Club president.

Registration is still open. Rotarians expect that one-third of the participants won't register until the morning of the parade, but they encourage interested parties to call ahead.

Rotary Club sponsors and organizers have eliminated the tossing of candy into the crowds of spectators this year to ensure safety for the children.

Tom McCloskey, chairman of the Labor Day Parade, expressed concern about children running into the streets to grab candy. In a previous interview, he compared the tossing of candy to the danger of throwing rocks into the crowd.

Parishioners of the First Congregational Church won't let youngsters leave the festivities empty-handed. They will hand out treasure chest keys to children. Some of the keys open a chest at The Labor Day Country Fair and will be filled with toys for the children.

The fair will be held at First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. In its fifth year, the simplistic, country-style fair offers a dime auction, children's mid-way games, and a garage sale featuring children's clothing, sports equipment, crafts, and wall-hangings.

"Every year it seems to get a little bigger for us," said the Rev. James Keough, who expects more than 3,000 visitors.

He said the country theme was inspired by the rural, rustic location and the old-fashioned atmosphere of the church itself. The fair focuses on health and children.

"It's a simple place to have fun," said Keough. "There's a little bit of something for everybody."

This year's fair includes a classic car exhibit with between 60 and 70 vintage vehicles shown by owners in the Clarkston area. Free child fingerprints and identification cards will be made and laminated at an exhibit. The Michigan State Police will give out child identification stickers for use on child safety seats in case of an accident.

Special package prizes such as dinner and movie combinations or oil changes and tools will be awarded at the fair. A raffle of rare or retired Beanie Babies promises to draw in the youngsters, said church secretary Debbie Culbertson, who is working with fair organizers.

The Health and Safety Tent returns this year, with help from the Karmanos Cancer Institute and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's Joint Care Unit. Free literature regarding breast cancer will be provided and free blood pressure checks will be offered to interested visitors.

"It should be the same, successful venture it has been," said Keough of the fair's past success.

Rotarians said the same of the parade.

But not all holiday traditions will continue this year. The Independence Township Firefighters Association will not hold its annual pancake breakfast fund-raiser due to a lack of manpower, said Peggy North, secretary to the fire chief. There is no word yet whether another organization will take advantage of the opportunity.

Though Labor Day is almost here, it's not too late to register for a spot in the parade. Contact Tom McCloskey at 625-6636 by Friday to register.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston Aug. 27-31.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On Aug. 27, stereo equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on North Bay.

On Aug. 29, money, a floor safe, a video camera and ring were reported stolen from a residence on Andersonville Road.

Vandalism

On Aug. 29, a wood chipper and storage trailer were reported vandalized at the Shepherd's Hollow Golf Course on Big Lake Road.

Independence Police

On Aug. 27, three 14-year-old Independence Township youths were seen by a family going through vehicles on Sun Valley Court. The police were called and the subjects were taken to the Independence substation for investigation. Reported stolen from some of the vehicles were sunglasses, a portable phone and credit cards.

Thefts

On Aug. 27, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Windy Knoll Court.

On Aug. 27, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Cedar Knoll Court.

On Aug. 28, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Pine Knob Road.

On Aug. 28, a cassette disc player was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Mohawk.

On Aug. 28, a tool box was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Paramus.

On Aug. 28, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on O Aw Wen Sa.

On Aug. 29, a ring was reported stolen from a residence on Dixie Highway.

On Aug. 29, a lap-top computer was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Deerhill.

On Aug. 29, money and credit cards were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Deerhill.

On Aug. 29, jewelry was reported stolen from a residence on Bitterbush.

On Aug. 29, a spare tire was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Sashabaw Road.

On Aug. 30, a wallet was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Tuson Boulevard.

Possession of marijuana

On Aug. 29, a 15-year-old youth was reported by his mother to be in possession of marijuana on Pheasant Run.

Counterfeit money

On Aug. 28, a counterfeit \$20 was reported passed at a business on Ortonville Road.

Vandalism

On Aug. 27, a plastic rear window was found sliced on a vehicle parked on St. Elizabeth.

On Aug. 28, vandalism was reported to a residence and shrubs at a location on Cranville.

On Aug. 29, trees were reported damaged at a residence on Mountain View Court.

Independence Fire

Between Aug. 27-31 firefighters responded to 14 incidents. Among them were 12 medical runs and one fuel spill. They included:

On Aug. 28, firefighters contained a natural gas leak at a residence under construction on Cranville Court.

On Aug. 30, firefighters assisted an 82-year-old woman who received a dog bite at a business in Lake Orion. The woman sought treatment at Station No. 1 on Citation Drive.

On Aug. 30, firefighters assisted a 65-year-old man who was experiencing chest pains and shortness of breath at a residence on Church Street.

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Resident startled by 'gator on porch

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Imagine opening the front door only to find an alligator relaxing on the porch.

Does that sound too far fetched?

For a Clarkston-area family, the story came true last week. While trying to retrieve a newspaper, a woman was greeted by the sight of a Caiman alligator at her home near Walton and Clintonville roads. The 2-year-old female alligator was quickly rescued by the Michigan Humane Society.

Sue Neal, wildlife specialist at the shelter, responded to the call. "This is not something we get a call on every day," said Neal. The homeowner expressed concern because she lives near an elementary school. The woman who reported the incident lives with her mother — who actually saw the alligator curled around a ceramic pot on the front porch.

"They were really concerned," said Neal.

She didn't have trouble rescuing the runaway alligator.

"He came pretty easily," said Neal. "He wasn't as big as he could be."

The alligator spanned about 7.5 feet in length.

"At any size, they have a certain potential to cause injury," said Neal, adding that alligators may bite or bat their tails fiercely.

She placed the animal in a cat carrier and brought it to the Rochester Hills shelter.

Though the alligator was held

for four days at the shelter, it did not have a suitable environment in which to live. And the Humane Society has a policy to euthanize animals that are not adopted after five days. The alligator was humanely put to sleep on Aug. 26, said Bonnie Long, shelter manager and wildlife coordinator.

'This is not something we get a call on every day.'

Sue Neal
Michigan
Humane Society

"They are very hard to place," said Long. "We had to put it to sleep. The zoos are so filled up with that type of animal. It's so hard. We get so many."

Long and Neal said that alligators are purchased from pet stores but do not make suitable pets. Animals such as alligators are meant to

live in southern climates, Neal added; they are not meant to survive in Michigan weather.

Regardless, people do purchase them as pets. Neal said the animals grow relatively quickly and most people do not have the proper facilities to care for them.

"They just don't get used to the handling," said Neal. "They deserve to be wild in their proper habitat."

Long said they do receive such animals at the shelter but she couldn't give a specific number.

"We do get a fair amount of them here," Long said.

Anyone who has a pet alligator should think twice before letting it go into the wild, wildlife specialists said. Neal suggests bringing the animal in to the shelter to try to find a proper habitat for the animal, rather than attempting to care for it without adequate facilities.

Spiritual rebirth



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Water baptism: Bay Pointe Community Church, which meets Sundays at the old Clarkston High School auditorium, held a special service Sunday to conduct a water baptism on 21 members of the church. Above, Pastor Mike Harris baptizes JoAnne Manilla.



Profession of faith: Above, 21 people waiting to be baptized each give a testimony to the close to 150 people who came out to watch the water baptism last Sunday. Left, Pastor Mike Harris performs a baptism in front of those gathered at the Murphy residence on Hubbard in Clarkston.

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County commission candidates spread campaign cash around

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Money—sometimes called the “mother’s milk of politics”—flowed freely in Oakland County commission primaries, according to finance reports filed prior to the Aug. 4 primary election.

In the 25 contests—including seven with no primary race—more than \$160,000 was spent collectively, according to reports on file at the elections office of the county clerk’s office. Some officials say that is probably a record, although documents were not available to substantiate that contention.

Commissioners are paid \$25,111 annually for their services and receive a variety of fringe benefits such as hospitalization and retirement. They are expected to attend two county board meetings monthly in addition to at least two committee meetings.

Their primary responsibility is overseeing the annual county budget, which this year approaches \$580 million.

The top spender in this year’s primary was incumbent David L. Moffitt of the 18th District in northern Farmington Hills who spent \$12,832, most of which was his own money. His Republican primary opponent, Linda Jolicœur spent \$8,207, including \$2,500 of her own money, according to reports filed prior to the primary election.

That filing was the pre-primary filing. The next filing deadline is Sept. 3.

Moffitt will face Democrat Ryan J. Gesund in the general election. Gesund spent \$1,146, although he was unopposed in the primary.

Here are some highlights of other primary contests:

■ District One (Oxford, Brandon, Groveland, Rose, Holly townships): The winner in a hotly contested, three-way Republican primary was retired pharmacist William R. Patterson, who spent \$6,090. Runners-up Lynne Ann Huff and Steve Tolliver spent \$1,270 and \$9,397, respectively.

Patterson will face Democrat Tom Athans, who spent \$1,576.

■ District 2 (Springfield and White Lake townships and part of Independence): Incumbent Republican Donna



David Moffitt: 18th District incumbent was top spender at \$12,832.



David Galloway: District 2 challenger spent \$3,647 and defeated incumbent Donna Huntoon.



Larry Obrecht: District 3 incumbent outspent opponent Doug Brown \$9,443 to \$2,930.

Huntoon, who lost to challenger David Galloway, was also outspent by her challenger, but not by much.

Galloway spent \$3,647, according to reports, while Huntoon expended \$3,343.

The largest single contributor to the campaign of Galloway was the Oakland County Political Action Committee which is influenced by county Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

Galloway will face Democrat Michael Kohut in the fall.

■ District 3 (Orion, Oakland and Addison townships): Incumbent Republican Lawrence Obrecht outspent challenger Douglas Brown \$9,443 to \$2,930. Obrecht does not have a Democratic opponent.

■ District 5 (Waterford and part of West Bloomfield): Incumbent Fran Amos spent \$1,299, according to her finance report, most of her own money. Opponents Gene Seets and James G. Keough spent \$2,3248 and \$1,906, respectively. A fourth Republican candidate, Karen James did not have to file a report after signing a waiver she did not spend more than \$1,000 in her campaign. There were no Democrats running.

■ District 8 (Rochester and north Rochester Hills): Incumbent Sue Ann Douglas spent \$3,899, while GOP opponent Ronald T. Mazure signed a waiver and was not required to file a report. There were no Democratic candidates.

■ District 9 (south Rochester Hills and part of Troy): Incumbent John Garfield won despite being outspent by challenger Thomas J. Delpup, \$1,473 to \$7,045. Both candidates used much of their own money, but Delpup received a \$2,500 contribution from the Oakland County Political Action Committee.

Garfield faces Democrat Tim Dewan, who was not required to file a finance report.

■ District 12 (parts of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield townships): Incumbent Shelley G. Taub spent \$2,848 in her successful re-election bid. GOP challengers Don Eby and Jeff Matte signed waivers and did not file reports.

Democrat Ilene Singer, who is challenging Taub, spent \$744 in her uncontested race.

■ District 13 (parts of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield): Incumbent Republican Thomas A. Law spent \$2,169 in his successful race against challenger Hartley Harris, who spent \$4,370.

■ District 14 (Bloomfield Hills and parts of Troy and Bloomfield Township): Incumbent Republican Dan Devine and Democrat Gary Kohut, who were unopposed, each signed waivers saying they did not spend more than \$1,000.

■ District 15 (Birmingham and Berkley): Incumbent Republican Donald Jensen spent \$1,653 in his successful re-election bid, while his opponent Alan Kroll spent \$1,813, according to reports.

■ District 19 (Farmington and South Farmington): The winner in the three-way GOP primary, Terry Sever, spent \$2,157. Runners-up Ben Marks spent \$4,809, and JoAnne F. Molin signed a waiver saying she did not spend \$1,000 in her campaign. Democrat Deborah J. Goldberg spent \$1,356.

■ District 20 (north Southfield and Lathrup Village): Incumbent Democrat Vincent Gregory spent \$409 in his uncontested primary, while Republican challenger Linda M. Kurkechian, also unopposed, filed a waiver.

■ District 21 (southern Southfield): Incumbent Democrat Eric Coleman spent \$565 in his uncontested primary, while the Republican challenger Mary Kathryn Decuir signed a waiver stating she did not spend \$1,000.

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High school students urged to ride bus, carpool to ease traffic

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Clarkston school officials are asking students who drive to Clarkston's new high school to ride a school bus or carpool for the next month to lighten the traffic burden at that site.

Dr. Al Roberts, superintendent of Clarkston schools, said Monday that even though first-day classes ran relatively smoothly inside the new high school, the picture outside the building didn't look as bright.

"Overall the kids did a good job, but traffic's still a problem," Roberts said. "Hopefully, the Road Commission (of Oakland County) and Independence Township will help us by getting Flemings Lake Road paved soon. As we pave the road and adjust our (parking lot) signage, and people start to understand the layout of the property, it'll be a good situation."

If the Flemings Lake Road paving doesn't occur in the next month, Roberts said school officials may have to consider staggering students' starting times at the new facility to relieve vehicle congestion on and near that road.

Roberts said that though the schools have no control over the timing of the road paving, plans were already in place to have six CHS building aides direct traffic in and out of the school parking lot at the starting and ending of school, respectively. He also said the high school was going to

'We don't have to have the road completely done until Nov. 16.'

Greg West
RCOC project engineer for
Flemings Lake Road paving

add more signs in front of the building to give visitors a clear indication of where they need to go. "Everybody wants to get as close to the building as possible and that's understandable," Roberts said, "but some parents were driving up to the bus drop-off this morning to let their students out. We want to try to eliminate that kind of confusion."

Pat Brumback, assistant superintendent for student support services and high school operations, said traffic flow on Flemings Lake Road was also a concern. "We're really trying to help students understand that they must turn left (onto Flemings Lake Road) from the (student) parking lot so buses can get in and out," Brumback said Monday. "Aside from the buses, we've also made a promise to the people who live on Walters Road that we would try to discourage traffic from going that way."

Brumback added that CHS students also need to park their cars in the morning and then go directly into the school building. "The kids were so excited to see

their friends this morning that they stood around and socialized in the parking lot," the assistant superintendent said. "But because of the heavy traffic out here, it's really not safe for them. We want them to go into the building to talk to their friends."

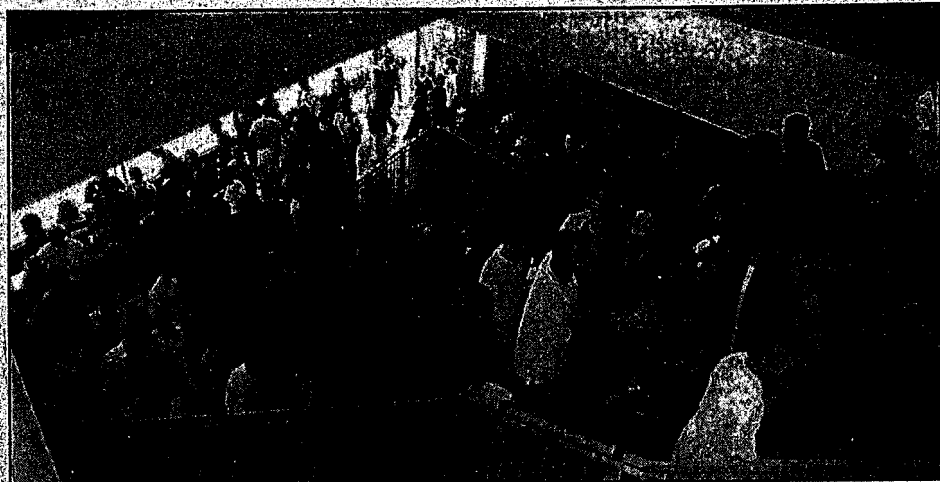
Monday morning, the assistant superintendent said representatives from the RCOC, officers from Oakland County Sheriff's Department, CHS faculty and administrators helped at different locations to direct traffic onto the school site. "People have been very cooperative," Brumback said. "We're just trying to get everyone in and out of the parking lot in an orderly fashion."

Greg West, RCOC project engineer for the Flemings Lake Road paving, said Wednesday that the RCOC construction proposal — which was bid through Independence Township — states that "we don't have to have the road completely done until Nov. 16."

Responding to that comment, Craig Kahler, director of business services for Clarkston schools, said Wednesday that the district will continue doing what it can to keep traffic moving on and near the new high school.

"We aren't actively involved in the management and operation of the paving project," Kahler said. "But we're doing our best at the school site to cut down the time it takes to get kids in and out of the school parking lot. It went much better today than it did on Monday. It took about an hour on the first day to get all the cars into the lot. Today (Wednesday), the cars were done trickling in by 7:45 a.m. That's down to 15 minutes."

Kahler said about 600 parking passes have been issued for the student parking lot at CHS, but school officials soon expect to monitor that number. "We think more cars may be coming in," the business director said.



Hall pass: Students jam the main stairwell as they change classes Monday at the new Clarkston High School.

Opening day from page A1

changes to a late-morning traffic jam out of the school, the day seemed slightly chaotic — like a Silverdome event.

(Even a camera crew from CBS was on hand to shoot footage. That film may appear on a future "48 Hours" news show about the Class of 2000.)

■ And as for "victory," the majority of CHS students made it to their seats, buses and cars with an accommodating attitude, no physical altercations and a minimum of discomfort.

It was one for the Gipper. "We've moved 2,080 students around in this building today, and I think it went very well," Cooley said Monday. "The staff and students were already involved in teaching and learning today. They're enthusiastic, and we're all trying to build a community here."

While Cooley and company tried to build community Monday, contractors were still trying to complete a school.

Though the academic wing — where classrooms are located — was completed well in advance of the start of school, construction workers were expected to remain in the building for another

month to finish other areas like the gym and auditorium. Cooley said.

On another "to-do" list, the building's clocks were not yet working on the first day of school. And the science labs still lacked chairs. However, students improvised by sitting on lab counters.

Beyond that, the \$58 million school looked clean and smelled new. And the majority of CHS teenagers responded positively to it.

"The school is huge, but I like it," said Ashley Stevens, a 10th-grader. "It wasn't hard at all to find my way around ... I don't miss the old Clarkston High School because this is basically our school now. Our (sophomore) class will have three years here."

Kelly Hott, a senior, seemed less thrilled, however. "It's a nice building, but I'd rather be back at the old high school because that's where all of our memories are," Kelly said. "It's a big school, but it's like completely congested here (in the main stairwell). It's crazy ... We'll be here for a year while they're (administrators and teachers are) trying to figure everything out. I feel like the seniors are just here for the ride."

For 9th-grader Ryan Kinney, deciphering the game plan was key. "I'm a little nervous," Ryan said. "I'm getting to my classes okay, but the school is so big and there are a lot of kids. It's confusing."

Heather Combs, a junior, took the experience in stride. "I like it here," Heather said. "It's kind of hectic, but I think it'll be good. Right now, I have to get used to it. But I think in the next two years, it'll feel like my school."

Like Kelly Hott, senior Dan Jackson also expressed concern about the number of students on the main stairway during class changes. "I don't know why it's

so crowded there," Jackson said. "It seems like everybody is using the same stairway — maybe because it's the easiest stairway for people to find right now. I'm sure it'll get better. I'm looking forward to being here."

Rudy Hunt, another senior, said he would miss only one thing about the old school. "I'm going to miss going out at lunchtime," Rudy said with a smile. "We have to stay in, here."

Though she didn't know about the school's food, 10th-grader Nicole Bottiaux said she appreciated the ambience of the building. "I love it here. It's a big change," Nicole said. "I'm learning my way around pretty fast."

Nicole's mother, Laura Bottiaux, a hall monitor in the building, echoed her daughter's enthusiasm. "I've looked forward to this day for so long," Bottiaux said. "Everything's gone well. The kids have been well-behaved in the hallways — and the building is just magnificent."

Maggie Ness, a freshman, described her first morning in high school as about as close to a success story as a ninth-grader can get. "I think it went really well," Maggie said. "I got lost a couple of times and I didn't make it to my locker, but I saw a lot of my friends."

(You go girl.) CHS Counselor Neal Sage said he, too, felt the first day was a win. He added some historical perspective. "This opening is 160 percent better than when we opened for school at Sashabaw Junior High in 1969," Sage said. "When we opened there, there weren't tiles on the floor — or lights."

When asked if he was completely settled in this new building, Sage looked at a co-worker and chuckled. "Settled?" he said. "Well ... probably 90 percent."

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Personal protection orders do make a difference

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Despite some notable exceptions, personal protection orders have been an effective way of preventing violence, even death, according to those close to the Oakland County circuit and probate courts.

"It's hard to tell when a PPO has prevented somebody getting hurt or even killed," said Edward Sosnick, chief judge of the Oakland County Circuit Court. "But I know PPOs have prevented injuries, even deaths."

Probate Judge Barry Grant put it this way, "When I see a woman with bruises on her face or black eye, I know she needs protection. And the PPOs are very effective."

Sosnick, Grant and others talked about PPOs recently in

response to increasing concern about the increasing number issued in Oakland and other counties. Since PPOs were first authorized in 1994, the number issued in Oakland County has almost tripled — requiring two full-time people to handle the influx. One is a circuit court records clerk, the other is from the Women's Survival Center of Oakland County.

Four years ago, 1,236 PPOs were issued in Oakland; 3,614 were issued in 1997. So far this year, 1,860 have been issued, according to Lisa Czyc, the records clerk who deals with PPOs full-time.

Deputy county clerk G. William Caddell has advised the county board of commissioners that administrative

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Barry Grant
—Probate Judge

costs associated with handling PPOs is increasing dramatically — particularly after the legislature discontinued the \$10 filing fee required when seeking a PPO. He wants commissioners to be aware of the problem.

Caddell is among those who recognize that PPOs have prevented violence and probably saved lives. But people sometimes seek PPOs to resolve matters that should be handled without court intervention, he said.

"It's gotten way out of hand," circuit court administrator Judith Cunningham said. "PPOs were intended to prevent violence. But they're not always used for that purpose."

Martin Alvin is chief referee for the circuit and probate courts in Oakland County. He supervises seven other referees who review PPO applica-

tions before making recommendations to judges who issue PPOs, or order alternative measures.

"We get our weird (or frivolous) cases," Alvin acknowledged, "and we always remember them, we talk about them."

In one such case, a farmer sought a PPO to prevent a neighbor's petting his horse.

In another case, the parents of a 9-year-old boy sought a PPO because a 12-year-old neighbor girl was calling their son names. "It was ridiculous," said commissioner Frank H. Millard, who was the attorney for the 12-year-old. "We spent an hour in circuit court on something that should have been resolved by the kids themselves or their parents."

Millard said he has seen some divorce cases in which lawyers routinely advise their

clients — usually a wife or girlfriend — to seek a PPO in order to put the spouse or boyfriend on the defensive.

"Some PPOs simply aren't warranted," he said.

In one gruesome case, a PPO was warranted — but ignored.

Kenneth Williams didn't let the PPO issued against him keep him from stabbing his ex-wife to death in Southfield. Police said Williams had the PPO in his possession when he stabbed Marcia Williams to death in February, 1997, as she frantically sought help with her cell phone.

Williams was subsequently convicted of premeditated murder and sentenced to life in prison. The PPO against him was issued in Wayne, not Oakland County. But the lesson it underscores is universal.

"A PPO won't stop somebody who is determined to inflict injury," Grant said. "But it will serve as a wake up call to a rational person. It is a rude reminder that he (the vast majority of PPOs are issued against men) will be held accountable for his actions."

Most of the PPOs issued in Oakland have been extremely effective, according to follow up studies done by the Women's Survival Center.

"Most were issued against husbands or boyfriends," said spokesperson Jane Balousek. Sometimes they might not have realized it is illegal to make harassing phone calls or to stalk someone, she said.

"A PPO will bring some people to their senses," said Balousek, who has often helped distraught women fill out the necessary forms.

The center did a follow up study of the 979 PPOs issued in the last five months of last year, said Balousek. The results didn't indicate an undue number of frivolous cases, she insisted.

In 64 percent of the cases, PPOs were issued to prevent domestic violence, Balousek said. Twenty-one percent of the orders dealt with stalking cases, she said.

Balousek and others acknowledge there are enough examples of seemingly frivolous or trivial cases consuming valuable court resources. But the greater majority of PPOs are advisable, they insist — even necessary perhaps.

Judge Grant remembers one case in which a home owner filed for a PPO to keep a neighbor from continuing to walk on his grass. "I told them to find a third party and talk it out," he said. "I haven't heard from them since, so apparently they resolved their differences."

But some seemingly frivolous cases could escalate into violence without court intervention, said chief referee Alvin. "Our society is becoming less and less civil," he said. "And some obnoxious people won't listen to reason. What do you do when that happens?"

Perhaps there should be a mechanism for weeding out needless requests for PPOs or otherwise refining the process, said Alvin. The courts would much rather people talk their problems out.

"But the courts don't want people resorting to violence," Alvin emphasized.

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NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1998

Missing the mark Board may not have followed policy in awarding liquor license to eatery

When the Independence Township Board found itself with three liquor licenses to give out, it did the prudent thing in adopting a policy to govern how it would go about deciding which applicants it would recommend for licenses.

That policy stated, among other things, that the sale of alcohol must be made "in connection with and incidental to a bona fide restaurant operation offering a full and complete food menu."

However, it looks to us as if the board did not follow its policy in voting Aug. 18 to give a class C liquor license to OPA!, a coney island restaurant on M-15.

OPA! is hardly "a bona fide restaurant offering a complete food menu."

Owner William Grannis said he plans to remodel his restaurant into a family-style restaurant with a larger menu, but currently the eatery remains a coney island.

Another section of the policy states that the license should fit the use of the business. A liquor license may some day fit the use of Grannis' restaurant, once he makes the changes, but, in our opinion, a liquor

■ Just because the township board had an applicant doesn't mean it had to award a license.

license doesn't "fit" a coney island.

An upscale Italian restaurant, like the one that received a license Aug. 4 from the Independence Township Board, is a more suitable "fit" for a liquor license.

Furthermore, we think the township board may have acted too quickly in awarding a license to the coney island. Just because the township board had an applicant doesn't mean it had to award a license.

In many communities, liquor licenses are highly prized commodities that restaurants compete to have.

With Independence Township growing so rapidly — four more restaurants are planned for a strip mall at Dixie Highway and White Lake Road — the township board could have waited a while to determine which applicant best met the criteria of its new policy.

Excessive penalties remain on books

On July 2, legislators passed a bill modifying Michigan's notorious "650 Lifer Law." The original law mandated a life sentence without parole for anyone involved in the distribution of 650 grams (1.4 pounds) of any substance containing cocaine.

This law was meant to put away major drug dealers. However, addicts in need of help, those who had played minor roles in drug crimes, those with no prior offenses and with no signs of accumulated wealth all joined real drug "kingpins" in receiving life without parole sentences, no matter what their role in the crime. Probation officers and judges became mere bystanders as Michigan's 83 county prosecutors, able to charge a defendant with a more or less serious offense, made decisions without review.

Now modifications in the law allow first time offenders, who cooperate with authorities, to be eligible for parole after serving 15 years in prison. For example, if television star Tim Allen — who served 2.4 years in federal instead of Michigan custody for drug dealing — had been sentenced under Michigan's revised law, he could not have been released until after serving 15 years in custody.

The new modifications fail to proportionally adjust the under 650 gram cases and fail to end mandatory consecutive sentencing. Brenda Pearson is serving 50-200 years for mailing 1 to 2 gram quantities to a fellow user. For each time she sent this small quantity to her friend, she was charged by the prosecutor with a separate distribution. Pearson was a working mother with a drug use problem. Under the still unchanged mandatory consecutive sentencing portion of the drug law, Pearson received this death-in-prison sentence.

Would society have been better off if Tim Allen had been convicted in Michigan and died in a Michigan prison under the original law? Will society be safer and better off if Brenda Pearson dies in prison?

We have been blinded by tough on crime rhetoric, which prevents us from considering smart on crime alternatives.

The cost of incarceration is \$30,000 a year



MARTIN REISIG

per inmate. This money is well spent when it protects public safety by locking up major drug dealers, but wasted when there are less expensive and more effective alternatives. For example, in Florida traditionally incarcerated low-level drug offenders had a 60 percent recidivism rate. More recently, however, rather than spending \$30,000 a year, Florida has provided an alternative tough treatment program costing \$4,000 a year per person, which has lowered the recidivism rate to 11-23 percent.

When you hear "tough on crime" rhetoric consider that:

■ Michigan had 9,000 people in prison in 1970 and today has 43,000. Prisons have gone from 5 to 15 percent of the Michigan budget since 1970.

■ Every dollar spent on prisons is a dollar less spent on prevention and treatment.

■ Sentencing guidelines for drug offenses would allow for the toughest sentencing of "kingpins" and appropriate sentences for others.

Our legislators should be praised for the changes they have recently made in Michigan's drug laws, but there is much more to be done if we want to be smart on crime.

Martin Reisig, a Birmingham attorney, is a former federal prosecutor, past chairperson of the Oakland County Bar Association Criminal Law Committee and an active member of Families Against Mandatory Minimum Sentences (FAMM). For more information, contact FAMM at (617) 482-4982.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What are you looking forward to about school starting?



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Matt Inskeep,
6th grader
Independence Township



'Math, spelling, reading and playing with my friends.'

Heather Baron,
3rd grader
Independence Township



'Math and science and reading.'

Emily Beattie,
2nd grader
Independence Township



'Having a good time and doing good in school.'

Thomas Beattie,
5th grader
Independence Township

LETTERS

Fire department plans meet community needs

Recently, local newspapers have run stories and editorials regarding the Independence Township Fire Department. Obviously, providing quality fire protection services is an important function of local government. For that reason, I am taking this opportunity to provide additional information and assurances to the citizens of Independence Township.

Since I was first elected township supervisor in 1992, Chief Wilson and I have been discussing the manpower and equipment needs of the township. However, it was not prudent to announce or begin to implement those plans until we could settle the labor negotiations with the firefighters union which have been going on for almost two years. The demands of the union would have resulted in substantial increases in the cost of running the Fire Department. Obviously, until we knew what the settlement would cost, we could not take on the burden and additional cost of additional personnel.

Now, the contract has been settled. Although the agreement is generous to the firefighters, it will not break the township budget. More importantly, we now know our costs and can move to implement our plans. This settlement was reached using the services of an arbitrator at a meeting that was planned weeks ago.

One editorial suggested we need 0.9 firefighters per 1,000 residents, based on some national statistics. That would mean a total of 26 people — 11 more than the current 15 full-time fire suppression personnel. This could well require doubling the current 3 mills tax which generates \$2.5 million per year. If that occurred, the Fire Department budget would be larger than all other township departments combined.

Independence Township fire protection services compare very favorably with townships with a similar tax base and population with regard to facilities, equipment and manpower. Rather than relying on national statistics, our plans (on hold pending resolution of the union contract) are specifically designed to meet the needs of our community.

Dale A. Stuart, Supervisor
Independence Township

Vandalism is 'despicable'

The recent acts of trespassing and vandalism at our new high school site are shocking and despicable. The Clarkston community has come to expect a standard of behavior which is rooted in traditional American values, and we are law-abiding citizens. So, when the laws of the land are violated, we feel violated as well.

As your superintendent of schools, I realize

that Clarkston is not immune from the troubles facing our greater society (substance abuse, disregard for authority, etc.). As a community, we must refuse to accept the illegal acts of a few as "to be expected" or "par for the course." We must continue to expect all community members, students, employees, contractors and those who visit our fair township to abide by the laws that govern us.

It is important for the community to know that in the latest incident we avoided possible damage/injury because of the quick thinking of neighbors who noticed unauthorized persons on the grounds and reported this information to local law enforcement officers.

The African quote, "It takes an entire village to raise a child" has received considerable attention in recent years. The Clarkston community is fortunate that there are folks who believe in this philosophy and take their civic responsibility seriously. We are indeed a better "village" because of it.

Albert G. Roberts, Ed.D.,
Superintendent
Clarkston Community Schools

Thanks for having heart

Thank you for believing that by working in collaboration we can provide improved services to Oakland County children with special needs.

The Children's Charities Coalition thanks The Eccentric for its sponsorship and support of "Revvin' on the Rooftops," the first Dream Cruise Preview Party. Indeed, the event, with more than 1,000 persons in attendance, could not have happened without The Eccentric's help. Children in Oakland County are fortunate to have at its population center, a newspaper that cares about making tomorrow a better, happier place.

On behalf of Vicki and Tom Celani (the Harley-Davidson party) and Roger and Jennifer Penske Jr. (the Penske Auto party), and the coalition — Child Abuse and Neglect Council, The Community House, Orchards Children's Services and Variety, The Children's Charity — I thank you for indeed being a newspaper with a heart for the little ones.

Judith S. Hoeffler, Ph.D.
Chair, Children's Charities Coalition

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POINTS OF VIEW

Sound advice: Reach for your dreams and give lots of hugs

A hug and smile... A search for courage... The morning sunrise clouded by tears and a hospital curtain.

My father was diagnosed with acute leukemia in April and passed away June 14. He tried to fight it, but cancer is a perfect killing machine, an enemy that doesn't take many prisoners.

For nearly three months I spent every afternoon at Beaumont Hospital, where doctors tried chemotherapy treatments on my dad. They already decided that at age 62, he wasn't a candidate for a bone marrow transplant. Radiation was the only option left.

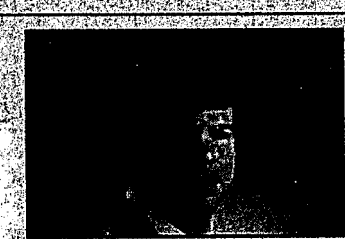
I'd get to the hospital around 6 p.m. and spend the next two hours at his bedside, reading newspapers with him or talking about work. We joked about his hair falling out and tried to believe that things would get better. Attitude is everything, the doctors kept saying. Don't worry, be healthy.

And yet, stuck inside those friendly sterile hospital rooms, we felt like two soldiers trapped in a foxhole, watching the bullets fly.

Hospitals are a blend of technology and faith. For every nurse who comes into your room to draw blood or hook up another IV, there's a priest or rabbi who drops in to see how you're doing. When the chips are down, there's always God; these folks will tell you.

The doctors walk briskly from hospital bed to hospital bed, waiting for their prescribed treatments to work. They hate to tell you when the treatment isn't working, so usually they'd tell my father nothing. The best they could offer him is that things weren't getting any worse. The engine's falling off, but the wheels are still good.

We cried the day they put him on a ventilator, and cried even more when they said it was time to take him off. I sat alone with him that day, holding



JAY GROSSMAN

his hand as the essence of life left his body. The treatments were over. All the IV lines were gone, except for one that trickled morphine into his veins to try and keep him comfortable.

Two things happened in the hospital that I'll never forget.

One was a conversation we had about life. Over and over again, my dad told me to set big goals and accomplish them, because you never really know when your time is up. It sounds corny now, but it didn't when the words came from a dying man

lying in a hospital bed.

My dad had a great life. He married his best friend, a wonderful woman who became his partner and confidante over the years. He loved his family and worked with his brother in the insurance business.

A stranger no doubt would have envied his life. But somewhere along the way, my dad saw his mountain and decided not to climb it. Now strapped to a monitor and a half-dozen IVs, he knew he'd never get another chance.

The other incident took place when I was getting ready to leave for home one evening. As I started walking out of his room, my dad looked up and said, "Hey, how about a hug?"

Growing up, I guess I didn't hug my dad that often. Maybe it was one of those father-son things. Maybe we both just took it for granted that we loved each other, and that was enough.

So we hugged. And from that point

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on, it became a part of the ritual every time I'd visit him. We dropped those invisible barriers that separate every father from his son. Just give the man a hug. Let him know how much you love him.

Those are the lessons Danny Grossman passed on to his son. Don't hold back in life and don't forget to hug your parents. Knowing that, I guess you can see why I miss him every day.

Talk to you again. And in the meantime, give someone you love a hug.

Jay Grossman is a staff writer for The Eccentric Newspapers.

Appeals to good life make home loans attractive, dangerous

In American folklore, businessmen—particularly financiers—were fiscally conservative.

They deplored our nation's "tobogganing into the murky valleys of deficit finance," according to a novel of the 1950s. They shrieked at the "sea of red ink" in which the federal government was awash. A Republican joke of that era was about the Gov. Soapy Williams cocktail—"Michigan on the rocks."

"A family can't spend more than it takes in for very long," they used to say, "and neither can the government."

Families, too, were advised to "pay as you go." Conventional consumer wisdom warned against borrowing for anything but the house and car.

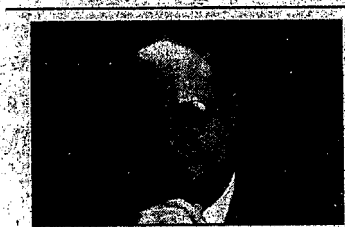
In the 1970s, however, we began hearing that we were an entire nation of squanderers. The government's debt was so large it was soaking up all the available new capital.

Results: Young couples couldn't get loans for a new house, or else had to pay interest rates that an earlier generation would have considered usury. People starting businesses couldn't get capital. Women entrepreneurs, in particular, were bitter at the financial system for failing to make capital available for the kinds of service industries women were wont to enter.

Suddenly this year we are seeing an explosion of invitations to go into debt. What's more, the financiers are inviting us to mortgage our homes for non-necessities. I quote from a home equity loan offer:

"Go out to dinner. Take a vacation," it says beguilingly. "Every time you use it, you access your home equity loan."

Naturally, the company wants to doubly protect itself. When you blow a bundle in Hawaii or Vegas, you put up your home as security. If you die or change identities, you can "add peace



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In other words, you borrow not to finance the business you are starting to produce your patented invention; you borrow not for the shelter of your family; you mortgage your family's shelter for banquets and vacations.

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One can only shudder at the prospect of naive consumers, who think the good times will roll on forever, getting sucked into the morass. In the past, they lost their purchases to the repo man. Now they are invited to lose their houses. That strikes me as a bad way to run a household.

And it's all the more shocking because business—not a socialist labor-run government—is encouraging it.

For some folks with strong eyes, there is a way to keep these invitations to extravagance out of your mailbox. One of the companies, in very tiny, gray type, has put this notice on the bottom of its alluring advertising:

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That, as they say, should keep the loan sharks out of your mailbox.

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

Democrats make good showing at weekend state party convention

I attended the Michigan Democratic Party's state convention in Lansing over the weekend.

I wanted to see what Geoffrey Fieger was really like and what kind of ticket he could put together to counter the blizzard of negative publicity he's experienced ever since he won the Democratic nomination for governor.

(Let the record also show that I also went to be nominated to run statewide for another term on the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Perceptive readers should be alert for any hint of bias in what follows.)

To my ears at least, Fieger is, indeed, a great speaker. He's passionate, emotional, articulate—sometimes eloquent and sometimes merely loud. He does have the capacity, so rare these days, of truly moving a crowd, especially younger people. If he ever succeeds in getting John Engler onto the same platform with him, watch out!

Fieger also made a smart move in picking state Rep. Jim Agee, a former teacher and school superintendent from Muskegon, to join the ticket as lieutenant governor. Agee is well-respected as a low-key, decent and smart fellow, an expert on education and on the state budget.

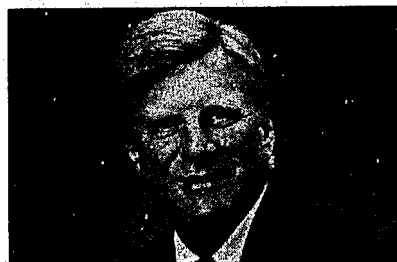
Talk in the aisles at the (very nice and new) Lansing convention center was that Fieger intends to meld his rhetorical firepower with Agee's deep knowledge of Lansing minutiae to launch a wholesale assault on the wrongdoings of the Engler administration.

The strategy makes sense.

Harsh ad hominem attacks on John Engler's character and genetic antecedents may have helped Fieger score his big upset win in the Democratic primary. But they won't help him in a general election where he is already regarded by the media, at least, as a bombastic loose cannon. Better merge passion with substance between now and Nov. 3.

And, certainly, any administration that has gone on for eight long years will have plenty of skeletons in the closet that any incumbent governor would prefer not see the light of day. I'd bet there will be much ferocious talk between now and election day about school funding, the state Accident Fund, lax oversight over charter schools, lucrative state contracts let to big Republican Party contributors, and so forth.

There is some evidence (mostly from Kent and Oakland counties, normally Republican, where Fieger ran unexpectedly well) that the state GOP organized the faithful to cross over and vote for Fieger in the Democratic primary



PHILIP POWER

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on the theory that he would be easiest candidate for John Engler to defeat.

This may prove to be so, but I keep wondering about the old line that you'd better not wish for something too hard or you might wind up actually getting it. If the delegates to the Democratic convention are to be believed, the election for governor might wind up much tighter than the experts think.

Two concluding footnotes from the weekend in Lansing:

1) Jennifer Granholm, Northville Township resident who won the nomination as attorney general, could be a real star. She's smart (Harvard Law School), experienced (top civil lawyer for Wayne County), attractive and a good speaker. When the assembled Democrats heard the Republican convention had dumped Scott Romney, Gov. Engler's pick for AG, for John Smietanka, big grins broke out all around the hall.

2) On grounds of the continuing dispute between labor and management, the Democrats continued to ban reporters from the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News from covering the convention. For a party desperate to showcase its nominees and ideas, continuing this symbolic feud with the largest circulation newspapers in the state is silly and self-destructive.

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A music stage featuring British folk-rocker Billy Bragg, labor history theater sponsored by UAW-Chrysler and exhibits from dozens of unions and community groups will all be part of an old-fashioned family Labor Day celebration in downtown Detroit Monday, Sept. 7.

This second annual LaborFest is expected to draw more than 50,000 union members and their families from Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties and other nearby areas.

An exhibition of race cars, a children's tent with clowns, face-painting and moonwalk, plus a live on-site national two-hour radio broadcast by talk-show host Jim Hightower will also be part of the free attractions. A wide variety of food and beverages will be available.

The LaborFest site, again in downtown's Kern Block at Woodward and Monroe, just south of the old Hudson's store, and adjoining areas.

Other featured entertainers include the S.H.A.P. band, comprised of workers from the Chrysler Sterling Heights assembly plant; Benny Cruz y La Buena Vida, a Latin band from southwest Detroit; Voices of Solidarity, the Service Employees Gospel Choir; and the Detroit Federation of Musicians Marching Band. Elise Bryant will emcee.

Hightower, whose witty talk show from Austin, Texas, is heard over 200 stations, is an author and former Texas agricultural commissioner.

The Labor Day Parade again this year begins at 10 a.m. from two points - Woodward at Mack and Michigan at Trumbull. They will merge at the Kern Block. LaborFest will open at 10 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

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CAROLYN WALKER

Angel teaches lesson on love

An open letter to my wonderful friend, the angel of Main Street.

I was embarrassed by my tears of the other day. After all, I came to comfort you as you face the possible death of your beloved sister. I did not expect to hear the words, "It's OK to cry" coming from your lips.

Instead, I expected to say them to you!

I can only imagine the depth of your grief. How you long to make her well again, if that were only possible. How you wish to take away her physical suffering and make easier that which she must yet face.

I do not need to call upon my powers of imagination to know of your love and faith. I felt them embracing me as we sat talking in your peaceful family room. They went back and forth between us on a flow of gentle, warm words. Back and forth in the unanswerable questions. Back and forth in the hope.

I know that my son felt that love and faith, too. And that, in part, is why I am writing you this letter. Because I wept at the time, I could not speak of the profound experience I knew us to be sharing. Even now, tears well up as I search for the right way to say thank you.

Do you know that in that brief hour's conversation, you taught him — showed him — more about compassion, human ties and the love of God than I could in a thousand maternal lectures?

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Unabashed theater group pushes envelope

■ Clarkston Village Players pull no punches in making sure audiences stay interested and entertained.



BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Their performance space is vintage — a train station from the 1920s transformed by 86 seats and a stage — but the Clarkston Village Players insist their art be contemporaneous. No apologies for expletives or sexual overtones, either.

"We tackle some things that we think are a little controversial," said the group's president, Verne Vackaro, openly acknowledging the group does occasionally receive complaints about the suitability of performance content.

"Today's plays are like today's movies," he said in defense of the theater's script choices, past, present and future. "We tread a line. It has to please you and provoke you. It has to entertain you and enlighten you."

Verne Vackaro
president, Clarkston Village Players

Vackaro's beliefs about the role of community theater aren't isolated among members of the Clarkston Village Players, which are based in the Depot Theater on White Lake Road.

"We have to change with the times. We have to put work out there that is food for thought," said Marlene Sewick, a past president and 35-year-old member of the group.

Otherwise, the theater isn't doing it's job; remember, art mimics life, she said.

"Movies, television and theater are a reflection of our society," Sewick said.

While we may dislike certain conduct



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Realistic rough and tumble: Greg Wilson (left), portraying Clifford, and Win Likert, as the character Sidney, mix it up during rehearsal for the Clarkston Village Players' performance of "Deathtrap."

in our culture — swearing and the like — theater aims to authentically depict real-life behavior. In the end, the audience is given a chance to study and consider the circumstances within the safe confines of the playhouse, she said.

"Sometimes, we hear all the political rhetoric, but we forget about the people who experienced it," Sewick said, reminding theater-goers that many less

than lily-white theater scenes are based on real events.

And the Clarkston Village Players' 1998-99 season, which opens Sept. 18 and marks the group's 38th run, does include at least one production that, by most accounts, is a disturbing one.

"Death and the Maiden," which runs March 5-20, takes an unusual angle on human rights issues in Latin America.

After the play's female protagonist captures the man who raped and tortured her, she conducts a mock trial and pursues her own thoughts of torture, forcing the audience to consider the moral dilemma of revenge.

"There is some very strong language (in "Death and a Maiden") and even

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stronger concepts," said Sewick, a member of the script committee that selected this season's production scripts.

"But it's an excellent play," she said. And any qualms that individuals might have about content are truly balanced by the play's overall message and social value, she said.

"We don't pick plays for their shock value or to offend people," Sewick said.

In contrast, the group is opening the season with a classic mystery, "Deathtrap," which will run Sept. 18-Oct. 3. Besides, the theater does forewarn the community about potentially offensive content, Sewick added. Cautionary notes are included in production flyers and other materials. In fact, the theater plans to bar children under age 16 from "Death and a Maiden."

The group is also "responsible, professional and tasteful," keeping in mind that Clarkston isn't New York City, Sewick said. "We study these plays. They are picked apart and talked about, and one of things that is looked at is—will we have an audience appeal?"

"We make every attempt to let adults know what kind of show it is that we have," added Don Foster, co-chair of the current script committee, which changes annually.

Foster also suspects that while the Clarkston Village Players push the envelope farther than most local theaters, Clarkston is more apt than many other communities to support the risks.

"I think it's just the make-up of our people," Foster said. "I think we are fairly progressive. We also have a young element (in Clarkston)."

Besides, "It's healthy to run the gamut and try different things," Foster said. The script committee not only selects plays that make for a balanced season for theater



The play's the thing: Rick Shaw (standing), as Porter, and Greg Wilson, portraying Clifford, rehearse a scene from "Deathtrap."

patrons—generally speaking, two dramas, two comedies and a mystery—but also tries to include at least one play that will challenge the group's actors.

"Our mission is to bring live theater to the community and also provide some entertainment to the group's members," Sewick said. "We do try to satisfy the places where our group wants to go... so we do some controver-

sial plays. While I say controversial, they're also very good plays. It's like TV, those old TV shows are fun to watch, but that kind of fare doesn't go over today... and we want to keep up with the arts."

For tickets or information about the Clarkston Village Players upcoming production season, which opens with "Deathtrap," call (248) 625-8811.

The following students from Clarkston were among the more than 700 graduates of Madonna University in Livonia: Sandra A. Cassar, allied health administration, and Jennifer L. Shields, social work.

■ The following students from

Clarkston were named to the Dean's List at Madonna University in Livonia for superior academic achievement during the

past term: Jenna K. Lopucki, senior, criminal justice, and Christine A. Pendley, junior, sign language studies.

Conservancy group gets grant to develop organizational plan

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC) has received a \$2,500 grant from the Great Lakes Land Trust Matching Grants program of the Land Trust Alliance (LTA), headquartered in Washington, D.C. These funds are provided to assist NOHLC, incorporated in 1972 as the Independence Land Conservancy, with the development of a strategic plan and to identify areas of collaboration between NOHLC and the Oakland Land Conservancy, which received a similar grant.

The grant is one of 17, totaling more than \$50,000, awarded to land trusts in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin in the first year of the three-year program.

"We are delighted and flattered to have received this grant, which recognizes our growing involvement with and responsibility for the preservation of open spaces in this area of Oakland County," says Dr. Thomas K. Stone, president of the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy. "It is a tribute to the hard work of our volunteer board, particularly of Dr. Robert B. Inskeep, J. James Reed, Dr. Frederick L. Roesser and Daniel F. Travis."

The program, funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, supports the Great Lakes Region's 120 land trusts, which are private, nonprofit organizations that work hand-in-hand with landowners to protect land for its natural, recreational, scenic, historical, or productive value.

The matching grants program "helps local land trusts protect community and regional resources in new and innovative ways by providing seed money to expand and strengthen the organizations," says LTA President Jean Hocker. "Nationally, land

trusts have been extraordinarily successful at protecting the open spaces that define a community."

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, established in 1926, is a private philanthropy committed to supporting projects that promote a just, equitable, and sustainable

society. It supports nonprofit programs throughout the United States and on a limited basis, internationally, working largely with low-income populations. Grantmaking is focused in the areas of civil society; environment; Flint, Michigan (its home community); poverty; and education. The foundation made 461 grants totaling \$72 million in 1997.

The Land Trust Alliance is the national organization of local and regional land trusts. Its mission is to strengthen the private land conservation movement. Today, 1,100 land trusts operate across the United States, protecting millions of acres of open space and green places.

Serving the community for more than a quarter-century, the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy preserves 21 parcels totaling 342 acres. The NOHLC owns 7 properties and holds scenic/conservation easements on 14 others.

The NOHLC is dedicated to the quality of wildlife habitat, preserving the character of the landscape, and protecting the natural resources of our community.

While various membership categories exist, a Family Membership in the NOHLC is available for as little as \$25.

Questions about the NOHLC may be directed to North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, P.O. Box 285, Clarkston MI 48347 or by calling (248) 625-8193.



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ACHIEVERS

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Do you remember how you spoke, in a very soft voice with your fingertips moving in the air before you, about how you went to nurse your sister and help her with her most intimate needs?

By explaining your love for her—and hers for you—you elevated those personal acts to ones that seemed almost sacred. I watched as my son sat erect, silent, listening, unafraid.

Do you remember how you spoke of infant love? How you quoted a book that described an old man's last days, and how that old man said a dying person needs love like a baby? How a

baby can never get enough? Do you remember how you spoke then of your adored infant grandson? How you swooped your arms into a great, generous, imaginary hug and said, "Babies are so wonderful."

I watched as my son leaned forward just a fraction, to be a part of that hug.

Do you remember how you spoke of your mother? Of how you have missed her all these years—and yet know she is waiting for your sister?

Do you remember how you said that mothers are so important? After we left your house, my son said he was filled with an awesome and consuming love for me that was getting on his nerves and he wondered when the feeling would let up. But I am not worried.

Do you remember how you bowed your head and said, "I took her the Eucharist." How

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Thank you for showing my son that we must act on our love, that we must care for one another, even when it means overcoming our queasiness about the sick and their bodies.

Thank you for showing my son that the dying are as important as babies and mothers and hope. Thank you for showing my son that in our humanity we can doubt God one moment, and then share his love in a conversation—or in a wafer scooped into our hands.

Thank you for showing my son the beauty of friendship.

Somehow, in that hour, all that is mysterious and wonderful about heaven and earth—and the beings that populate those places—made themselves manifest. A woman fell ill. A sister loved. A friend cried. A mother watched. A grandmother rejoiced. An angel spoke. God entered in.

And a little boy listened.

Carolyn Walker is a staff writer for the Clarkston Eccentric. She lives in the city of Clarkston.

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Recently I heard a news report that cars are becoming more affordable. I don't happen to think \$30,000 for a minivan is very affordable, but according to the news report, the average salary has increased over the past few years at a higher rate than the cost of a new vehicle. Therefore, we consumers should be running out and grabbing up that new car while the prices are so reasonable (yeah, right).

Personally, I'm not in any hurry to replace my 1992 station wagon. Even though it has 150,000 miles on it, it's mine and I will never have to haggle with a salesman again to drive it. When I think back to the day that I bought the car, I am inclined to never go near a car dealership again.

To avoid any high-pressure sales techniques, we had visited the car dealership while it was closed, looked at all the cars and decided exactly what we wanted. With all of our requirements in hand, we were ready to order a car.

The car we wanted was very much like one they had on their lot, with a few minor exceptions. When we finally approached a salesman to write up our order, he offered us "such a deal." He would knock off a few thousand dollars if we bought the car from the lot. We could be "out the door" for \$16,000, compared to the \$19,900 it would cost to order the car we wanted. Not wanting to jump into anything, we took a few days to think about it. During that time we called the salesman again to make sure we were on the same wavelength. "Out the door for \$16,000," he reiterated. "After tax and destination charges," we spelled out. The salesman reassured us that we had understood him correctly.

With all the details ironed out ahead of time, the actual pur-



ROCHELLE SMITH

chase of the car seemed to be a done deal. I arrived at the dealership at 9 a.m. on a Friday morning, my youngest son in his stroller and my oldest all dressed for afternoon kindergarten (just in case the purchase took longer than expected). The three of us sat down at the salesman's desk ready to sign papers and drive our new car "out the door" for \$16,000. Surprisingly, though, the salesman had not realized we would be trading in our 4-year-old station wagon. This changed everything. He had to talk to his manager to see what price he could give me on the new car after the trade-in. We sat at the desk for about a half-hour while he disappeared into the back. By the time he returned, both kids were fussing and I was losing my "new car" attitude. Any happy attitude that might have remained was quickly destroyed when he reported that the new car would be \$19,250 after the trade-in. I had to have it explained to me several times how a car that was \$16,000 without my trade-in could become \$19,250 after I gave them my old car. I knew the "blue book" price of my car was \$3,000. Somehow they had added the value of my car to the price instead of subtracting. No matter how many times he explained it, it didn't add up.

Again he disappeared into the back to "see what he could do" by talking to his manager. Again, we sat for a half-hour, kids fussing, me losing my patience. When he finally returned, he had "good news." He was able to talk his manager down to \$18,800 "out the door."

He didn't seem to understand, so I explained. The car was \$16,000 "out the door" before I

brought in my \$3,000 trade-in. If you start with \$16,000 and subtract \$3,000, it doesn't add up to \$18,800. I think it was around that time that my 3-year-old pulled all the papers off his desk.

After more discussion, he had to take a phone call, which appeared to be from someone in the back. Again he left us to think about it. When he returned, after his standard half-hour time period, he announced more good news. The car was being cleaned up and we could drive it home today, even though my husband wasn't there to sign the papers. Oh, joy!

Finally, about three hours into this "morning from hell," I had had enough. He had managed to talk his manager down to \$17,000 after the trade-in and I had managed to put up with all I could take. I gathered the kids from under the nearest car and headed for the door with the salesman trailing me. "Now, now. No need to get upset. Sit back down here. I am going to make sure you are happy when you leave here," he assured me. Well, I can assure you, I was not happy when I left there. I drove my new car home, for only \$900 more than it was supposed to cost, about four hours after I entered the dealership to finalize this "done deal."

To make matters worse, when my husband and I returned later so he could sign the necessary papers, the salesman had the condescending nerve to tell him, "that little lady of yours is a real negotiator."

For months, whenever anyone would tell me they liked my new car, I had a bad taste in my mouth. I couldn't enjoy the car because I was so disgusted about the purchasing experience. Although I would love one of those new vans, I don't think I would buy it now, even if the salesman told me I could drive it "out the door" for \$16,000. Because, trust me, it's not easy getting out that door.

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

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Clarkston Eccentric publishes a 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, SEPT. 3 DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

11:30 a.m. Meeting of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution-Sashabaw Plains Chapter. Charlotte Maybee and Fran Stuart will present a program on their summer trip to Scotland. Mesquite Creek Restaurant, M-15 at I-75, Clarkston. For additional information, call Nancy at 625-1519.

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m. Informal sharing meeting. Facilitator: Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., Director of Bereavement Services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Walk-in, no registration. Free of charge. For men and women of all ages recently widowed. Refreshments served. All area residents welcome. Any questions or if anyone would like to be on their mailing list, call the funeral home at 625-5231. Meeting is held at Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road in Clarkston.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

"SCAVENGER HUNT"

10 a.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Your assignment: Seek out natural items found on the trail! A fun hike for youngsters and their parents. Free. Registration required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

MONDAY, SEPT. 7

ANNUAL CORN ROAST
Noon to 6 p.m. American Legion

Post 377, Mary Sue Street at the end of Maybee Road. Join the crowd for food, music and fun. Bring a dish to pass. \$5 per person.

THURSDAYS, STARTING SEPT. 10

INTRODUCTION TO SACRED SCRIPTURE

7-9 p.m. St. Daniel Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park, Clarkston. Two-credit course offered through Saint Mary's College in Orchard Lake, an accredited institution with credit transferable to other schools. \$468 total for two credits or audit the course for \$234. Call 625-1750 for more information.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

"HOMESCHOOLERS' MAMMAL SCRAMBLE"

11 a.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Homeschooled students ages 6 and up will learn what makes a mammal a "mammal" through the use of slides, skins and skulls. Siblings are welcome, but must be able to sit quietly. Free. Registration required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

FALL PERENNIAL SWAP

10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Mill Pond Park, Davisburg. Sponsored by Springfield Township Parks and Recreation. Join us for one last perennial swap for the season. Take home as many plants that you bring with you. Participate in exchange of knowledge, helpful hints, and plants. For more information call 634-0412 or 634-3382.

BEANIE BABY ANIMAL ADVENTURE

1:30-4 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center. Independence Oaks County Park. Beanie Baby enthusiasts ages 7-11 are invited to round up five of their favorite "wildlife" beanie babies for an afternoon filled with animal facts and fun. Through slides, games, crafts and more, we'll explore the "real life" animals after which the popular toys are named. Each pre-registered child should bring no more than five beanie babies each one labeled with the child's name.

Cost: \$10 per child. To register call 625-6473.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

SINGLES EARLY AUTUMN DANCE

8 p.m. - midnight. For separated, divorced and never married individuals. Held at St. Daniel Parish, Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park, Clarkston. Sponsored by Bethany North Oakland. Proper attire please. Admission \$8 (includes refreshments and snacks). For further information call Don 623-6771 or Joann 620-6410.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

ROSCO THE CLOWN

7 p.m. Cohn Amphitheater, Independence Oaks County Park. Celebrate "Grandparents Day" with laughter and Rosco the Clown. He knows how to tickle the funny bone of anyone, especially the young and the young at heart. A Grandparent is free with one paid admission. Cost: \$2.50 per person. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Nature Center 625-6473.

MONDAYS, STARTING SEPT. 14

VATICAN II: HISTORY & DOCUMENTS

6-9 p.m. St. Daniel Church, 7010 Valley Park, Clarkston. Learn more about the historical events and documents that made such a difference in the Catholic Church. Course will include discussion and sharing on the impact of the Second Vatican Council on parish life. \$35 for 10-week series or \$5 per session up to maximum of \$35; book \$14. Highly recommended for parishioners involved in parish leadership or ministries and anyone interested in church and church history in general. Call 625-1750 for more information.

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Handsome SBM, 35, 5'5", 155lbs., seeks a SCF, 25-37, with a great personality. He enjoys Bible study, bowling and playing tennis. Ad# 8989

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NO HASSLES

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BACK TO BASICS

Outgoing SBC dad, 20, 6', who enjoys music, movies and family activities, seeks a SWF, for friendship and fun. Ad# 1564

FRIENDS FIRST

This outgoing SBCM, 35, 5'6", 150lbs., seeks a professional SBCF, 26-34, N/S and non-drinker, who enjoys Bible study, for friendship and companionship. Ad# 7070

COMMON BOND

Outgoing and friendly, he's a professional WWCM, 59, 6'2", whose interests include Bible study, golf, reading, theater, dining out and lots of laughter. He's seeking a special SWCF, 50-60, for companionship. Ad# 5845

AWAITING YOU

This outgoing, friendly SBCM, 35, 5'5", 155lbs., is searching for a special, professional SBCF, 25-37, never-married, childless, who enjoys sports and Gospel concerts. Ad# 4949

BACK TO THE BASICS

Here's a DWCM, 40, 5'11", looking for a SWCF, 34-50, who enjoys outdoor activities, dining out, movies, and travel. Ad# 1001

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TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF

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LISTEN CLOSELY

SWM, 37, 6'4", 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who likes music, movies, dining out and church activities, is seeking a SWF, 30-40, with similar interests. Ad# 3968

LIGHT UP MY LIFE

Get together with this Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1". He's looking for a family-oriented, petite, romantic, sincere DW mom, 18-38. Ad# 4111

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TO THE POINT

This athletic SWM, 42, 6', enjoys working out and is seeking a slim DW Catholic F, of any age, to spend time with. Ad# 7287

SMILE WITH ME

I'm an outgoing Born-Again SWCM, 35, 6'3", who enjoys outdoor activities, sports, boating and am in search of a SCF, 24-40, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3061

FAMILY-ORIENTED?

This athletic, sincere, professional, fun-loving Catholic SWM, 43, 6'11", has a wide variety of interests, seeks a spontaneous, slender, attractive, romantic SWF, race and age unimportant. Ad# 2613

MUTUAL RESPECT

He's a catholic SWM, 30, 5'9", 180lbs., who is athletic, N/S, non-drinker, physically fit and shy at first, seeking a slender, attractive, N/S, SWF, 24-33, who likes the outdoors, motocross, mountain biking and basketball. Ad# 1239

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BY LARRY PALADINO
STAFF WRITER

Some people dig ditches for a living.

Some chop streets up with a jackhammer.

Some deflect kids' spit balls in classrooms, chase criminals, sling burgers, or scour floors.

Then there's John Harrison. He's really got it rough, but he took a little break from his demanding job as an ice cream taster — to visit Birmingham last week to poll shoppers about their favorite flavor and to dole out free samples of Edy's Ice Cream.

"My blood runs 16 percent butterfat," jokes Harrison, whose ice cream heritage goes back four generations.

He is Edy's No. 1 taste tester and the 70-year-old Oakland, Calif.-based company has had his taste buds insured for \$1 million.

The man with the million-dollar tongue was using it Aug. 25 to encourage shoppers at the Kroger Village Store in Birmingham to come up and sample a small cone of Strawberries & Cream, Banana Cream Pie, Butter Pecan, or — Detroit Lions' Peanut Butter Blitz, featuring chunks of peanut butter-filled chocolatey footballs.

"It's the Willy Wonka job in America," Harrison said of his occupation. (Willy Wonka is the fictional owner, portrayed by Gene Wilder, of a magical candy factory in the movie "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory.")

Harrison, who has been an ice cream taster for 30 years, the last 17 at Edy's, has also been a flavor developer for the company.

He is the one who stumbled onto the "Cookies 'n Cream" flavor in 1983.

While taking a break in the lab, he sat down for a dish (to actually eat) of vanilla ice cream.

It was with a couple Oreo cookies on the side and he wondered how the ice cream would taste with crumbled up cookies in them. Eventually he experimented with a number of cookies, but settled on Nabisco's Oreos. Now it is



STAFF PHOTO BY JEFF KESSEL

Talented tongue: John Harrison, an Edy's Ice Cream taste tester for the last 17 years, has had his taste buds insured for \$1 million.

Edy's fourth-best seller among 100 brands.

Harrison, 56, has tasted more than 100 million gallons of ice cream from around the world. Last year he received the Master Taster of the Year award from the American Tasting Institute.

He describes his tasting method as the "three-S technique" of "swirl, smack and spit" and passes on his expertise to up-and-coming taste

testers.

Edy's, he said, has six factories, with a main tester and a back-up tester at each one. He oversees them all and is the top taster. On visits, like

the one to Kroger, he also serves as a quality-control specialist.

"I'm tasting from each package," he said. "What I'm doing here is an extension of what I do in the lab. ... Last week I was in Texas. Next week I'll be

in Ohio. I travel around the whole country eight or nine months to make sure of the quality."

"Temperature abuse is the No. 1 issue," he said. "Once ice cream goes through a warming cycle and is refrozen, you lose the flavor."

Another faux faux he cited was "too many pecans in butter pecan. That could be as much of a problem as not enough."

Ice cream has to be at just the right temperature (zero to eight degrees) to properly taste-test it, Harrison said, as he stuck a small thermometer into a cup of ice cream. He then pulled a gold teaspoon from his shirt pocket, scooped out some ice cream and let it glide back and forth in the spoon.

"When it gets to this texture it is ready to taste," he said, adding that he can't use a plastic spoon because "it leaves a resin after-taste."

The "swirling" portion of the tasting, Harrison explained, "covers all 9,000 taste buds on the tongue." The "smacking" is smacking the lips so air hits

the sample, which should be smooth and creamy, so as to "bring it to the olfactory nerve." Then there's the spitting into a large barrel. Defects would include unnatural color, coarseness or icy texture, soggy, crumbly, or

gummy texture, or weak flavor.

The special Lions ice cream, packaged in the team's blue and silver colors, will be available at stores in the Detroit area, Harrison said the company comes out with 12-15 new

flavors a year and gets rid of a like amount each year. Last year Edy's had a Green Bay Packers Frozen Tundra Chip. It also briefly came out with a flavor for the Buffalo Bills, but Buffalo Chip ice cream just wasn't a keeper.

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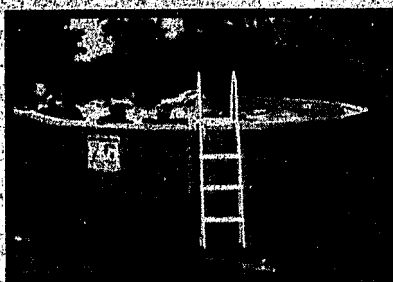
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BRAD KADRICH

If adversity teaches, Wolves will be wiser

If adversity is indeed a good teacher, the Clarkston Wolves could very well be a wise team by the time the girls' basketball season ends this fall.

The Wolves, who were state-ranked and favored in the Oakland Activities Association Division I race when the season started, have already suffered their share of bad karma, and the season is only two games old.

Two days before the season started, the Wolves were stunned by the news Lori Wild's family was moving out of the district. Wild was expected to be one half of a post tandem — with senior Corinne McIntyre — that would help the Wolves develop an inside-outside offensive attack.

That loss, more than anything, could affect Clarkston's play. The Wolves have struggled in the paint in the first two games, a 69-28 thumping of Lapeer West in the opener and a heart-breaking 55-53 loss to Oakland Christian in the opener of the Lady Wildcat Invitational at Oxford Tuesday.

"That first practice (after Wild's startling announcement) was like a funeral," said Clarkston coach Ann Lowney, who has declined to discuss the matter further, and rightfully so. "I wish Lori the best of luck. She's a great young lady. She has a new life ahead of her, and so do we."

That part is prophetically true. The Wolves must reload, and quickly, if they want to continue in their leader-of-the-pack mode through the OAA I season. Players come and go all of the time, and teams must adjust and adapt. Sort of like Marines.

The other piece of adversity which the Wolves failed to overcome Tuesday was the loss of several players to discipline problems. The players allegedly toilet-papered a house over the weekend and were suspended for at least one game. If the owner of the house presses charges, the players could miss up to 30 days. That's a pretty healthy chunk of the season.

Now, let me say this: if there was no damage other than some toilet paper on the house or in the trees, the owner of the house should probably try and find something more serious to worry about. Kids for generations have TP'd houses; it isn't fatal. If, however, more damage was done, then the kids have to pay the price.

Lowney said the incident points out the importance of decision-making, something Clarkston principal Brent Cooley is always stressing. Teenagers should be allowed to make mistakes, but they must learn the importance of making good decisions.

When they're clicking on all cylinders, as they surely will be eventually, Clarkston is going to be nearly impossible to beat. They've got a great scorer in senior Deana Kanipe, who Lowney says "is the best player I've ever coached in high school." Kanipe has an eagle-eye from outside, she can penetrate and she is adept at creating opportunities for her teammates.

With Wild gone to Utica, the pressure of the post falls squarely on the capable shoulders of senior Corinne McIntyre, who is a monstrous rebounder and defender. McIntyre, who hasn't scored much early, is going to have to shoulder some of the scoring load, but she has proven she is capable of that, and with her post meanness should be able to get to the free throw line frequently.

The other three starters will trigger this team, though. And no story is going to be better than the play of Lindsey Prudhomme. After an unsatisfying sophomore season, Prudhomme sat and talked with Lowney about areas in which she needed improvement. And instead of letting it go in one ear and out the other, or waiting to try to improve until practice started, Prudhomme spent the winter working on her game.

"She has really matured a lot," Lowney said. "This winter she worked on everything I asked her to do, and it's paying off. She's always had the ability. Now she's getting a chance to show it."

Candace Morgan and Rachel Uch-

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Wolves reload for run at crown



■ The Clarkston Wolves should still be considered the team to beat in the OAA I race because of the level of talent they have coming back.

Wolves drop shocking opener — B2

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

A year ago, the Clarkston Wolves came out of nowhere to finish 17-3 in the regular season, including 10-2 and a tie for the Oakland Activities Association Division I girls' basketball title.

This year, with a strong cast of characters returning and a year to learn under coach Ann Lowney's system, the Wolves aren't going to catch anyone by surprise.

Clarkston, which lost just two impact players and possesses one of the county's top players in senior guard Deana Kanipe, is shouldering the burden of being a state-ranked team and the favorite to win the league championship this season.

The Wolves suffered the loss of their best post player, junior center Lori Wild, but should still have enough in the rugged OAA I.

With or without Wild, whose family moved to Utica two days before Clarkston opened the season with a win over Lapeer West, the Wolves were going to go where Kanipe, a senior sharp-shooter, takes them.

Kanipe can shoot, she can penetrate and she can create offensive opportunities for others. She can hit from outside and, when teams present Clarkston with a man-to-man defense, Kanipe can post up.

"The key is she has to become a leader," said Lowney, in her second season at the Clarkston helm. "She can score 20-plus points, she can get assists. She's probably the best player I've coached in high school."

With Wild out of the picture, the post pressure falls squarely on the shoulders of senior Corinne McIntyre, a versatile athlete who also stars for the Clarkston baseball team.

McIntyre is a superb defender and can be a monstrous rebounder. This year she will also have to shoulder some of the scoring load.

"I need her to step up," Lowney said. "She needs to become more of a leader. She's a great athlete, and a very good defensive player. That's where she's at her best."

The best story of the year at Clarkston, however, could be the development of junior guard Lindsey Prudhomme. She suffered through an unsatisfying sophomore year, then worked hard all summer to make sure it didn't happen again.

She's very quick, a solid defender and has shown early in the season that she's willing to seek out, and hit, her own shots.

"Lindsey has really matured a lot," Lowney said. "This winter she worked on everything I asked her to do and it's paying off. She's always had the ability, and now she's getting the chance to show it off."

Third-year varsity player Candace Morgan, a junior, has the tools to be a good player in Lowney's system. She's an excellent athlete, a good defender and she has a good shot when she's willing to take it.

"She's been there, and now is when she has to take over," Lowney said. "Her defense and speed have improved immensely, and (offensively) she just has to believe in her shot. If she can hit it, it opens things up for Corinne and Deana inside."

Junior Rachel Uchman is the Wolves' defensive specialist, generally



STAFF PHOTO BY LAWRENCE R. MCKEE

Wolves wagging: Clarkston's Lindsey Prudhomme does her best Michael Jordan imitation on her way to the basket during the Wolves' 55-53 loss to Oakland Christian in Tuesday's Lady Wildcat Invitational.

assigned to stop the opposing team's best player.

She can find her own offense when she looks for it, but her primary responsibility is defense and rebounding.

"She needs to shut down the other team's best player, and she needs to rebound," Lowney said. "It takes her

some time (to get going), but when she does, she can really play."

After the starting five, Clarkston's bench is deep, but very young. The best of that bunch is probably freshman Kaye Christie, who could push for a starting spot by season's end.

Sophomore Sarah Morgan could be the player to benefit most from the

departure of Wild. Morgan has some of the same qualities, including an ability to draw the inside foul, if the Wolves can get her the ball.

It's depth Lowney will need if her Wolves are to hold off the other challengers in the Oakland Activities Association Division I race.

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Kickers booted by 15-second lapse in 2-1 loss

BY JEFF TREISEN
SPECIAL WRITER

In the world of soccer, 15 seconds is a minuscule amount of time, but it was an eternity of fortune for Brandon Tuesday.

That was all the time the Blackhawks needed to net two goals and record a 2-1 win at over the host Wolves at Clarkston.

The win raised the Blackhawks' record to 3-1-0, 1-0-0 in the OAA. The loss dropped the Wolves to 0-4-1.

This loss may have been tougher to take for the Wolves, who held the lead and played extremely well except for that 15-second letdown.

The Wolves drew first blood with

13:20 gone in the first half. The Wolves used nice moves and passes to work downfield. Mike Lenhardt was the lucky recipient of a nice pass, which he turned into a goal when he knocked it past Blackhawk netminder Aaron Johnson.

Both teams had excellent chances throughout the first half, but Wolves goalkeeper Dustin Coleman held the Blackhawks at bay and kept the score 1-0 by halftime.

"Dustin played well tonight," Wolves coach Dan Fitzgerald said. "You can't fault him for either of those goals."

The Blackhawks came out charged in the second half, perhaps playing for coach Bob Ocwieja, who was celebrating his birthday.

■ **'We lost the game in the first 25 minutes of the second half. We can't afford to give up many goals and continue to make mental mistakes.'**

Dan Fitzgerald
—Clarkston soccer coach

At 17:40 into the second half, Coleman made a great save, diving to stop a point-blank shot.

But just 35 seconds later, the Blackhawks broke through.

Phil Kimmel blasted a shot from 30 yards out into the upper right corner

of the goal to tie the game.

Before the Wolves knew what hit them, the Blackhawks were celebrating their second goal, from Dean Morales on a shot that hit the left post and careened into the right side of the netting.

"We lost the game in the first 25 minutes of the second half," Fitzgerald said. "We can't afford to give up many goals and continue to make mental mistakes."

The Wolves didn't quit, though, putting together several scoring chances down the stretch they just couldn't convert.

Clarkston plays today (Thursday) at Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

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man could be the springboards to success. Morgan and Uchman might be the team's best overall athletes, and they each have talents to contribute. Morgan has an excellent shot, when she decides to take it, and Uchman is a stifling defender, called on to stop opposing team's best players.

"(Uchman) shuts everyone down, and we need her to rebound," Lowney said. "(Morgan) has been there as a third-

year varsity player. Her defense and speed have improved immensely. She just has to believe in her shot. Now is the time when she has to take over."

The Wolves also have some future in their bench, which is deep but young. Sophomore Sarah Morgan has been impressive in spurts, and could be the biggest beneficiary of Wild's departure in terms of playing time. She can draw fouls with aggressive play in the post if the

Wolves can get her the ball. And freshman Kaye Christie could very well be in the starting lineup before the year is out.

The future, though, is now, even without Wild. Clarkston has the right blend of youth and experience, ability and potential, to make a strong run this year, especially as tenacious as they are on defense.

All they have to do is believe.

Wolves bit by late shots in stunning opening loss

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR

Oakland Christian's Becky Neal is the kind of player that must be guarded for all 32 minutes of a basketball game.

That's a lesson the Clarkston Wolves learned the hard way Tuesday night, and it cost them dearly in a 55-53 loss to the Lancers in the opening round of the Lady Wildcat Invitational at Oxford.

Neal scored five points in the final six seconds to help Oakland Christian erase a three-point Clarkston lead and advance to Thursday's 7 p.m. final against Lake Orion. The Dragons upended Oxford, 57-55 in overtime, in Tuesday's other first rounder.

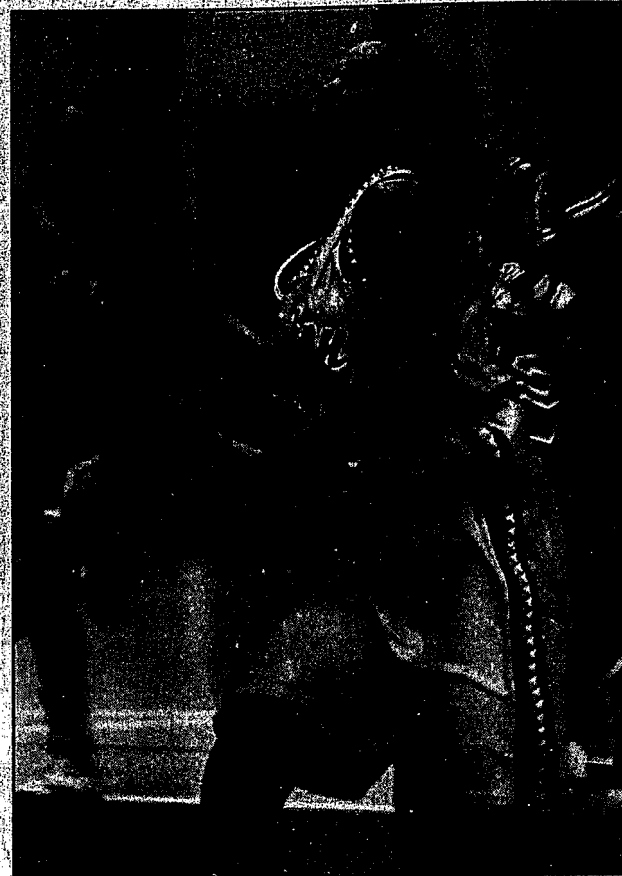
Clarkston fouled Neal, one of the state's best players, while she was trying a 3-point shot with six seconds left and Clarkston up 53-50. Neal hit all three free throws — although the third one touched every bit of the rim — and then stole Clarkston's inbounds pass and hit a leaping, 15-foot jumper at the buzzer to shock the Wolves.

"We let Becky Neal get the ball," Clarkston coach Ann Lowney said.

It wasn't the world's prettiest game. Clarkston was misfiring early, turning the ball over and falling behind 12-8 at one point. The closest the Wolves got the rest of that half was 25-22 on a Tovah Bazely jumper with 2:40 left in the half.

Clarkston battled back at the start of the third quarter and took its first lead with 2:27 left in the period on a shot by Candace Morgan. But Neal, who finished with 19 points, nailed a 3-pointer from the corner, sparking a 7-0 spurt that left the Lancers up 41-39 at the end of the quarter.

Neal then saved her best for the final eight minutes. She hit a jumper and two free throws to give Oakland Christian a 45-41 lead. Clarkston then went on a 6-0 spurt that Neal ended with a short jumper to tie it 47-47. The teams traded baskets until Morgan hit one with 2:03 left that put Clarkston up 51-50. Two free



STAFF PHOTO BY LAWRENCE H. MCKEE

On her way: Clarkston senior Deana Kanipe eyes the basket on a drive during the Wolves' 55-53 loss to Oakland Christian Tuesday in the first round of the Lady Wildcat Invitational.

throws from Lindsey Prudhomme with 17 seconds left in the game seemed to seal the win for Clarkston, but then Neal pulled off her heroics.

"It was a tough game, but Oakland Christian deserved to win," Lowney said. "They outplayed us for 30 minutes, and we outplayed them for maybe two."

Neal scored a game-high 19 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter. Candace Morgan led the Wolves with 13 points, while

Prudhomme and freshman Kaye Christie, who showed flashes of her potential, each scored 11.

"It was a good game for Kaye Christie," said Lowney, who is high on the youngster's ability. "It was a coming out party for her."

The Wolves play Oxford in the consolation game of the Lady Wildcat Invitational today (Thursday) at 5:30 p.m.

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Where before the season started Clarkston was considered the easy favorite, Lowney thinks the choice isn't so clear-cut any more.

"Everyone was saying we were head and shoulders above everyone else," said Lowney. "Now that we lost Lori, we've come back to everyone else."

Troy is a sleeper, according to

Lowney, especially after their win over highly-regarded Lapeer East last week.

Troy Athens is always a contender, and Lowney said Waterford Kettering could be good.

New in the division is West Bloomfield, which went unbeaten in OAA II play a year ago.

Lowney said the recipe for success is easy for Clarkston:

patience and protection.

"We've got to come out every day and take care of the basketball," she said. "We have to have the same intensity in our practices as we do in our games. If we don't learn to handle the pressure in practice, we aren't going to handle it when the game starts. When we come out and do that, we're successful."



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Schools mull football playoffs

With the current regional playoff system in effect for high school football, all three North Oakland County schools — Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford — missed the playoffs last season.

Under a plan for expanding the Michigan High School Athletic Association's football playoffs developed over the summer, Clarkston and Lake Orion would have made the playoffs with 6-3 records, and Oxford would have been on the bubble at 5-4.

The plan will be presented in detail to member schools for their approval this fall, with a final vote to be taken by the group's Representative Council at its fall meeting in Traverse City on Dec. 2.

Ideas for playoff expansion were initially reviewed in June by a focus group of coaches and administrators. A plan was further refined from that meeting, and then reviewed at the summer workshop of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators July 22; the board of

directors of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association on July 30; and at the summer meetings of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals Aug. 4.

Using input from those meetings, MHSAA staff will present at its annual Update Meeting series throughout October a plan which will include these features:

- n A five-week, 256-team playoff of eight divisions, each with an equal number of schools, still ending Thanksgiving weekend;
- n No teams with losing records would qualify;
- n All teams with six or more wins would qualify. Some teams with five wins may qualify on the basis of their playoff point average, with a nearly equal number of additional qualifiers being selected from Classes A, B, C and D;
- n A nearly equal percentage of schools sponsoring football, approximately 40 percent, would qualify from each of the four classes, up from 18 percent in

Class A, 17 percent in Class B, 19 percent in Class C, and 38 percent in Class D, when compared to 1997 qualifiers;

n The selection of the 256 teams, their classifications into eight divisions of 32 schools each and their assignment into regions and districts would all occur on "Selection Sunday" at the conclusion of the regular season. Playoff point averages, with no changes from the current point system, would be used to seed teams within their geographic districts and to determine district pairings and hosts.

The proposal would allow schools to schedule games and practices earlier in 1999. Expansion to the five-week playoff is scheduled to occur in 2000 under this proposal.

"I think it's awesome," Oxford football coach Bud Rowley said of the possible expansion. "The more teams you get in the playoffs, the more exciting it is for the kids, and the better it is for the fans. It's an awesome idea."

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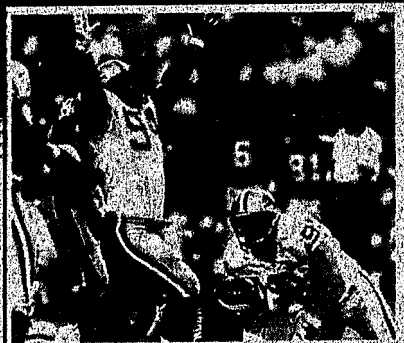
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SUPERNATURAL SATURDAY

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NORTH OAKLAND SOCCER OUTLOOK

Eccentric sportswriter Dan Stuchradt scouts the prep boys soccer races in the Oakland Activities Association Division I and Division II, the Flint Metro League, and the Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference.

OAKLAND ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION DIVISION I

Defending state Division I champion Troy Athens (17-4-4) gets the preseason nod on the strength of 15 returning letterwinners. Senior goalkeeper Mike Robinson is the state's best in that department, while sophomore forward Kevin Giroux, junior midfielder Chris Horger, junior fullback Ryan Humphreys and junior forward David Trimble are the Red Hawks' five returning starters that should keep Athens in the title hunt. Rochester Adams (14-5-2) will be the Red Hawks' toughest competitor despite losing 15 players to graduation. Senior goalkeeper Jason Daniels is a solid presence in the net, while four juniors — stopper Ben Walker, midfielder David Staninger, and forwards Ricky Strong and Craig Penn — make up a potent core in the field. Troy (13-4-3) was hard hit by graduation and lacks a top-notch goalkeeper, but the Colts always seem to be one of the state's best. Senior sweeper P.J. Stranahan, senior fullback/midfielder David DeHorn and senior fullback Josh Patton should keep Troy in the hunt. The most improved team in the division is Rochester (3-15-1) and Falcons could be a sleeper pick. Junior Steve Kammann and a trio of seniors — Martin Bak, Jon Diadato and Zach Daiek — form the league's top midfield, while freshman prospect Paul Omekanda gives Rochester a pure goal-scorer at forward. Birmingham Seaholm (14-5-2) tied Rochester Adams for the division title last year, but the Maples lost eight starters and 13 players to graduation, including Mr. Soccer Ryan Mack, so Seaholm could be facing a rebuilding year. Look for senior midfielders Jess Schueler and Keith Miller, plus senior forwards Eric Vidgar, Drew Starr, to hold the fort as the Maples reload. The newest member of Division I is Lake Orion (14-2-3), but the Dragons are in the same boat as Seaholm and may struggle this season. Senior midfielder Derek Elliott, senior goalkeeper Justin Richman, and senior fullbacks Kevin Magic and Nick Gonzales are Lake Orion's four returning starters that hope to give the Dragons a fighting chance.

ECCENTRIC PICK — 1. Troy Athens; 2. Rochester Adams; 3. (tie) Troy and Rochester; 5. (tie) Birmingham Seaholm and Lake Orion.

OAKLAND ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION DIVISION II

After winning the last two OAA Division III titles, Bloomfield Hills Lahser (13-2-2) moves up the chart but still remains a favorite. Senior Aaron

Byrd and junior Eric Lloyd form the league's top 1-2 punch at forward, while senior sweeper Tyler Mehl and junior goalkeeper Brandon Cassar will anchor the defense. Both Royal Oak Kimball (7-9-2) and West Bloomfield (5-14-1) drop down from Division I and should force a three-way race with Lahser. Kimball will be led by senior midfielder Alex Craft, one of the league's top players, and a large junior class. West Bloomfield will look to a foursome of four-year starters in sweeper John Wayman, stopper Brandon Baroni, midfielder Steve Kolb and forward Brian Davidson to bolster their chances. Clarkston (13-6-2) finished second in the division last year, but must replace six starters. Senior midfielder Tom Dews, senior sweeper Russ Parrott and junior forward Mike Renda are three keys for the Wolves. Ortonville-Brandon could be a sleeper pick if junior forward Phil Kimball and co. can force a couple of upsets. Berkley, however, is young and untested and will bring up the rear.

ECCENTRIC PICK — 1. Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 2. (tie) Royal Oak Kimball and West Bloomfield; 4. Clarkston; 5. Ortonville-Brandon; 6. Berkley.

FLINT METRO LEAGUE

Defending champion Lapeer West (20-2-0) is coming off its best season to date and the Panthers should be just as strong behind the return of nine starters. The Sanchez brothers — forward Anthony and sweeper Nicholas — will lead. Oxford (18-4-1) returns five starters and could provide West a serious challenge. Junior midfielder Kellen Kalso is one of the state's best players, while sophomore sweeper David Rayner, junior forward Andy Lyssiotis, senior stopper Jason Bowyer and junior forward John Strauss help form a formidable contingent. Linden (9-8-1) suffered a rebuilding campaign last year, but the Eagles have matured and are capable of posting an upset. Sophomore goalkeeper Scott Thomas, sophomore sweeper Nate James, sophomore stopper Jake Kirshman and junior midfielder Ricky Miricle are Linden's key returnees, and forward Dave Dolata could be one of the league's top freshmen. Holly (6-9-3) will look to the experience of junior midfielder Justin Deter, a national ODP pool player, and the return of 13 other players. Senior midfielder Matt Mansfield and senior sweeper Bill Vikers are two of the Bronchos' eight seniors. Fenton is a senior dominated team led by sweeper Nik Burt, and midfielders Sean Novak and Jason Lucas. Lapeer East is looking to move up a notch as sophomore forward T.J. Vourneya and 11 players return. Otisville-Lakeville lacks experience and the Falcons don't stand a chance to make a run in the FML.

ECCENTRIC PICK — 1. Lapeer West; 2. Oxford; 3. Linden; 4. Holly; 5. Fenton; 6.

Lapeer East; 7. Otisville-Lakeville.

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In the Red Division, perennial power Rochester Hills Christian (13-4-1) looks to be the class as eight starters return. Senior midfielders Tony Purdy and John Bronsing, sophomore sweeper Dan Mikel, and senior fullback Brent Bayliss give the Eagles a solid core. Clinton Township Faith Christian (15-4-2) won its first division title last year and should contend again this autumn as seven starters return. Junior forward David Ollila could be the league's best player, while senior forward Nathan Monroe, freshman midfielder Eric Ollila, junior sweeper Jeremy Barbow and junior goalkeeper David Scally help form a solid nucleus. Clarkston Springfield Christian (7-13-1) took third in their first season in the conference last fall and the Eagles would like nothing more than to post and upset and move up. Senior sweeper Tom Reese, junior midfielder Jon Vanaman, junior stopper Matt Christie and freshman sniper Knao Knapper should help Springfield make a run. Troy Bethany Christian (4-9-1) will look to senior sweeper Alex Wheeler, sophomore midfielder Paul Keen, senior stopper Josh Clifton and junior midfielder Ken Thompson as they look to improve in their second season in the conference. The Bruins were fourth a year ago. Senior sweeper John Dews returns for Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (4-9-1), but the Eagles are inexperienced overall and should struggle in the upper division.

In the Blue Division, defending champion Wixom Christian was hard hit by graduation, so senior midfielder Tom Apple will hope to keep the Warriors in the hunt. If Wixom falters, Oxford Christian (7-7-3) hopes to move into the pole position. Junior Chris Wentzel is the top goalkeeper in the league and senior sweeper Brent Ludwig, sophomore forward Nathan Best and sophomore midfielder Matt Wentzel are four key returning starters that hope to give the Warriors a chance. The league's other three teams — Sterling Heights Christian, Warren Antioch Baptist and Ypsilanti Faithway Baptist — all feature sophomore-junior teams and should not pose a threat to the division's front-runners.

ECCENTRIC PICK — Red Division: 1. Rochester Hills Christian; 2. Clinton Township Faith Christian; 3. Clarkston Springfield Christian; 4. Troy Bethany Christian; 5. Ypsilanti Calvary Christian; Blue Division: 1. Wixom Christian; 2. Oxford Christian; 3. Sterling Heights Christian; 4. Warren Antioch Baptist; 5. Ypsilanti Faithway Baptist; Tournament winner: Rochester Hills Christian.

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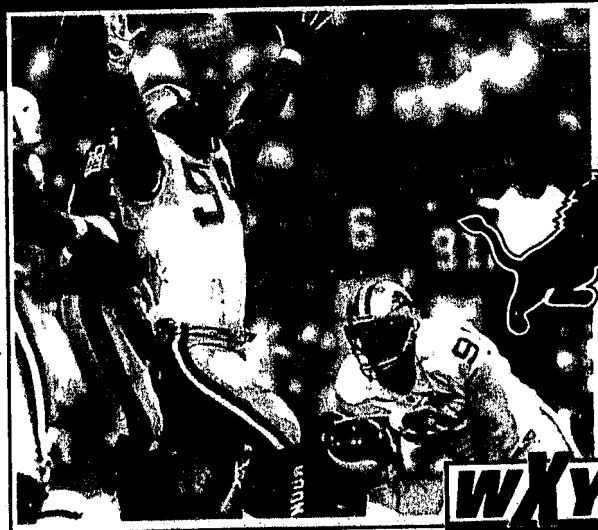
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Family Law firm in Birmingham is seeking a full time experienced Legal Secretary. Must be proficient in Word Perfect, Timeslips, and be able to communicate well with clients. Family law experience preferred. Please send resume and cover letter to: Jennifer S. Peterson, 31600 Telegraph, Suite 260, Birmingham, MI 48025

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RECEPTIONIST
Farmington Hills. Pleasant phone manners & front desk appearance are required. Ability to greet clients & perform clerical duties. Computer skills required. Excellent wage & benefits including 401K plan. Send resume to:
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For Farmington Hills outpatient physical therapy center. 40 hours per week. Call Karen 248-332-0770

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Full time & part time receptionist needed for Real Estate firm in Birmingham. Call Margie at: (248) 644-3500

RECEPTIONIST
Full time for small Southfield law office. Word Perfect 6.1 for windows necessary. MSWord and bookkeeping experience a plus. Fax resume with salary history to: (248) 352-7808

RECEPTIONIST
Full & part-time for Rochester Hills marketing firm. Answering phones, filing, data entry. Medical benefits & profit sharing. Call for interview: 248-289-9020

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Part-time position with benefits available immediately for individual with high school diploma, excellent organizational and communication skills, some experience with computer word processing and a desire to work with the elderly. Hechtman Apartments in West Bloomfield. Please call Jane or Andrea Mon-Fri, 9-5 (248) 661-5220

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Part-time, Tues & Thur. Some filing, light computer typing. Royal Oak firm. Great salary & support staff. Send resume: Stark & Gordon, 26862 Woodward, Suite 202, Royal Oak, MI 48067, Attn: Maggie

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Need someone who can answer 11 line phone system for a busy employment agency. Other job duties to include greeting visitors, receiving & sorting mail, some typing and various other clerical duties. Requirements include a good phone voice, professional appearance and good attendance record. Please fax or send resume to: TECHNICAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC. 391 Airport Industrial Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 Fax: 734-485-4219 Attn: Jodie Smith

501 Computer/Info. Systems

CUSTOMER SERVICE/ INSTALLATION SPECIALIST
A fast growing computer software company has an entry level position available as a customer support specialist. The successful candidate should possess excellent communication skills & personal computer experience. Associates degree is a plus. Training will be provided for the successful candidate. Out-of-state travel is required. Comprehensive benefit packages. Starting salary commensurate with experience. Fax or send resume to:
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Livonia, MI 48154
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HIGH SPEED DATA
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Employment

502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

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As a RECEPTIONIST this position is key in providing the first level of quality client service and a positive image on behalf of the Agency and, therefore, the entire Company. This position requires a working knowledge of word processing, spreadsheets, database applications, and utilization of a multi-line telephone system. High school graduation required. Please call (248) 358-8860, Ext. 901 and leave your name, daytime and evening telephone numbers and the best time to reach you. (EOE)

Receptionist wanted for busy automotive supplier. Must be able to handle multi-line phone system and high volume of calls. Will also handle mail for employees, maintain office supplies/equipment and make travel arrangements. Requires high school diploma and typing skills. Knowledge of Word and Excel a plus. Excellent benefit package. Please send resume and salary history to: Harada Industry of America, Inc. 22225 Venture Drive, Suite 200, Novi, MI 48240. Fax: 248-374-9100.

RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY: Phone: Microsoft - Windows helpful. Ann Arbor, Detroit, Farmington Hills, Livonia & Novi. 248-344-9510.

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RECEPTIONIST SECRETARY: Needed for fast paced office. Strong office & phone skills a must. Computer skills (Excel, Microsoft Word, necessary). Must be able to carry out duties independently. Fax resume to: 248-548-2124. Attn: Requel.

RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY: Afternoon & evenings. Part time. Must have M.P. & 6 months exp. Mail resume to: 633 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

All phases of office work. Experience required. Resume: PO Box 930306, Wixom, MI 48393.

SECRETARY

Experienced individual needed to join our Secretarial team. Microsoft Word and/or Excel proficiency required. Professional manner, good organizational skills a must. Full benefits. Send resume and salary requirements to: HR/Secretary, 29299 Franklin Rd., Southfield, MI 48034. Fax: 248-551-0000.

SECRETARY

For Farmington Hills attorney. Legal experience not required. Must be able to handle all office correspondence. Fax resume to: W. J. J. at: 248-855-9876.

SECRETARY

Full-time for Troy office. Must be able to work independently. Word Perfect & Excel necessary. Benefits. Fax resume to: 248-244-8884.

SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

Mature person to work part time at Garden City area funeral home. Some evenings & weekends included. Call for appointment. (734) 425-9200.

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The Rochester downtown development authority seeks an energetic, experienced individual for a 30 hr/wk part-time position with 1 week vacation. Requires: 1. Minimum knowledge of Word and Excel a plus. Excellent benefit package. Please send resume and salary history to: Harada Industry of America, Inc. 22225 Venture Drive, Suite 200, Novi, MI 48240. Fax: 248-374-9100.

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Novi company needs a telephone operator who will perform General Clerical duties. P.O. skills and Microsoft Excel experience a plus. Excellent fringe benefits. Equal Opportunity Employer. Call Judy at (248) 478-9700 or fax your resume to Judy at 248-478-1570.

Telephone Operators

Requirements: Type 35wpm, articulate, knowledgeable of Metro area, good speller and customer service skills. Some college preferred. Dependability a must. Day, swing and grave shifts available. Qualified candidates call: (734) 432-1995.

503 Engineering

CAD OPERATOR

needed; full time to generate manufacturing drawings for company in Wixom area. Wedges commensurate with experience. Benefit package. Fax/send resume to: P.O. Box 190, New Hudson, MI 48165. (248) 437-4722. EOE

Design Engineer

Design Engineer wanted to create/review all engineering specifications, drawings, and related documents. Will conduct value engineering analysis & design review. Interfaces with internal departments and production facilities. EE or ME and 3-5 years engineering experience required. Please send resume to: Box #1044, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.

MANUFACTURING ENGINEER

Fast paced opening in the field of Electro-Mechanical products is currently searching for a Manufacturing Engineer. Applicant must have a strong electronics background and a minimum of 2 years experience as a manufacturing engineer or electronic technician. Must have the ability to analyze and troubleshoot technical production related issues. Data Acquisition experience a plus. Excellent benefits and salary commensurate with experience. Please send resume and cover letter with salary history to (absolutely no phone calls please): Numatech, Inc. 28900 Beck Rd., Wixom, MI 48393. Attn: Betty Bruen Fax: (248) 860-2165

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

Immediate opening. Customer service engineer for major national manufacturer of steel construction products. Established, growth oriented company. Excellent benefits. Fax resume to: Engineer 315-846-7128

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

The Charter Township of West Bloomfield is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Township Engineering Director. Under the direction of the Township Supervisor the person will be responsible for examining new sites and subdivision development plans, soil erosion measurement, grading, the installation & inspection of all underground utility systems, providing engineering designs & surveying services to other Township departments & engineering activities for sewer & water special assessment districts. Qualifications are possession of a Bachelor's Degree or its equivalent in Civil Engineering related field and be a registered professional engineer in the State of Michigan. MBA highly desirable with prior public contact, strong communication and interpersonal skills. Knowledge of GIS, UNIX & AutoCAD computer programs are desirable with a minimum of 5 years of experience in Civil Engineering or equivalent. Starting salary: \$48,800-\$67,199 depending upon experience & qualifications. Send resumes to: Ms. Gale LaFord, Personnel Dept., West Bloomfield Township, P.O. Box 250130, West Bloomfield MI 48325 until September 25, 1998. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

504 Help Wanted-Dental

CLINICAL/RECALL ASSISTANT

Mature, team worker w/ minimum 2 yrs. experience. Mon. & Tues. 12-5 P.M. 10-4, some Sat. 8-2. (734) 425-7010

DENTAL AIDE

Full time. Very important position in our office. Job responsibilities include sterilization of treatment rooms, instruments, & stocking of items. Southfield dental office. Call Marie: 248-352-7722

Dental Assistants & Hygienists: Receptionists being recruited for various Wayne & Oakland county offices. Call: Performance Plus 810-556-7687.

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Full time, experienced dental assistant for Bloomfield Hills practice. Excellent benefits. Please call at: (248) 642-5669

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Fast paced, experienced dental assistant. Multiple locations. Career minded, energetic, organized, multi-task oriented individuals. Benefits package. Some late nights & Sat. Fax resume: 313-553-9777

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Full time for Southfield office. 1 yr. experience. Call: 248-431-5110

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Part-time, experienced dental assistant. Call for details. 248-643-7530

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Experience necessary. 4 days/week for small, friendly office in Union Lake. (248) 363-7177

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Full-time. Prefer experience or certification. Large crown & bridge practice in Southfield. Call Marie: 248-562-7222

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Join our patient, caring, employee appreciated staff. Experience necessary. No evenings or Saturdays. Northville. Please call: 248-348-7997.

DENTAL ASSISTANT

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Troy Dental office seeking energetic part time office help. Experience preferred. 248-641-9490

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Livonia office: Mon & Sat. Dearborn office: Mon, Wed & Sat. Excellent pay. 734-425-1610

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Play an integral part in the success of our practice. Join our prevention oriented team. Part-time. No evenings. Under the direction of the Town Ship Supervisor the person will be responsible for examining new sites and subdivision development plans, soil erosion measurement, grading, the installation & inspection of all underground utility systems, providing engineering designs & surveying services to other Township departments & engineering activities for sewer & water special assessment districts. Qualifications are possession of a Bachelor's Degree or its equivalent in Civil Engineering related field and be a registered professional engineer in the State of Michigan. MBA highly desirable with prior public contact, strong communication and interpersonal skills. Knowledge of GIS, UNIX & AutoCAD computer programs are desirable with a minimum of 5 years of experience in Civil Engineering or equivalent. Starting salary: \$48,800-\$67,199 depending upon experience & qualifications. Send resumes to: Ms. Gale LaFord, Personnel Dept., West Bloomfield Township, P.O. Box 250130, West Bloomfield MI 48325 until September 25, 1998. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

DENTAL PATIENT COORDINATOR/RECEPTIONIST

Pro-active Novi office. Hry rate \$10/hr or greater based on experience. Benefits: medical, 401k, pension, vacation & incentives. Carol: 248-471-0345

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Experienced. Must have computer, Wordperfect & dental knowledge. Full/Part-time w/benefits. Farmington Hills office. Ask for Karen: 248-851-1034

DENTAL TECHNICIAN

Experienced crown & bridge metal finisher. Caruso Dental Lab. Ask for Tom: (734) 425-9700

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Experienced ceramist needed for well established crown & bridge/implant lab. Contact Tom at Caruso Dental Lab: 734-425-9700

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Fast paced expanding practice. Experience required. Multiple locations. Career minded, energetic, organized, multi-task oriented individuals. Benefits package. Some late nights & Sat. Fax resume: 313-553-9777

INSURANCE BILLER

Bloomfield Hills office is seeking Medical/Dental Biller, 20 to 36 hrs per wk. Experienced. 248-647-0699

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DUE TO our tremendous growth this large group multi-specialty practice seeks to fill the following positions with only experienced dental professionals:

- Practice Managers \$35-\$45,000
- Director of Marketing \$40-\$50,000
- Dental Assistants \$13 to \$17/hr.

Full and part-time. Top wages & benefits and an unparalleled working environment. Please call Brad at: (248) 681-8100 for prompt consideration.

506 Help Wanted-Medical

CLINICAL DIRECTOR

Play a key role in a busy private duty home health care agency. Responsibilities include supervision of clinical staff, training, case management, program development. Must be RN with home care and supervisory experience. To apply contact: Administrator, United Home Care Services, 15712 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST & ASSISTANT

Experienced for periodontal practice. Full time. Call: 248-359-2220

Evergreen Health & Living Center is currently looking for full-time Receptionist. 8am-4:30pm Mon-Fri. Applicant must be friendly and work well with others. Please apply in person at 16933 W. 13 Mile, Southfield (corner of 13 Mile & Evergreen). (248) 203-9000

GENERAL OFFICE & RECEPTIONIST

Part time. Computer skills helpful. Southfield location. (248) 559-4232

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Part-time. PM shift. Medical/mechanical experience preferred. Training provided. Bruce Tormann: 734-525-0780

HME BILLER

Medicaid-Home Medical has immediate full time position available for an experienced HME Billing Representative, with knowledge of HCPC & ICD-9 coding. Billing Medicaid, Medicare, BCBS and other 3rd party insurances. Excellent wages and benefits, including 401K. Call (734) 572-0203 or send resume to: Laura, 4811 Carpenter Rd. Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

LPN GOOD \$\$ WEEKEND DAYS

Grand Court-Farmington Hills Call Sue 248-476-7473, x 27

MANAGER FOR HIGH-TECH SERVICES

Full-time vacancy for strong clinical program leader. Responsibilities include: direct supervision to staff in service delivery for case management activities, nursing practice & quality assurance. Ideal applicant is a licensed RN with 1 yr. of certified home care experience & 1-3 yrs. related clinical experience. BS/MSN & CNS/INS preferred. Prior supervisory role a plus. Fax/resume to: Visiting Nurse Association of SE Michigan, 25900 Greenfield Rd. # 600, Oak Park, MI 48237 248-867-8736 Fax: 248-867-8132 Attn: E. Wood

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- RN/LPN Charge Nurses
- RN Primary Care Nurse

Must be "train the trainer" capable. 1 yr. long term care experience. Call Cleo (248) 437-2048

MEDICAL BILLER/RECEPTION

Ophthalmology practice. Full time. Experience necessary. Southfield location. Send resume to: Box #1211, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Full-time experience a must. Great internal medicine office. Great salary & benefits. Fax resume Attn Joann 248-362-2216 248-362-2770

MEDICAL BILLER

Oncology experience. (248) 628-6111

506 Help Wanted-Medical

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Part-time. Experience necessary. Self-motivated, multi-tasked individual for small office in Bloomfield Hills. Approximately 25 hrs/wk. Mon-Thurs. Fax resume: (248) 844-8840. (248) 737-7945 Attn: Mary

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Full-time. Busy family practice. Must know EKG, injection & BP. Great benefits. Farmington Hills 248-476-2420

MEDICAL BILLER

For Southfield chiropractic office. \$10.79/hr. Full or part-time. Fax resume: 248-541-1071

MEDICAL BILLER

Full-time with benefits. Experienced in electronic billing for Hospice & Home Care Agency. Must be computer literate & detail oriented. Please send resume to: Arbor Hospice, Attn: Human Resources, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48106. EOE.

MEDICAL BILLER

Full-time. 20-25 hrs/wk for busy podiatric medical practice, 13 Mile & Southfield area. Experience a must. Great pay & benefits. Great people to work with. Fax resume to: Sandy 248-682-0929

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Work own hours! Full/part time. excellent \$\$\$! Full training. PC required. Call 7 days. 1-800-650-8860, ext. 444

MEDICAL BILLING ANALYST

Immediate full time position opening with large medical laboratory. Previous experience in medical billing, data entry, computer skills & customer service required. Competitive wage & benefit package offered. Please send resume to: Cindy Caron, Billing Manager, 22255 Grandview Rd., Southfield, MI 48075

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Hospital based radiology group seeks an experienced ICD-9 coder. Competitive salary w/excellent fringe benefits. Reply to: SRA, 15901 W. 9 Mile, Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48075

MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER

Southfield location. Competitive salary & benefits. No weekends. Computer skills essential. Supervisory experience preferred. Fax resume to: 248-356-0138

MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER

With billing experience for general surgery office. (248) 258-1605

MEDICAL OFFICE POSITIONS

Physician office practices located in Troy, Southfield, Novi, Dearborn & the surrounding area currently have the following full and part time positions available:

- MEDICAL ASSISTANT - Must have 6-12 months of medical assistant experience, preferably in an outpatient setting.
- RECEPTIONIST - Must have 6-12 months experience in an insurance, medical or billing area.

We offer candidates the opportunity to work within the primary care services division of the Detroit Medical Center with a competitive salary and benefit package. Please indicate location and full or part time preference when applying for these positions. To be considered, fax resume to: (734) 523-6789 or contact Anne at (734) 523-6963

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

Responsible, experienced, dependable Medical Receptionist needed to fill a position immediately for growing practice in neurology. Full time with benefits. Mon-Fri, occasional overtime. Please send resume to: Alime, 22250 Providence Drive, Suite 602, Southfield, MI 48075.

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

2 years experience. Full-time. Oak Park. Call 248-548-9100 or fax 248-548-4848

MEDICAL/RECEPTIONIST

For busy ophthalmology office in Southfield. Appointments, MBS and insurance knowledge helpful. 248-559-3937

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

Ophthalmic practice. Experience preferred. Send resume to: 6000 Orchard Lake Rd., Suite 307, W. Bloomfield, 48322 or fax: 248-855-2639

MEDICAL RECEPTIONISTS

Full time openings available in Plymouth, Canton & Livonia offices. Experience preferred. Fax resume to: 734-453-8721

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

Experienced. Busy MD specialists, full or part time. Excellent benefits. Mail resume to: P.O. Box 828, Birmingham, MI 48012-0828

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

For Westland office. Must be able to work well in fast paced environment. Accurate typing skills, extensive medical insurance background & ability to work with public a must. Send resume to: P.O. Box 85097, Westland, MI 48185 or FAX: 734 525-0514

Medical Transcriptionist

Experienced. Full-time for busy internal medicine office in Troy. Fax resume to: (248) 362-2216 Attention: Melodie

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TRANSCRIPTIONIST

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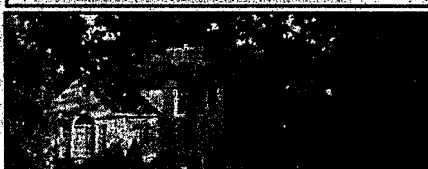
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- Custom brick Colonial w/1st floor master
- White kitchen with premium appliances, dining room
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- Beautiful landscaping with attractive pool area

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TROY - UNCOMPROMISING ELEGANCE

- Spectacular "Award Winning" Design beautifully styled with elegance, stunning & dramatic foyer
- Elegant 1st floor master suite + 3 upstairs bedrooms
- Gourmet kitchen w/special features opens to living room.

\$880,000 (248) 641-1660 FO241



BLOOMFIELD - MAGNIFICENT CONDO

- Nothing but top quality inside & out for this home
- Warm colors, hand painted tiles, custom cabinets, marble & fireplace will welcome you in
- Professionally landscaped grounds w/2 decks

\$648,876 (248) 851-4400 P1558



ROYAL OAK - UPDATES THROUGHOUT

- New neutral carpeting and windows, updated kitchen with new appliances, cabinets and flooring plus more!
- Three bedroom ranch also offers finished bonus room
- Partially finished basement, Fenced yard with deck

\$139,777 (248) 641-1660 EN140



TROY - A RARE FIND IN OAK RIVER EAST

- 1st Floor master suite w/2nd suite upstairs
- 4 bedrooms total w/3.5 baths, custom oak kitchen
- 2 story great room w/marble surround fireplace, bridge overlooking great room & foyer, cedar deck

\$549,000 Ask For: Colleen Hood (248) 646-4024 SU187



OAKLAND TWP. - SPECTACULAR SITE!

- 7.4 wooded rolling acres in the heart of Paint Creek Valley - minutes from downtown Rochester
- Wonderful, spacious ranch with walk-out plus opportunity to build your dream home

\$659,900 (248) 641-1660 OR375



TROY - STONERIDGE

- This brick Colonial boasts a superb location in sub
- Lots of space with firelit family room and library
- Florida room, finished basement, 1st floor laundry
- 2 car attached garage, Gorgeous wooded lot

\$219,000 (248) 641-1660 HI229



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - IMPRESSIVE QUALITY

- Very sharp 4 bedroom 1987 Tudor w/3 car garage, hardwood floors, ceramic tile
- Library, family room, bar, deck, great price & more!

\$339,000 (248) 851-4400 SH168



BIRMINGHAM CHARMER

- WOW! Newer 3 bedroom Colonial, 2 1/2 baths, full basement
- Maintenance free exterior, wood deck, 2 car garage
- Wonderful floor plan offers living room and family room
- Private & quiet court setting close to Elton Park

\$220,000 (248) 641-1660 HA166



TROY - EYE CATCHING APPEAL

- Sharp 4 bedroom Colonial on Troy's west side
- Newer carpeting, roof & some appliances
- Finished basement, ready to move into

\$299,000 Ask For: Jyoti Gupta 647-6882 VA233



ROCHESTER - NEAR STONEY CREEK PARK

- This is not your average Colonial! Wood floors in entry & kitchen, neutral carpeting, vaulted ceilings
- Fabulous master w/jetted tub & electric fireplace
- New deck, seasonal landscaping. Just built in 1997!

\$279,900 Ask For: Anna Peary (248) 656-4400 FO101



TROY - OUTSTANDING FLOOR PLAN

- Court location offers this Colonial complete privacy
- Large rooms nd great floor plan lend spaciousness
- Crisp, clean, neutral decor, newer Andersen windows & doorwall. Finished basement, large yard and deck

\$339,900 (248) 641-1660 BE433



TROY - SOPHISTICATION & LUXURY

- Superb design w/architectural flair
- glorious decor & artistic details abound
- Luxurious Eurostyle marble master bath
- Wonderful privacy amidst lush nature retreat

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



ROCHESTER HILLS

- Outstanding amenities & upgrades include Andersen doorwall & large bedrooms w/walk-in closets
- Walking distance to school, gorgeous treed lot
- Immediately available! Home warranty!

\$245,000 Betty Hoffman Dowhan (248) 651-8850



WEST BLOOMFIELD

- Tranquil neighborhood & contemporary style make this a great house w/light & airy open floor plan
- Library/loft on upper level, 1st floor master suite
- All neutral colors, cathedral ceilings, great schools

\$244,900 (248) 851-4400 NO617



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - WELL LOCATED

- Mature landscaping & lake privileges
- Sprawling 4 bedroom ranch w/fireplace, large family room, breakfast room plus formal dining room
- Over 2,100 sq. ft., security system

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



BERKLEY - NEW BUILD

- This brand new brick ranch shows quality throughout
- Spacious & well designed w/cathedral ceilings
- Relax in the large family room or entertain in formal dining room. Four large bedrooms, 3 full baths!

\$239,900 (248) 547-2000 TA146



REMARKABLE TROY RANCH

- Tastefully decorated in neutral colors throughout
- Wood windows, ceramic tile, many hardwood floors
- Large fire lit great room, 941 sq. ft. finished basement
- Doorwall off kitchen to deck & inground pool

\$234,900 (248) 646-6000 NI604



BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS

- Over one wooded acre surrounds this quality ranch
- Star potential w/2 fireplaces & hardwood floors under neutral carpet. Lots of built-ins throughout
- Full basement. All appliances included. Great value!

\$224,900 Ask For: Maud Granzow (248) 646-3091 BE225



ROCHESTER HILLS

- Charming Classic pillared Colonial in University Hills
- Hardwood floors in each of 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths
- Many updates, finished basement, cozy fireplace
- 2 car attached garage. Membership to swim club

\$209,900 (248) 641-1660 SF748



ROCHESTER HILLS - PRIVACY!

- Magnificent 3 bedroom Tudor provides privacy
- Built in 1995, large great room w/cathedral ceiling & marble surround fireplace, formal dining room
- Large master w/full bath. Attached two car garage

\$259,900 (248) 641-1660 TH104



CLARKSTON CONDO

- Beautiful views of hills & trees from the oversized deck of this gorgeous brick & cedar end unit condo
- Finished walk-out lower level w/family room & more
- Some hardwood floors, fireplace in living room

\$179,900 (248) 626-9100 RI652



ROCHESTER HILLS CONDO

- Rare find 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo w/beautiful views of mature trees & lovely commons area
- Fireplace in great room, eat-in kitchen, dining room
- Lots of closets. Walk-out lower level & large deck

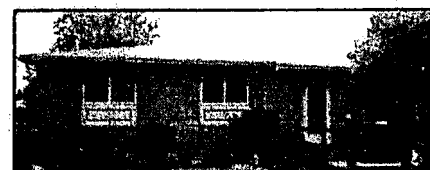
\$163,900 Ask For: Cecelia Brown (248) 656-4401 PL502



WEST BLOOMFIELD - NEXT TO NEW

- This sparkling 3 bedroom Colonial situated on a wooded lot has beach privileges on Cass Lake!
- Finished lower level. Immediate occupancy
- A real winner! West Bloomfield schools.

\$163,000 (248) 851-4400 GR475



TROY - UNBELIEVABLE

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

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



WATERFORD - PLEASANT LAKE PRIVILEGES

- Very nice three bedroom ranch w/great room
- Fireplace, kitchen features newer oak cabinets
- Master bedroom has access to large, full bath
- Full basement, attached garage. Lake privileges

\$152,900 (248) 646-6000 PL100



FARMINGTON HILLS

- Completely updated Farmington Hills Bungalow
- Freshly painted inside & out w/many updates
- Three bedrooms, family room, first floor laundry
- A true gem w/almost 1,500 sq. ft. on large lot

\$144,900 (248) 626-9100 HA236



SOUTHFIELD - PRIVATE CONDO

- As spacious as a home w/less maintenance!
- Enjoy serenely from the secluded patio, relish the beautiful white brick fireplace & updated kitchen
- Walk to heated pool, clubhouse. Two car carport

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



FARMINGTON HILLS

- This neat & clean home is perfect for starter
- Neutral paint, new furnace, central air & roof
- Some new flooring, updated kitchen, jetted bath tub
- 2.5 car garage, screened porch on treed double lot

\$123,000 (248) 851-4400 SP232



PLEASANT RIDGE

- Outstanding brick Tudor with stunning slate foyer
- Crown moldings, hardwood floors, leaded glass windows, tile fireplace, skylights, premium appliances
- Bonus room, finished rec room, 3 car garage

\$392,000 Ask For: Edwina Luckett 591-2006 OA43



BIRMINGHAM - SITS ON 1/2 ACRE

- Contemporary Colonial nestled in wooded ravine
- Indoor swimming pool, updated kitchen & bath
- Master suite w/fireplace & Jacuzzi, fire lit living room
- Sellers will consider offers between

\$344,900 (248) 547-2000 PO246



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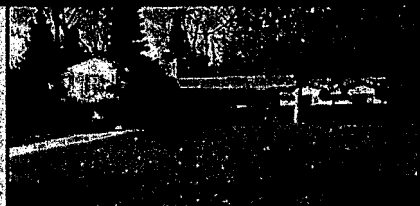
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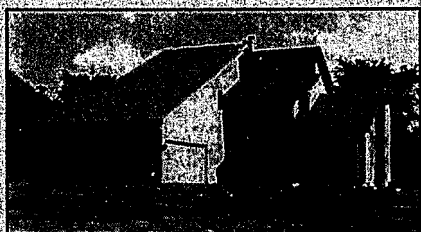
TROY 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial offers a master suite on first floor. Hardwood floors and high ceilings. Corner lot. Extra wide driveway. Many upgrades and Troy Schools. \$274,900 (25PAL) (248) 524-1600



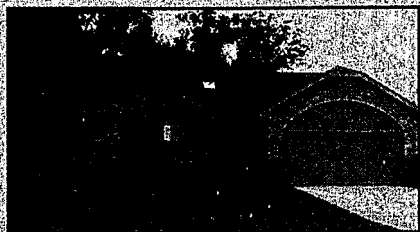
AFFORDABLE LAKEFRONT. Just move in this gorgeous 2 story contemporary on Mandon Lake (all sports) 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, finished walk-out basement, 2 car garage, 2700 sq. ft., 80 ft. on water. \$249,900 (43MAN) 363-1200



BLOOMFIELD. 4 bedroom Quad w/over 2800 sq. ft. on 1+ acre. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, 2 fireplaces and much more! \$344,000 (30MAL) (248) 642-8100



CLARKSTON 3 bedroom California or Arizona Style Contemporary home with 2 full baths. Great room with cathedral ceiling. Loft library overlooking Great room. Large floor to ceiling windows. 1.75 acres. Much More! \$245,500 (46RID) (248) 524-1600



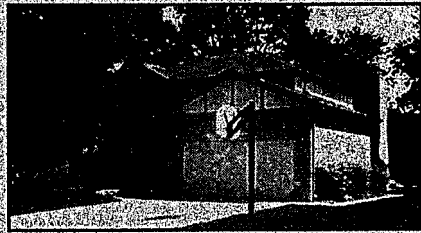
WELL DESIGNED RANCH. Lovely wood & brick home with inviting floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, skylights, wood windows, vaulted ceilings, oak kitchen, huge basement. Master suite, large lot. \$172,500 (750XB) 363-1200



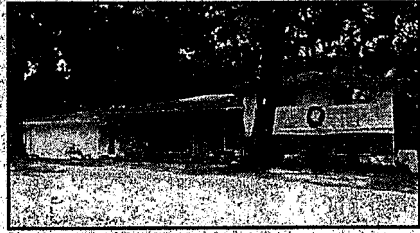
FARMINGTON HILLS. Like new in Northern Farmington Hills. Updates since '94: custom kitchen including appliances, windows & doorwalls, furnace & central air, carpeting, decor, landscaping. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Great neighborhood. \$199,900 (28GLE) (248) 626-8800



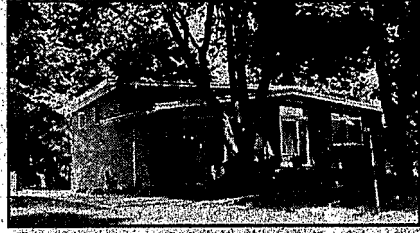
LAKEFRONT CONTEMPORARY! 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, full walk-out basement on cul-de-sac. Open floor plan, circular staircase w/bridge overlooking living room & lake, 2nd bedroom w/private bath, 3 car side entry garage. \$799,000 (46VAL) (248) 626-8800



TROY 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths. Better than New! Open floor plan. Professionally finished basement. Large scenic lot. \$209,900 (75DEL) (248) 524-1600



WHITE LAKE 4 bedroom winner. The awards go to this house for having it all! Walk-out family room to Florida room - hardwood floors in living room, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car attached garage. Call \$172,000 (00CAS) 363-1200



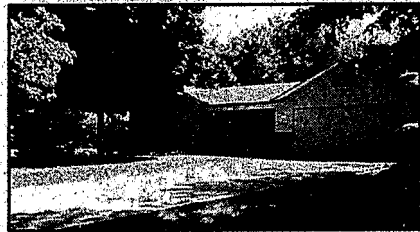
SHOWS WELL! 3 spacious bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1 lav, master bedroom w/full bath, living room, family room, dining room, roomy kitchen, breakfast nook, hardwood floors, cathedral ceiling, full finished waterproofed basement, 2 car attached garage, backyard w/Jacuzzi. \$215,000 (18WIL) (248) 626-8800



BLOOMFIELD HILLS. 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath detached Condo w/neutral decor. Great room, family room, first floor master, partially finished basement, great location. \$475,000 (24SUD) (248) 524-1600



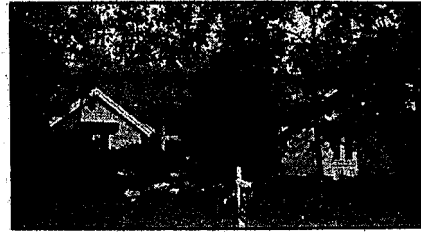
TROY 4 bedroom, 2 full bath Colonial loaded with updates. New paint & carpet thru-out. Alarm system, neutral decor, central air. Beautiful deck overlooking lot backing to woods. \$199,000 (28LAK) (248) 524-1600



EASY-LIVING RANCH. Beach & boat privileges on all-sports Duck Lake. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Open kitchen. Natural brick fireplace in family room. Fenced backyard. \$169,900 (10MAP) 363-1200



ROLLING OAKS BEST! Custom built Ranch located in one of the best lots in the area. Complete privacy backs up to a park. 4 spacious bedrooms. Over \$100K in upgrades. 1st floor laundry, finished walk-out lower level w/family room/rec room, library, bedroom w/full bath. \$339,900 (30WES) (248) 626-8800



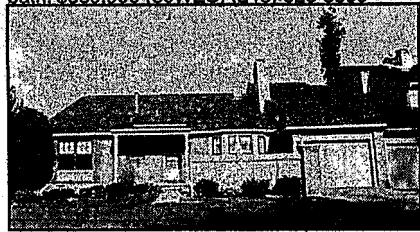
WEST BLOOMFIELD. 3000 sq. ft., 2 story Contemporary w/1st floor master bedroom suite. Great room and library w/9' ceilings, white formica kitchen w/island, childrens bedrooms w/walk-in closet. Fabulously landscaped! \$329,900 (02MIS) (248) 642-8100



ABSOLUTELY MUST SEE! 4 bedroom, 3 full bath Quad-level located in Sterling Heights on a premium lot. Many builder upgrades. Beautiful landscaping. 2 car attached garage. \$208,000 (06WRI) (248) 524-1600



LAKEFRONT-LAKEFRONT. West Bloomfield Lakefront Colonial with finished walk-out basement. White kitchen, hardwood floors & high ceilings on 1st floor. Large living room with fireplace, master suite w/separate shower & whirlpool tub, 1st floor laundry. Neutral carpet. \$379,900 (30LEY) 642-8100



GORGEOUS CONDO featuring exceptional quality throughout. Vaulted ceilings bordered by crown moldings, recently remodeled kitchen & marbled framed fireplace. Finished lower level includes family room, large bedroom plus lots of storage. \$185,000 (70NOT) (248) 626-8800



WEST BLOOMFIELD. Ideal detached Ranch Condo w/2 bedrooms and library on prime site. Enjoy large private yard from partially covered deck. Immaculate and charming! Lite & bright! Cathedral ceilings, dream kitchen, master bedroom suite, security system. Pride of owners! \$273,900 (60OYS) (248) 642-8100



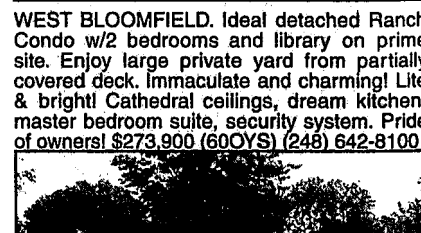
TROY 5 bedroom, 2 full bath Cape Cod with central air, Troy Schools. Home Warranty provided. Needs some TLC. \$155,000 (14BUT) (248) 524-1600



TOTALLY RENOVATED Ranch on .60 acre with finished walk-out. This home has everything new and offers 2 fireplaces, open floor plan, great views and hardwood floors. \$375,000 (45FRA) (248) 642-8100



NORTHERN FARMINGTON HILLS. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, exposed hardwood floors, cathedral ceiling in living room, large family room, walk to all schools. \$190,000 (28BAN) (248) 626-8800



TROY. Brick Ranch in Troy has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining room, family room, rec room in basement, large yard (.4 acres), neutral carpet and hardwood floors. Birmingham Schools. \$229,900 (66AVO) 642-8100



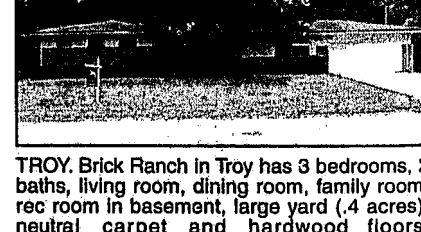
TROY 3 bedroom, 2 full bath Ranch home built in '93. Huge Great room with two doorwalls. First floor laundry. Full basement. Ceramic entry. 2 1/2 car garage. \$239,000 (71CHI) (248) 524-1600



TROY. Dramatic 2-story foyer and great room lead you into this stunning former model home. Luxurious master bedroom suite w/high ceilings & large whirlpool tub. Doorwall off breakfast area leads to 38x12 deck. Finished lower level walk-out w/wet bar. \$349,900 (60NOR) (248) 642-8100



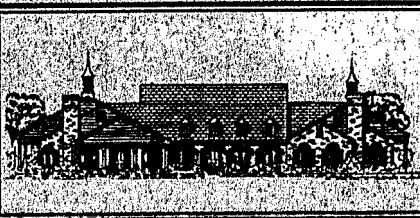
STYLE & CLASS! 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, living room w/fireplace, library w/recessed lights, 1st floor laundry, large kitchen, dining w/doorwall to tiered deck, large master & bath, all bedrooms w/full wall closets, 2 car attached garage, walk-out basement. Appliances. \$259,900 (62WOO) (248) 626-8800



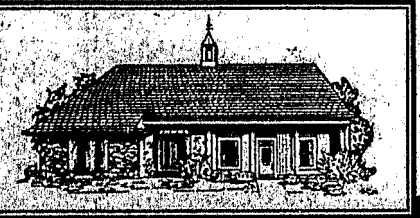
TROY. Brick Ranch in Troy has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining room, family room, rec room in basement, large yard (.4 acres), neutral carpet and hardwood floors. Birmingham Schools. \$229,900 (66AVO) 642-8100



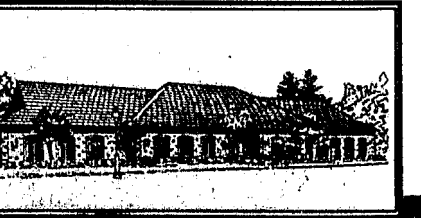
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LARGE 5 BEDROOMS, 3 full baths, hardwood floors, newer kitchen w/Corian counters, tile floor, 1.36 acres, large deck, 2nd guest or in-law suite, basement, home warranty. \$444,500. (21BUR) (248) 642-8100



GRAND VIEW OF WEST RIVER. Covered boat hoist, 90' seawall, deep canal. Updated ranch, all brick, new roof, siding & windows. Air conditioning, fireplace, brick pavers, hardwood floor in living room, dining room & hall. \$450,000 (08BAR) 363-1200

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NATURE LOVERS! Over 3 acre wooded site is the setting for this 4 bedroom. Huge great room with fireplace, family room walk-out lower level. New roof & septic, newer furnace, air conditioning, deck & more! 3+ car garage, circular drive. \$369,900 (42GRO) (248) 626-8800



SPACIOUS 4 bedroom Colonial backs to commons. Ex-large master suite w/dressing room & walk-in closet. Basement even under family room, all rooms are large, great area. Immediate Occupancy. \$219,900 (24WEA) (248) 626-8800



LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! The perfect private area of 8 Cluster Homes, built in 1995. 3 large bedrooms, full basement & attached garage, fenced lot. Immediate Occupancy. \$147,900 (73PER) (248) 626-8800



STately 4 BEDROOM TUDOR in move-in condition. Freshly painted exterior. Ceramic tile floors, crown molding, family room w/wet bar, fireplace, open floor plan, tastefully decorated in neutral colors. Multi-level deck. Beautifully landscaped private yard. Home Warranty. \$249,900 (33ROS) (248) 652-8000



CUL-DE-SAC 3 car garage, master with 2 walk-in closets plus bonus room, see thru fireplace in kitchen/family room. Basement has garden level windows, plumbed for bath. \$399,000 (30ROS) (248) 652-8000



RANCH with walk-out with separate in-law suite. Double lot, two car garage. Living room with fireplace. Zoning is two family, 2 full baths in lower level. Large deck in back of home. \$209,900 (39ALI) (248) 652-8000



MAGNIFICENT HOME in Hills of Oakland. Island kitchen + butler's pantry. Living room & dining room - both w/bay windows. 1st floor library, decorated w/wood trim throughout, 4 fireplaces, master bath w/Jacuzzi and separate shower. Finished walk-out, inground pool. \$724,900 (81WEL) (248) 652-8000



BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD with first floor master, also a walk-out. Great view of woods adjacent to Clinton River from your private deck. Huge mirror over fireplace. Prime lot. All the bells and whistles. Really sharp. Move-in condition. \$287,500 (10RIV) (248) 652-8000



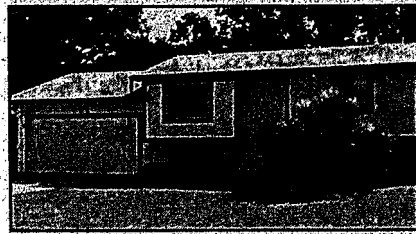
PRIME SUBURBAN LIVING, very spacious 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Beautifully landscaped, large premium lot. Home built 1994, open floor plan, 2 fireplaces, central air, sprinklers, located on a cul-de-sac. Owner transferred, immediate occupancy. Daylight basement. \$369,900 (08HID) (248) 652-8000



TROY 3 bedroom, 2 full bath Colonial in a very desirable Raintree Sub. Beautiful wooded lot. Nice and clean and ready for you. \$194,000 (01WAK) (248) 524-1600



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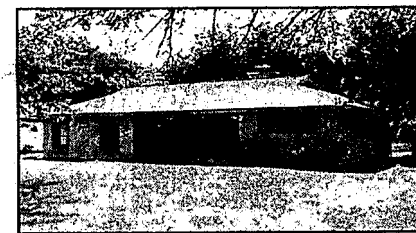
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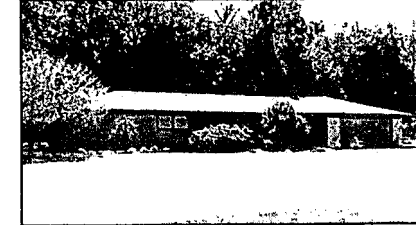
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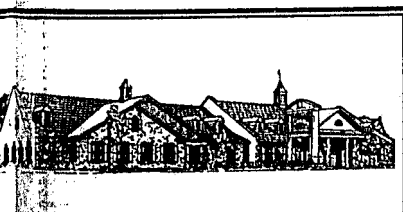
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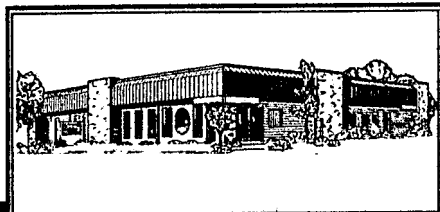
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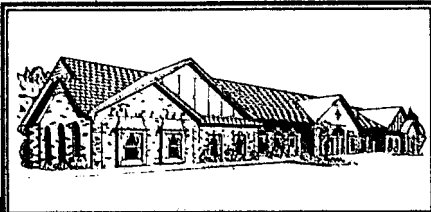
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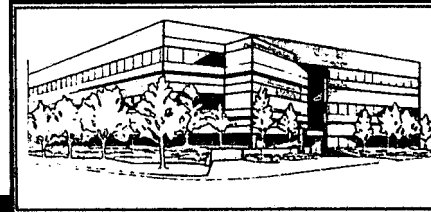
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CREW MEETING

Commercial Real Estate Women presents a breakfast program "Trends in Construction Contracting," 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Skyline Club, 2000 Town Center, Southfield. Presenter: Margaret E. Greene, partner, Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn.

Cost is \$11 for members, \$19 for non-members. Reservations due by Sept. 4 at (313) 465-7502.

SELL HOME CLASSES

Doug Woodward presents a five-hour class on the process of selling a house, 7-9:30 p.m. through a variety of community education programs - Rochester (Sept. 14-21), Clarkston (Sept. 15 and 22), Royal Oak (Sept. 16 and 23), Troy (Sept. 17 and 24), Farmington (Sept. 28, Oct. 5).

and Waterford (Sept. 29, Oct. 6).

Cost is \$39, \$49 for couples. Call Woodward at (248) 391-2033 for registration information.

SALES AND MARKETING

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts a seminar, "Dominate Your Industry Through Service," the Ritz Carlton Way, 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the Dearborn Ritz Carlton.

Cost, which includes continental breakfast, is \$10 for sales and marketing council members, \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$30 for non-members. To register, call (248) 737-4477.

SELL HOME CLASS II

Matt Kenkel, an associate broker with ERA Bankers Realty and a certified public accountant, presents a two-hour "For Sale By Owner Home Seller Class," 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at West Hills Middle School in Bloomfield Hills and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at Orchard Lake Middle School in West Bloomfield.

Topics include setting price,

target marketing, effective promotion, special financing techniques and purchase documents.

Cost, which includes a 20-page FSBO marketing guidebook, is \$25 for each class. To register, call (248) 848-3000.

TECHNOLOGY EXPO

The Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland County and the Western Wayne Oakland County associations of Realtors sponsor a technology expo featuring products and seminars 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 at the Michigan Inn, 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield.

Featured speaker: Dave Beson, CRS.

Cost is \$8. To register, call (248) 478-1700.

HOME SELL CLASS III

Elliot B. Allan of Rockwell Mortgage presents a free, no-obligation class on how to sell a house 10:11-30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road.

For reservations, call (248) 569-6633.

LICENSE TRAINING

Oakland Home Builders and Livonia Community Education offer a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builder's license exam 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays Sept. 14-23 at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Road, Livonia.

Cost is \$190. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

GARAGE SALE

Real Estate One in Milford hosts its annual garage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at its office, 560 Milford Road one block north of Commerce.

Items to be sold may be dropped off at the office prior to the sale. Proceeds will be donated to Students Against Drunk Driving chapters at Lakeland and Milford high schools.

For details, call (248) 478-1700.

ABR CLASS

The Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors sponsors a two-day class required for the Accredited Buyer Representative designation 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 21 and 28 at the Middleton Real Estate Training School, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Southfield.

Cost is \$250. To register, call Karen at (248) 879-5730.

FALL REMODEL SHOW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts its sixth annual Fall Remodeling Show Thursday, Sept. 24 through Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Novi Expo Center, 1-96 at Novi Road.

More than 200 exhibitors will showcase products and services including kitchens, baths, doors, spas, remodeling, interior design, decorative accessories, heating and cooling, appliances and arts and crafts.

Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for children 6-12. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying kids are available for \$9 at Farmer Jack supermarkets.

On-site parking is an additional fee.

TREE, BULB SALE

The Wayne County Soil Conservation District is accepting orders for its annual planting sale until Oct. 5.

Order forms containing information on stock available, site preferences, uses and prices can be obtained by contacting the conservation district at (734) 326-7787.

Available plantings include Norway Spruce, Austrian Pine, white pine, white cedar, Douglas Fir, narcissus, tulips, crocus and scilla.

Trees and bulbs will be distributed Oct. 16.

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 offered by experts in a variety of subjects to expand knowledge and improve the decision-making process of condominium association leadership.

Cost is \$95 for UCOM members, \$55 for each additional attendee from the same organization; \$125 and \$75, respectively, for non-members. To register, call (248) 352-8490.

Realtors looking over new lock box for home showings

Some Realtors here are waiting to see how a new electronic keybox takes off before jumping on the bandwagon.

Keyboxes on houses or condominiums for sale allow Realtors to bring in potential buyers when no one's home without the inconvenience of picking up keys from the selling agent's office.

Up to now, keys in boxes have been accessed by a three-letter combination dial. Anyone with the combination can open the manual lockboxes. There's no way to maintain a precise record of who actually visits a particular property.

A new electronic keybox manufactured by Supra Products in Salem, Ore., is on the way. The

benefits touted by the company are more security and a record of showings.

"If the electronic box became a product of necessity to get into homes in southeastern Michigan, western Wayne will be for it," said John McArdle, president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

"If it turns out to be a necessity, Western Wayne will take a wait-and-see attitude," he added.

A big rub is added expense - \$69 for an electronic keybox plus an annual access fee of \$85. Manual lock boxes, manufactured by Supra, run \$25-\$30.

The Advantage Express keybox opens with an electronic

keycard that, like a bank card to an automatic-teller machine, works only if a personal identification number (PIN) is keyed in as well.

Without the personal identification number, a lost or stolen keycard is useless.

Advantage Express keyboxes are linked to a central computer at local real estate association offices which records the name, brokerage affiliation and telephone number of the agent, as well as date and time of entry.

With Advantage Express, Realtors can report to sellers all viewings of the property.

Some 1.8 million electronic keyboxes are in use throughout the U.S. and Canada, Supra reported.



Advantage Express: A new electronic keybox that purportedly offers better security and a record of showings will be introduced to Realtors here.

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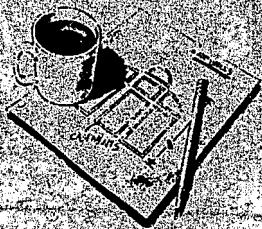
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By JOE GAGNON
Special Writer

I wonder who knows more about the major home appliances in the home, the wife or the husband? The lady of the house might say she can't fix a thing and he does all of the repairs. The Mr. Toolhead of the home says he can't tell you what brand of product is in the laundry room.

We all pay little attention to the products in our homes until we need to. If a clothes dryer is operating and dries the clothes, that's all we're concerned about. If it's making a thumping noise or screeching sounds, so what as long as it's drying?

CAUTION - The sounds I have just described with your dryer are very serious. They indicate that the drum rollers which support the drum may be worn out and this has been the cause of many fires in this country. In these first dozen or so lines of my column you have been given information that brings your attention to the clothes dryer. Some of you will now go to the laundry room and turn on the dryer just to listen to the

appliance doctor

Help doctor help others

sound of it. If it makes sounds which are abnormal, it's time to take action and until you do, don't use the dryer. Two major things will happen from this column paragraph you are reading. The most important is that consumers will be aware of a serious problem and somebody will prevent a house fire, a serious burn injury or maybe even save a life. The other is that those business owners of appliance service companies will sell parts and receive more service calls. (Quit griping about my writing this column.)

As most service technicians will agree, the consumer's description of a product problem will usually indicate where to look for the cure. Most service problems create a noise and that is what the homeowners should describe first. The quicker the service call is completed, the less expensive it SHOULD be. That's another subject for a future column.

In several past articles I have written my opinions about overseas manufacturers moving products into our country that put us to shame. The Japanese surely taught us a lesson with the automo-

tive industry and they may be on their way in doing the same thing with appliances. They plan on introducing in Japan next year the first Internet refrigerator. It will have an LCD screen built into the door plus a television and radio tuner. We thought putting ice cubes and water through the door was a big thing, wait until this thing comes into this country.

The simple things written by me each week help people become more aware of what goes on in my world of appliances. Those products in your home cost a lot of money and everything you can do to maintain them will save you money in the end.

I am working on a big project that will help educate consumers. I am asking you to send me a letter describing in detail what kind of a problem you may have had with a major appliance. I would like to know everything about your experience, the good, the bad and what you expected. If you would do this for me, you will be helping others who read this column. The more appliance knowledge I can give, the more it makes it all worthwhile. Stay tuned.

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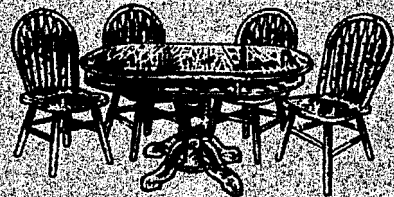


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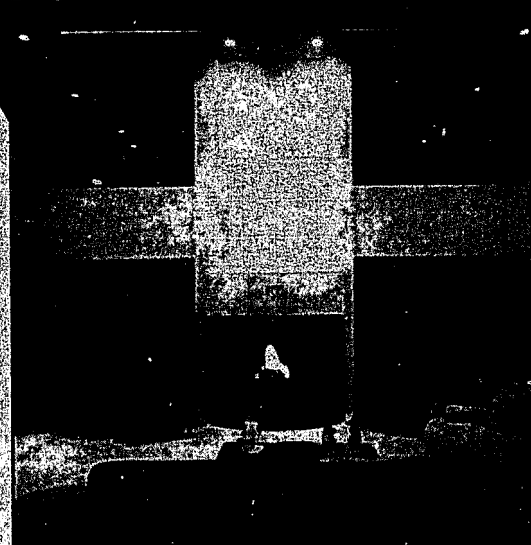
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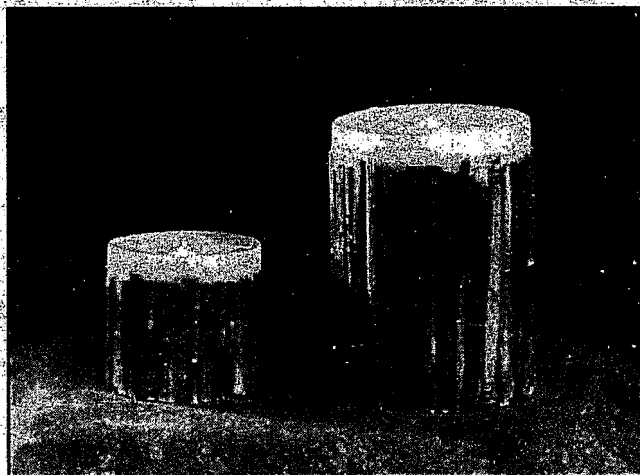


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Growing fashion: Keep track of your luscious garden with Springa-Ma-Jigs Patch Pals from Off the Wall Designs. The springy metal markers come in radish, corn, chili pepper and tomato (not shown). The Patch Pals retail for \$19 each at Jacobson's Store For The Home.



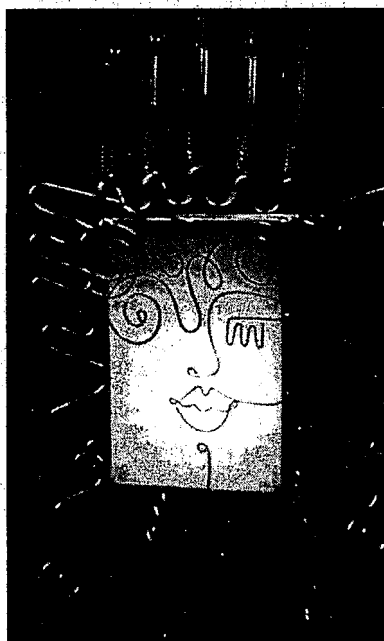
Scent of the Orient

Ah! Shoot! Capture the spirit of the East with Botanique bamboo-wrapped scented candles by Ceres, available at Jacobson's Store For The Home. The fragrant 6-inch candle is \$29 and has a burning time of 120 hours. The 3-inch candle is \$15 and has a burning time of 40 hours.



Animated about school

Classy characters: The Disney Store at Somerset Collection North, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy, has items that will help your little ones at school. The backpack features Mickey, Goofy and Pluto; the shoulder bag, Minnie and Pluto. Each retails for \$20. Mickey and Minnie bean bag key chains are \$4 each. The Pooh Bear and Mickey accessories are great additions to your children's school supply list. The Pooh Bear binder, \$15, features three rings for paper and a pen/pencil pouch. The Mickey Mouse Journal, \$8, provides room for homework assignments and daily school reflections. Call (248) 816-8765.



Illuminating idea

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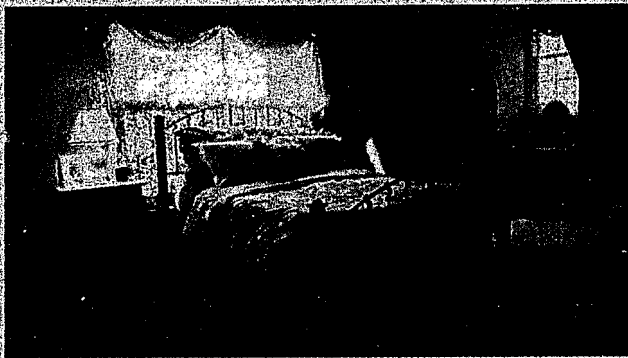
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cover story

A summer place: Couple finds one next door



Light touch: Susan McDaniel (left) enjoys the porch on the family's Acadian-style house that they built. Light and open space are in abundance throughout the residence (center). The house, which will be featured on the Downtown Birmingham House Tour Tuesday, Sept. 15, is furnished with fanciful signature pieces from MacKenzie-Childs Ltd., including an embellished floor lamp in the living room (right). Staff photos by Jim Jagdfeld.

By CORINNE ABATT
Special Writer

When Tom and Susan McDaniel of Birmingham decided to build a summer home, they didn't go far afield. It's as close as next door.

The couple spent 10 years renovating their turn-of-the-century house on the southeast corner of Lincoln and Southfield Road.

"We put on a new roof, new wiring, air conditioning, rebuilt the garage and did a lot of renovation to get rid of functional obsolescence. It's not as big as it looks, it has some major space constraints," Tom said.

Besides, they longed for a summer place with a lighter, more open look that had more storage space, room for exercise equipment and pool table, a greenhouse and a wide porch for summer dining and entertaining.

An addition was out of the question.



Pleasant surroundings: Tom and Susan McDaniel savor the lovely landscaping on their property.

"It's a real landmark with historical designation," Tom said.

"We've tried to keep as close to the original as possible," Susan said, pointing to a framed picture of the original house.

To solve the problem they bought the adjacent property on Southfield Road and tore down the 1970s quad-level. Tom describes the style of their new house as Acadian, typical of the French-Canadians who migrated to Louisiana.

"It's definitely that genre," he said, noting that the brick foundation comes up quite

high and the front porch has brick pillars.

The McDaniels' Acadian-style summer home will be one of the unusual residences on the Downtown Birmingham House Tour 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15.

The McDaniels chose the house plan from a catalog. With the help of an architect, minor changes in the plans made the two houses compatible. The exterior painting and trim ties them together as do the landscaping, winding brick walkways and wrought-iron fence. In the yard between is a free-form water lily pond lined with crushed marble.

Like the plantation home of everyone's dream, the new one is filled with pots of real flowers, flower colors and floral print fabrics.

"Susan has a real green thumb."

Equally refreshing is the abundance of light and open space. Throughout pale mint and white are base colors. Hardwood floors and area rugs in soft tones add to the cool look. A decorator from Expressions of Birmingham helped choose fabrics and coordinate colors and furniture.

Fanciful features

But surely, no plantation home was ever furnished with more whimsy. A fanciful collection of signature pieces from MacKenzie-Childs Ltd. supplies that touch. These are available through La Belle Provence of Birmingham and Neiman Marcus of Troy.

Supporting the glass-topped table in the dining room are two brightly painted pedestals from MacKenzie-Childs. Just beyond are glass doors leading to the porch.

"We eat out there 90 percent of the time," Tom said.

At the side entrance is a fringed settee with throw pillows. Painted designs cover every inch of the frame. In the living room is an elaborately embellished floor lamp. Both pieces are from MacKenzie-Childs.

This is called the ridiculous bench and that's the ridiculous lamp.

Spaciousness

Seated in a big, upholstered chair that is covered in a muted floral print, suggestive of the English country chintz, he said, "It's hard to believe, but in the first and second floor there's less than 1,700 square feet."

That doesn't include the finished, carpeted basement with pool table.

On the cover:

Tom and Susan McDaniel built a summer home next door to their Birmingham residence. Staff photo by Jim Jagdfeld.

It's the 20-foot ceiling in the living room that creates the spacious feeling; the 9-foot ceilings throughout add to it.

"This is the summer house - the other, more or less, is the winter house. We move back and forth. The other is cozy. Better for winter living."

Now retired, Tom McDaniel traveled extensively overseas with General Motors International.

"Some people have second homes up North. Some people have second homes down South. We have our second home next door... We had 40 people here for a family reunion. It's just ideal for entertaining."

He stood on the front porch overlooking the new landscaped yard and driveway fronting on Southfield Road and smiled.

"I'd go crazy in a quiet neighborhood."

Their daughter, Christina, 7, and three cats appear to have adapted gracefully to living in two houses at the same time.

Tour information

The Downtown Birmingham House Tour will feature tea and crumpets 1:30-3:30 p.m. at The Community House, 380 S. Bates. A brunch with guest speaker Sheila Chefetz, author of "Modern Antiques for the Table," will take place 9:30-11:30 a.m. at The Community House.

Tour tickets are \$20, which includes the tea, and must be ordered in advance. Tickets for the brunch are \$50 and include the tour and tea. For tickets and information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832.



Spaciousness: High ceilings in the house create a spacious feeling.

garden spot

Landscape holds lots of interest

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

The landscaping around Joyce and Jack Ward's home in Auburn Hills is very eye-catching with colorful flowers and interesting foliage performing in several shades of pink and dark purple, Joyce's favorite colors. Jack is so proud of Joyce's creation that he called me about it.

I was fascinated by the use of mosses that edge the front flower bed and are arranged stepping stone fashion. Light green Irish moss, which has a yellowish bloom, and a dark green moss are alternated to form a pleasing pattern.

"I love mosses," Joyce said. "I plan to use more of them, especially along the front edge of the deck."

She has also used many shades and different foliage structures by planting conifers with yellow, blue or dark green foliage, and trees such as a "Red Sunset" Maple with purple foliage to add much interest to the gardens.

A European weeping larch grows at the side of the house and two small Japanese maples, begonias and purple fountain grass repeat that color that is then pulled around and down to the back garden.

The "Red Sunset" tree was planted when the ground was frozen so the couple had to build the soil around it and make a raised bed. This worked out beautifully as the drainage in this part of the garden is poor. The soil was amended with topsoil and Canadian peat. Around the tree are the various conifers, a deep blue Buddlea (a surprising color here that works).

"If I cut the spent blossom off down to the first set of leaves on the buddlea, I can get a second bloom, only smaller. I cut the bush down to five-six inches either in the fall or early spring."

Bright blue lobelia grows at its feet.

Moss appeal:

Joyce Ward enjoys the mosses in her lovely garden.
Photo by Marty Figley.



Several types of roses also bloom in the front garden along with pink and white geraniums and pink verberna. All the beds are edged with flat irregular sandstone and most are mulched with cedar. A white bench adds contrast. A boxwood hedge grows along the walk that leads to the front porch, where a large fern hangs and provides privacy where two wicker rockers invite visitors.

Along one edge of the property maidengrass and arborvitae alternate to act as a hedge. The maidengrass is easily divided when necessary and planted in another location.

A Royal crabapple tree and other plants draw the eye to the stairs that lead to the back and lower garden. A white wooden arch holds blue wisteria that blooms a second time after dead-heading.

"We spank it in the spring to stimulate growth."

Roses, impatiens and other pink flowers line the stairs.

The wooden deck hugs the house and is painted soft green. A glass-topped table and white chairs with green and white striped cushions harmonize well.

The deck is festooned with several hanging baskets of bright plants and interesting foliage. The variegated colors of Coleus are used extensively, especially in the containers. Shades of green, pink, yellow and much of the maroon shades are interesting in shady areas. Two pink hibiscus are set on either side of the deck where the couple can enjoy the view of the lake.

Small arborvitae neatly grow in a row near the water and are pruned to remain small. Two separate beds add a dramatic note as they each contain a recycled fountain and are artfully planted and set on a bed of white rocks.

Interesting conifers such as a tree-

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form grafted cotoneaster with dark maroon foliage flank either side of these beds. The focus in this area is the foliage. Other trees are a Royal Crab, Service berry and Weeping Mulberry.

A most unusual pink Birch has peeling bark that reveals a pink trunk. In the four years the Wards have had it, it has grown tall enough to provide privacy from the upper deck of the house.

The view of this garden from several rooms in the house is simply stunning.

To keep the flowers blooming, Joyce deadheads regularly, at least every other day, especially the roses and geraniums.

Peters all-purpose or Peters Super Bloom fertilizer is applied half-strength usually weekly, or every five days if needed. When new shrubs and grasses are put in, Bordine's Root Stimulator is used.

Automatic sprinklers run in the early morning, 10 minutes per station (five minutes where the drainage isn't good).

In the fall the annuals with hard root balls such as impatiens and petunias are removed, others are incorporated into the soil in the spring. If the stalks of some annuals are interesting, they are left for winter appeal.

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According to the latest National Kitchen and Bath Association's nationwide survey of kitchen and bath dealers, the average price of a new kitchen is \$15,000 to \$22,100, including design, products, and installation. Homeowners can expect, however, to spend anywhere from \$5,000 to \$150,000, depending on where they live, the size of the space, and the features they choose. A large portion of this expense goes toward the purchase and installation of cabinets, with their price being largely influenced by quality, material, features, and grade (stock or custom). Appliances and material chosen for surfaces also account for a significant portion of the bill. Keeping this in mind, homeowners can establish a budget that can be fine-tuned in the planning stage.

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focus on photography

Break down the barriers of seeing

By MONTE NAGLER
Special Writer

Do you know what the two most important things in photography are? Not film, light, composition and so on as you might think. But really, the first is you and the second is your subject. A photograph is then a visual expression of the relationship between you and your subject.

How do you maximize this relationship and build a good partnership between the two of you? Begin by breaking down the barriers of seeing.

The biggest barrier is preoccupation with yourself. As long as you're concerned about your job, the children, or other responsibilities, you're up against a barrier. Learning to let go and relax is essential.

As long as other things concern you, you're unlikely either to produce a good photograph or to enjoy the experience of photography to the fullest. When you let

go, you'll be able to lose yourself in a world of glittering colors and exciting subjects.

A second barrier to overcome is learning to see past the familiar names of the familiar. The famous painter Monet once said that in order to truly "see," we must forget the name of the thing we are looking at.

For example, if you look at a leaf and say, "This is just a leaf," you'll never see past the familiar label of its name. But when you begin to see the leaf for what it truly is, new dimensions will open up for you. A close inspection of that leaf will reveal shapes, textures, subtle color and tones and hidden beauty you may not have known were there.

Observing the magical transition of leaves from summer green to dramatic fall colors will open new worlds of seeing for you. You see, it's easy to learn the label on the bottle, but how many peo-

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ple really taste the wine?

Learn, also, to recognize the value of the familiar. Look closely around your own home and I'll guarantee you'll see things you never knew were there.

For example, did you ever notice the patterns spilling across your carpet from the late afternoon sun or the reflections in that vase on the mantel? How about the shadows formed by your backyard fence or the morning sun causing the limbs of your maple tree to glisten

against the blue sky?

Yes, a photographer who wants to truly "see" must recognize and appreciate the familiar.

Break the barriers of seeing by becoming emotionally involved with your subjects. Recognize that you and your subject are the two most important things in your photography.

To leave Monte Nagler a message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox, 1873.

at home calendar

■ Silk painter Celia Block of Farmington will present a trunk showing of her wearable art at the Tuesday, Sept. 8, meeting of the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan. The program is 9:30 a.m. at First Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple. Guest fee \$5. Call (248) 540-2707 or (313) 475-5851.

■ The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Speaker Jim Langhammer will discuss "Peonies." Guest fee \$3. Call Maryann Whitman at (248) 652-4004.

■ The Troy Garden Club fall pro-

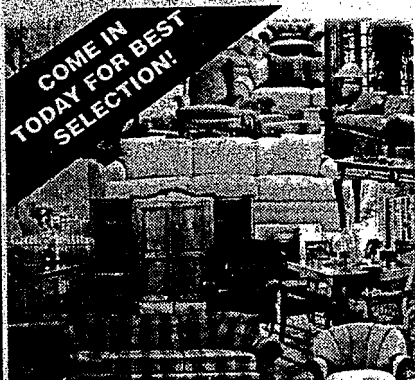
grams will begin noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the Troy Community Center, when advanced master gardener Susan Grubba from Creative Scapes gives a slide presentation on techniques used to create stunning landscape lighting accents. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3. Call Doris at (248) 641-7904. The center is at 3179 Livernois.

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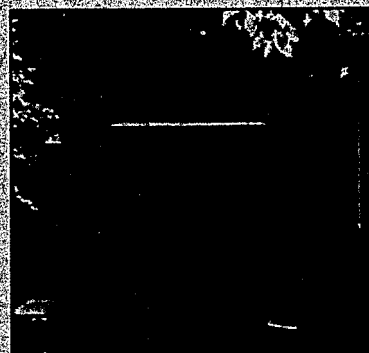
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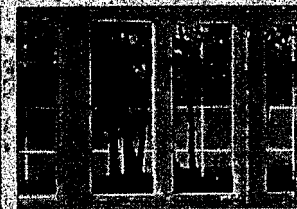
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SATURDAY



Phil Lasley Trio plays 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

SUNDAY



Struggling to thwart a conspiracy that might set off a wave of world terrorism, Marcus Ray (Jean-Claude Van Damme, right) uses a punishing martial arts move to fight off a thug in "Knock Off," now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tip: Randy Scott of Southfield is just one of the many outstanding artists performing at this year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. See schedule of performers inside.

Son'spiration

Rapper son persuades dad to record first album

STORY BY CHRISTINA FUOCO • STAFF WRITER

With his guitar and cornet in hand, Olu Dara has played with some of the greats during his 57 years. He was one of Art Blakey's Messengers and has backed talents such as Henry Threadgill, Taj Mahal, Brian Eno and Cassandra Wilson.

Now, thanks to his son, the multi-platinum-selling rapper Nas, and Atlantic Records, Dara is a bandleader in his own right having released "In the World: From Natchez to New York."

"He said, 'Dad, I want my peers to know where I come from."

Would you mind? I said, 'Well, I guess not.' Atlantic, they had been pursuing me for quite a few years ago. They called again on the same day that my son talked to me so that's what did it," Dara explained.

Nas, born Nasir Jones, has released two albums, 1994's "Illmatic," which peaked at No. 12, and 1996's "It Was Written," which debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts. Because of his son's popularity, Dara said, his audience is ever changing.

"I have a new audience. I

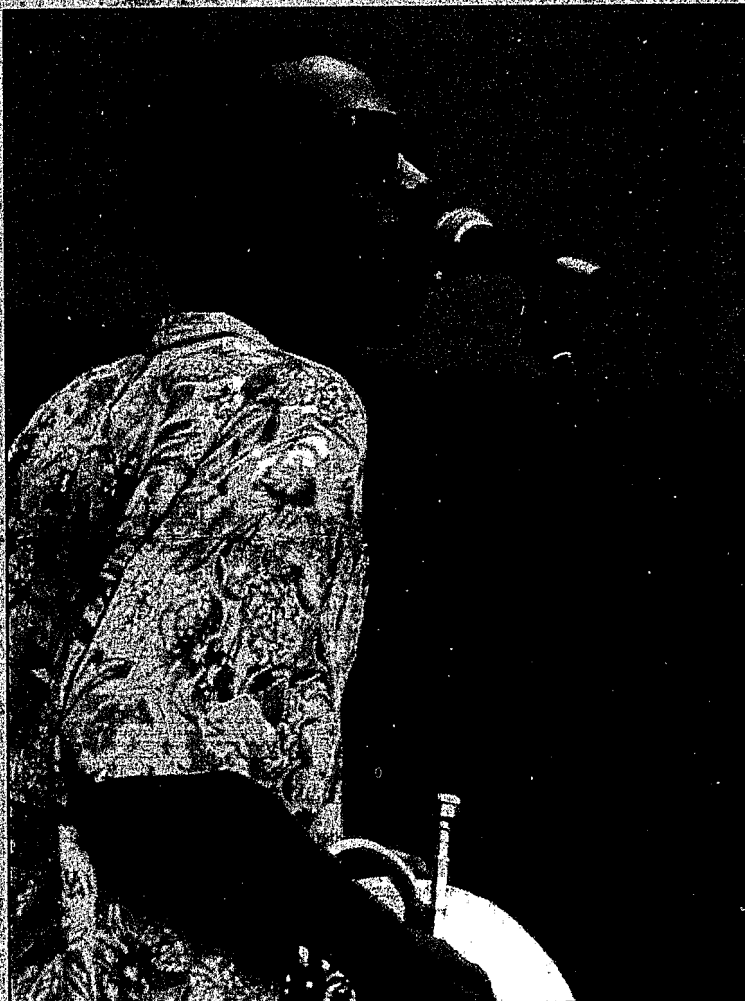
wouldn't say mostly younger, but there is quite a few younger people. There's people of all ages even little ones. I mean 5 or 6 or 7 years old."

Dara calls his debut album "In the World: From Natchez to New York" a mixture of American music. It fuses hip-hop, jazz, a little bit of funk and be-bop.

"You can't really categorize like we used to. There used to be a nice little box called jazz, rhythm and blues, gospel. There's a good

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Family Influence: The 57-year-old jazz cornet/guitar player Olu Dara had never been inspired to record his own CD until his son, rapper Nas, persuaded him to do it. The result is "In the World: From Natchez to New York." He performs Saturday, Sept. 12, as part of the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival.



Comedians stand-up for Muscular Dystrophy Association

"Comedy for a Cure"

WHEN: 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 6
WHERE: Chatters, 7640 N. Wayne Road, (at Cowan) Westland.
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■ Comedy Night 7, For Action Against Hunger - 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Music Hall Theater. Tickets are \$25 per person, sponsorship packages and group discounts available, call (248) 350-FOOD during regular business hours.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Having to work Labor Day weekend is no laughing matter, but if you have to, serious comic relief's available Sunday at Chatters in Westland.

"I think it will be a fun time," said Kevin Zeoli of Garden City who talked about 20 of his funny friends, metro Detroit's hottest stand-up comedians, into presenting "Comedy For A Cure" to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association and celebrate the Jerry Lewis Telethon.

"It gives people a chance to get out and

enjoy comedy, and the comedians in metro Detroit a chance to perform," said Zeoli. "It was real easy to get people to do it."

Each comedian will do 7-8 minutes of stand-up. Zeoli's the MC. You can make a donation to be eligible for prize drawings to be held throughout the evening. Prizes include a 19-inch Zenith color TV, home stereo system, gift certificates for dinners, movie passes and Lions' game tickets.

"You can drop in and stay as long as you

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Kevin Zeoli

ARTS, EATS AND BEATS

Festival serves up variety of local bands

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Missy Gibson admits that Los Angeles wasn't exactly her cup of tea the first time around. Still, she forced herself to move there two years ago and she hasn't looked back.

She's jumping into the music industry feet first. L.A. has brought to her a developmental publishing deal, the chance to meet her idol (Rickie Lee Jones), the opportunity to act, contribute to movie soundtracks and a management deal.

"I spent some time out here before when I was working with Fuel

Records," Gibson said via telephone from her L.A. office. "I had decided that I really hated L.A. at the time. I kind of knew, though, that careerwise it would be a good move. So I forced myself begrudgingly to return. The second time, it's been a lot better."

Gibson and her band Breech - including guitarist/co-writer Philip Watts and accordion player Joe McAlevy - will get to talk all about it on Monday, Sept. 7, when they perform on the Pepsi Stage of Arts, Eats, and Beats, a free festival of art, food and music throughout Pontiac Labor Day weekend, Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7.

The three stages of music - Kmart National, Pepsi and the Heineken stages - will feature more than 70 bands. See sidebar for schedule of performers.

A 1986 Birmingham Seaholm High School graduate, Gibson will debut new material on Labor Day. Some of the new tracks were produced by Gabe Moffatt who has also worked with Wilson Phillips.

"We're a far cry from Wilson Phillips, though," she said with a laugh.

Gibson's deal is a co-publishing deal that she signed with Hugo Burnham, a former A&R rep for Qwest Records who

at the time worked for EMI. The contract allows her to keep her royalties and share ownership of the songs.

"It gives EMI administrative rights of the songs. Technically they could go and sell it to a movie or another singer. But a lot of things are understood. They run things by me. For me, it was a point of credibility to sign the deal," Gibson explained.

Adding further credibility to her and Breech was a management contract with Spivak Entertainment, who also represents Tori Amos and Collective

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Festival

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Soul. "I'm their only unsigned artist," she said with a sigh. Although she received a "large" advance payment, the credibility is more important than money. "It seemed like the right thing at the right time for me."

The Breech that reached popularity around here is much different from Gibson's L.A. vision. The songs are lush pop songs, however, Gibson still injects her venomous vocals. Long gone are the days when she tapped her foot on a mic for drums and was accompanied by Thomas Trimble, now of American Mars, on guitar.

Breech's music will be heard in two upcoming independent films. Gibson did the soundtrack for "No. 1 Mom" starring Soleil Moon Frye ("Punky Brewster") and she contributed songs to and played a "Gen-Xer" in "Apartment 8," a short for the American Film Institute.

"I'm a little old to be playing a 'Gen-Xer' but it was fun. Moving out here

was the best thing that ever happened to me." It's safe to say that success is in the cards for the pop band Brilliant.

"I had a reading done four months ago and he focused on my career and the band. I thought they just say what you want to hear. Like if you ask him, 'Am I going to meet the person I'm going to spend the rest of my life with?' Of course he's going to say yes," said fearless bass player Stephen Vilnius of Ferndals.

"What he was doing was dropping these little chips and watching where they landed on certain spots of his little board. They kept falling between not completely financial success but bordering on serious financial success. Interpret that as you will. He said the lineup was really strong and we had to get over a certain bump which, hopefully, we did or are in the midst of doing. I had him do it three or four times just to make sure."

Singer Steven Cooley predicted that

part of the success will stem from Brilliant's sound, which he called "something different than what you would hear in Detroit." It's not your typical manufactured rock outfit, he added.

Vilnius, 28, and Cooley, 31, are seasoned veterans. Cooley has drummed for the Killer Flamingos (he left the band just prior to it playing Tom Arnold's wedding), and Steve King and the Ditties. Vilnius moved from Michigan to California in the mid-'80s where he was turned on to rockabilly and European pop.

The band, which also includes guitarist David Johnson and keyboardist Daniel Denton, both of Troy, and drummer Bob Gilbert of Oak Park, is influenced by The Cure, Garbage and Peter Murphy. Brilliant is working on its first widely distributed CD.

Robb Roy recently returned to this side of the pond from a European jaunt in support of its second CD "Heroes and Cocktails," due out this month on the London-based Chaos Records.

"We did four dates in Scotland, north of Aberdeen, and we played in London at the Rock Garden. The whole city (London) was really wonderful. We were treated like gold there," said guitarist Michael Kudreiko.

Band members also got to hob-nob with some of rock's top musicians and singers. Bassist Kevin Pruett hung out with Liam Gallagher, half of the dueling Gallagher brothers of Oasis. Drummer Duane Huff rubbed elbows with James Brown's band.

Robb Roy got its lucky break after meeting Pravin Mistry of Chaos Music, ironically, at Rumors in Royal Oak. Mistry runs an engineering company in Dearborn and Kudreiko said, "he frequents clubs looking for new talent."

The handshake led to "Cocktails and Heroes," on which the band pays homage to "The Detroit Sound." Robb Roy kept the sound in Detroit, too. The drums and bass were recorded at Harmonie Park Studios, the location of radio station WXDZ-FM's "Edge Sessions," while the rest of it was done in Kudreiko's home studio in Dearborn.

"They can say I'm really a perfectionist when it comes to the recording,"

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Friday, Sept. 4 - Howling Diablos, 8 p.m.; The Jeff Healey Band, 7 p.m.; Johnny Winter, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 - Spring, 6 p.m.; the Mighty Blue Kings, 7 p.m.; Big Head Todd and the Monsters, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6 - Lucinda Williams, 8 p.m.; Pieces of a Dream, 7 p.m.; Morris Day and the Time, 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7 - Jo Dee Messina, 2 p.m.; Martina McBride, 4 p.m.

■ **Pepsi Stage**, Saginaw Street, just south of Huron Street, will host local bands ranging from jazz to western swing.
Friday, Sept. 4 - Sean Blackman and John Arnold, noon; Alberto Adams, 2 p.m.; Bonne Temps Roule, 3 p.m.; Vudu Hipples, 4 p.m.; The Articles, 5 p.m.; American Mars, 6 p.m.; 2 Star Tabernacle, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 - Eliza, 11 a.m.; Danny Cox, noon; Surfin' Pluto, 1 p.m.; Kung Fu Diesel, 2 p.m.; Michael King, 3 p.m.; Big Barn Combo, 4 p.m.

Dean Fertita, 5 p.m.; Brilliant, 6 p.m.; Robb Roy, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6 - The Civilians, noon; Foxgloves, 1 p.m.; The Volcanos, 2 p.m.; Starlight Drifters, 3 p.m.; Chris Mills, 4 p.m.; Fez, 5 p.m.; Throatta-Davis, 6 p.m.; G.R.R., at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7 - Kerry Grant, noon; Robert Jones, 1 p.m.; Breech, 2 p.m.; Broken Toys, 3 p.m.; Mudpuppy, 4 p.m.; Jill Jack, at 6 p.m.

■ **Heineken Stage** will feature classical, country, blues and jazz music.
Friday, Sept. 4 - Scandinavian String Quartet, noon; County Legends and Superstars, 1 p.m.; Steele Canyon, 2:30 p.m.; David Myles and Mylstones, 4 p.m.; O.C. Roberts and the Samaritans, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 - Diamondback, 1 p.m.; Tony Phillips, 2:30 p.m.; Lisa Cunningham and 7th Heaven, 4 p.m.; The Edge, 5:30 p.m.; Straight Ahead, 7 p.m.; Janis Leigh and Luck of the Draw, 2:30 p.m.; Charles and Gwen Scales, 4 p.m.; Kimmie Horne, 5:30 p.m.; Alexander Zonjic, 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7 - Billy Mack, 1 p.m.; Sassy, 2:30 p.m.; Janice Keegan Quartet, 4 p.m.; Johnny Bassett, 5 p.m.

Kudreiko said as singer Graham Strachan rolled his eyes and laughed.

Kudreiko and Strachan both grew up in Livonia.

Dad

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mix of music nowadays."

Dara recorded his album in three days, top speed for most major-label artists.

"I was doing a play at the same time. I'd go to rehearsals every day and then go to the studio and play a couple songs and go to bed. The next thing I noticed, the CD was out."

Dara has a storied background. He was raised Charles Jones III in Natchez, Miss., leaving Tennessee State University in 1959, he joined the U.S. Navy in order to play music and travel. He lent his talents to groups in Europe, Africa and the Caribbean allowing him to venture beyond traditional blues and jazz.

"Every country I went there were different sounds, sounds I hadn't heard. I hadn't listened to African music at all before that. I found out that there's a definite proximity to Mississippi blues. But that music is very happy," he said.

"Even if they're singing about something sad, you would never know it unless you knew the language. That amazed me. That's why I'm attracted to happy music today. I don't feel I have to make a big statement, an intellectual statement. My thing is to make myself happy and, in turn, make the world happy."

Upon settling in New York in 1965, he met a priest of the traditional

African-originated Yoruba religion who gave him the name Olu Dara, which means "God is Good." Dara further studied jazz by taking in R&B shows, Broadway plays and off-Broadway theater. A "sideman most of my life," Dara toured with Art Blakey and The Messengers and a host of others. His recording history includes working with Material, Taj Mahal and Brian Eno.

He also found live theater intriguing. He wrote the music and performed in Aishah Rahman's "A Tale of Madame Zora," and the Crossroads Theatre Company productions of "To Glean It Around" and "To Show My Shine."

Comedians

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like," said Zeoli. "We'll keep the laughter going, and donations flowing. I think it will be a fun time." Food will be offered for sale.

Zeoli said he feels like a kid every time he steps on stage. "It's like the first time you went up to the plate to hit a baseball. There's always a fear but you learn to calm yourself down. This is what I'm good at, and I believe my stuff is funny. I'm having a blast. It just feels too right."

Jim Hamm of Garden City was one

of the people who encouraged Zeoli to pursue his dream of being a comedian, and will be participating in "Comedy for a Cure."

"A lot of people build their weekend around the Jerry Lewis Telethon," said Hamm. "I'm glad to help." His act includes lots of observational comedy, a lot of it built on relationships.

J.R. Remick of Westland, who calls himself an "impressionist character voice guy," is also looking forward to participating in "Comedy for a Cure."

"I'm a firm believer in giving back," said Remick.

"Comedy for a Cure" will feature performances by Alice Faye, Frank Turner, Kevin Kramis, Paulene Navay, Bill Bushart, Sam Demilio, Tim Lilly, Mark Goldberg, Leslie Ann Thompson, Jim Edwards, Bill Hildebrandt, Frank G. Rob Little, Keith Lenart, Sherry K. P.J. Batland, Gregg Walker and Bam Bam.

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Don't waste your time in 'Slums of Beverly Hills'

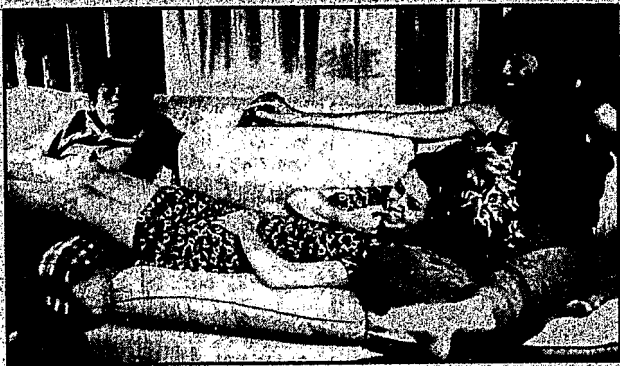
BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Perhaps a telling indication of a movie's merit is the extent to which its stars even remember the plot. Last week, co-star and Oscar-winner Marisa Tomei told a national talk show audience that her character in "Slums of Beverly Hills" was "cousin to three kids whose mother has died." Oh, Marisa, you are so cute, but so wrong!

It is clear that her uncle Murray (Alan Arkin) is divorced, not widowed, and his beleaguered custody of the trio is an important *raison d'être* of the story. It is also understandable why she'd want to put this well-meaning, but uncomfortably crude telling, of first-time writer/director Tamara Jenkins' youth behind her.

Just inside the city limits of Beverly Hills are rows of low-rent hotels with names such as Belle Vista and Camelot that cater to transients. And in 1976, there's no one more transient than those in the Abramowitz clan, who duck out as soon as the landlord comes knocking, and abandoning their few possessions. As down-on-his-luck dad Murray explains his good but unaffordable intention, "We're here for the school district; furniture is temporary, but education is permanent."

Murray faces his nomadic



Slumming: Eli Marienthal (left), Natasha Lyonne and Marisa Tomei star in "Slums of Beverly Hills."

future with blinders on ("I'm 65. I'm in the best shape of my life."), while the kids seem content to eat a hearty dinner of Trix. Oldest brother Ben (David Krumholtz, a riot as elf Barnaby in Tim Allen's "The Santa Clause") is a wannabe actor who rehearses "Guys and Dolls" in his underwear. Little brother Rickey (Eli Marienthal) doesn't mind sharing a bed with Ben and his nocturnal gas emissions (don't go yet - these are the least objectionable emissions in the film).

In the middle - and the

author's alter ego - is teenager Vivian (a wonderfully fresh-faced Natasha Lyonne), whose developing sexuality and overdeveloped bustline take us into areas that, thank-you, we'd just care not to go. She lets a pot dealing, Charles Manson T-shirt wearing neighbor (Kevin Corrigan) under her blouse for some adolescent exploration, trivializing the episode as a "building thing." At least we're spared meeting the building's less worthy neighbors.

Enter kooky cousin Rita (the memory-impaired Ms. Tomei). She's just escaped from her lat-

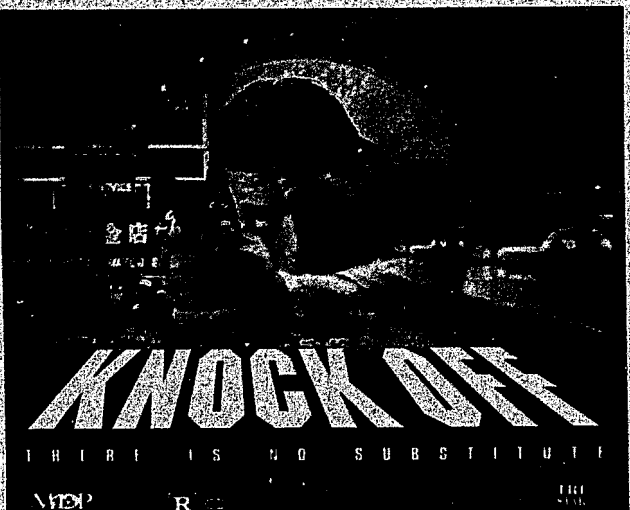
est rehab center, and her father (Carl Reiner, slumming himself for just one scene) offers to pay brother Murray to take her in and straighten her out. This allows the family to go movin' on up to an actual furnished apartment ("finally - we're rich!"). It also allows Rita to teach Viv a few things every budding woman should know, like how to disco dance with a vibrator. The scene may have played as ground-breaking in the Fox screening room. It should have been left in the ground.

Viv's anatomy - she whines on about having inherited her mother's breasts and her father's nose - and her bodily functions and fluids are the grist for this coming of age tale. Writer/director Jenkins did what she was taught - she wrote about what she knew. Trouble is, her anger is uninteresting, and her characters are unlikeable. She admits it herself, through Viv: "The whole family is sick. I hate us; we're freaks." Well, as we said in the 1970s, Right On.

Natasha Lyonne has played the daughter of Woody Allen ("Everyone Says I Love You") and Richard Dreyfuss ("Krippendorf's Tribe"), as well as Meryl Streep's niece ("Heartburn"). That's some pedigree, and her performance is the film's highlight. If you really want to see

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Music producer offers dream list

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And it doesn't matter if they're performing jazz, opera, rock or country. Ron has to make it sound amazing. From making most of the calls for music bookings to technical and equipment rundowns to working with our crack crew on the final air mix, week in and week out, it's Ron who brings it all together.

So who better than Ron to give us a musical preview of the upcoming season on Backstage Pass? Of course, given the fickle nature of music booking, it would be impossible to predict which acts will actually make it onto the Big Show. So I told Ron to consider this an open letter to Santa - what do you wish for in Season Three?

"One of my main objectives will be to reintroduce people in Detroit to the master musicians who still live here. We've done fairly well with that with people like Hal McKinney, Russell Green, Marcus Belgrave and some others. I'd like to continue."

Who's on your wish list? "For starters, Chicago Pete. He's a blues guy who will be performing at Montreaux with the Rodney Whitaker Quartet." Rodney appeared last season on Backstage Pass. "It should be a rocking show. Rodney is Pete's son-in-law, so there's a family connection there."

"Johnny Bassett is another blues guy. The hook with Johnny is that he was in the Fortune Records rhythm section, an old Mom and Pop, pre-Motown, Detroit-based label that did very well in its day. The Fortune Records building was on Cass Avenue not far from where the Town Pump is now."

"And Beans Bowles was like the horn guy at Motown. What Pistol Allen was to drums and Earl Van Dyke was to keyboards, Beans was to the horns at Motown. He was also involved in the presentation of the acts when they went out on the road. A lot of them were young kids, and he helped them with their touring etiquette. He's a great horn player, and still gigs around."

Hey, wishing's cheap. What else do you want, Ron? "I would like to see us do more of the kind of thing we did with James Carter. More than just booking the act and making sure they sound good, I'd like to help put together the band, discuss repertoire with the artists - to start with concept and build the ensemble out of that." If you

recall Mr. Carter's appearance on the show, the concept was to put together an ensemble of artist who influenced Carter - a fast-rising star in contemporary jazz - during his formative years in Detroit. "So, as opposed to coming in with his regular touring ensemble, maybe we put together some of these Fortune Records guys to play with Johnny Bassett. Some of them are still around. They could give us a perspective on what was going on in Detroit before Berry Gordy made his mark." That would be fascinating!

What else? "Every season we deepen our relationship with major record labels, and they provide us with national touring

and recording acts. I hope that this year we actually have an opportunity to co-sponsor concerts with either radio stations or performance venues. I sense that this year we might try to do more rock. We've always represented it, but we've been bombarded by so many things that we haven't always done as much as we should. I also want to get some contemporary Gospel on the show, plus world music and reggae. And we hope to continue our good relationships with all the players in Detroit's classical scene."

As Backstage Pass continues to earn high marks as a showcase for music on television, we can

afford to be ambitious. Like Ron says, "We stand up in comparison to any of the shows that do music - Letterman, Leno, Conan - we're doing as well, often better. We put out a first-rate product in terms of sound."

On tonight's show, Gerry Craig tours the Brodhead Armory, Blair Anderson hosts a performance from last spring's Plowshares Theatre production of "Joe Turner's Come and Gone," plus music from Jewel collaborator Steve Peltz and the Arianna String Quartet. That's on Backstage Pass, at our new time - 7:30 p.m. tonight, repeated Friday at midnight on Detroit Public Television.

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9:45 p.m. Ray Barretto and the New World Spirit

Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage

Noon Roseville High School Jazz Ensemble

1:15 p.m. Chesaning Union Jazz

2:45 p.m. Jackson Middle School at Parkside

4 p.m. Divine Child High School Jazz Ensemble

5:15 p.m. Aquinas College Afternoon Jazz Ensemble

6:45 p.m. Northview High School Jazz Ensemble

8 p.m. Kathy Kosins & Trio

9:45 p.m. Shawn "Thunder" Wallace Sextet

Pepsi Jam Academy

1 p.m. Jazz clinic with Paul Keller

2:45 p.m. Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation

5 p.m. Jazz clinic with Wendell Harrison

6:30 p.m. Student Jam session

9 and 10:15 p.m. Edgar Leony Orquesta Tradicion Latina

Kowalski Riverfront Cafe

6 and 7:30 p.m. University of Michigan - Flint Jazz Combo

9 and 10:30 p.m. Pistor Allen Quartet

Saturday, Sept. 5

Ford/Air Touch Cellular Stage
Noon Central Michigan University Percussion Ensemble

1:30 p.m. United States Air Force Night Flight Jazz Ensemble

3 p.m. Regina Carter Electric Quartet

w/Chicago Pete

9:30 p.m. Ruth Brown
DTE Energy Stage

Noon Boogie Woogie Bash w/ Bob Seeley, Mr. B and Philippe Lejeune

2:15 p.m. Thornetta Davis & Oo Pops Da

4 p.m. Magnificent Seven w/Garfield

5:45 p.m. Astral Project

7:45 p.m. Johnnie Bassett & the Blues Insurgents

9:30 p.m. Eric Person & Meta-Four

Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage
Noon Michigan All State Jazz Combo

1:15 p.m. IAJE Reading Band

2:45 p.m. Michigan All-State Big Band

4 p.m. Sterling Heights High School Jazz Band

5:15 p.m. University of Michigan - Flint Jazz Ensemble

6:45 p.m. Monroe High School Jazz Band

8 p.m. Dan Lewis & Friends w/ David Liebman and Rick Margitza

Pepsi Jam Academy
1 p.m. Jazz clinic with Rick Roe

2:45 p.m. Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation

3:45 p.m. Meet the Artist: Dennis Rowland

5 p.m. Jazz clinic with Bart Polot

6:30 p.m. Student Jam session

9 and 10:15 p.m. Roger Tucker and 3/4 Step

Kowalski Riverfront Cafe
1:45 p.m. Northview High School Jazz Combo

5:15 and 7 p.m. Wayne State University Sextet

9 and 10:30 p.m. Tom Brown Quartet

Sunday, Sept. 6
Ford/Air Touch Cellular Stage

Noon James Tatum Trio Plus

12 p.m. The Brad Mehldau Trio

4 p.m. David Liebman, Michael Brecker & the University of Michigan Jazz Ensemble

5:45 p.m. Straight Ahead

7:45 p.m. George Benson Quartet

9:30 p.m. Louis Hayes Quintet w/Curtis Fuller

DTE Energy Stage
12:15 p.m. Myron Wahls Trio

1:45 p.m. Northwoods Improvisers

3:15 p.m. Creative Arts Collective Ensemble

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8 p.m. Bess Bonnier Quartet

9:45 p.m. Schunk/Starr/Dryden
Pepsi Jam Academy

1 p.m. Jazz clinic with Ellen Rowe

2:45 p.m. Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation

3:45 p.m. Meet the Artist: Louis Hayes & Curtis Fuller

5 p.m. Jazz clinic with Andrew Speight

6:30 p.m. Student Jam session

9 and 10:15 p.m. Sugarfoot

Kowalski Riverfront Cafe
1:15 and 2:45 p.m. Northview High School Jazz Combo

4:45 and 6:30 p.m. Oberlin Jazz Septet

8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Vincent York Quartet

Monday, Sept. 7
Ford/Air Touch Cellular Stage

Noon Wayne State Jazz Band

1:30 p.m. Chris Collins Quartet

3:15 p.m. Ralphie Armstrong's International Detroiters w/Vernon Reid

5 p.m. A la Carte Brass and Percussion

7 p.m. Diane Shuur & the Duke Ellington Orchestra directed by Paul Ellington

9:30 p.m. Regina Carter Quartet w/John Blake

DTE Energy Stage
12:15 p.m. Paul Adler Quartet

2 p.m. Houston Person & Etta Jones

3:30 p.m. George Goldsmith & Endangered Species Lives!

5 p.m. Henry Cook Band

7 p.m. The David McMurray Show

9 p.m. Houston Person & Etta Jones

Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage
Noon Dearborn Edsel Ford Jazz Band

1:15 p.m. Central Michigan University Jazz Lab Band

2:45 p.m. Northville High School Jazz Ensemble

4 p.m. Ann Arbor Community High School Jazz Band

5:15 p.m. Dee Dee McNeil

6:45 p.m. Herrold/Gordon Small Band

8:15 p.m. Kenny Cox Sextet

9:45 p.m. Liquid Soul

Pepsi Jam Academy
1 p.m. Jazz clinic with Vincent York

2:45 p.m. Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation

3:45 p.m. Meet the Artist: Paul Ellington

5:15 p.m. Student Jam session

7:45 and 9 p.m. Imperial Swing Orchestra

Kowalski Riverfront Cafe
1:30 and 3 p.m. Cass Tech Jazz Combo

4:30 and 6:30 p.m. The WCO Jazz Combo

8:15 and 10:30 p.m. Dwight Adams Quartet

Sept. 11, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 in downtown Plymouth. (734) 453-1540

PROUD LAKE RECREATION AREA
"End of Summer Sampler," featuring an observation of several habitats within the park and a discussion about the significant plants and animals residing in each of them, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, "Marsh Mammals," with a walk and discussion about marsh inhabitants and find out how they are getting ready for fall, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, at the

park, 3500 Wixom Road, Milford. Meet at annex parking lot. Free, state motor vehicle permit required for entry. (248) 685-2187

CORRINE STAVISH

The well-known story teller entertains with enlightening stories pertaining to the High Holidays, 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at the Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. Free. (248) 967-4030

CLASSICAL

RALPH VOTAPEK

Piano recital of Moussorgsky and Gershwin presented by Music Study Club of Metropolitan Detroit, 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 dessert 12:15 p.m.), at Birmingham Temple, 28811 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$7 non-members. (248) 851-4307/(248) 585-0146

POPS/SWING

BLUE MOON BOYS

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (swingability)

WAYNE NEWTON

7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. Persons holding tickets for Newton's Jan. 16 Palace concert should call (248) 377-8601. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

AUDITIONS

AVON PLAYERS

Auditions for "The Foreigner," a modern farce set in a fishing lodge in rural Georgia, 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 14-15, at the playhouse on Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. For performances Oct. 30-31 and Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8 and 12-14. Scripts available (not for check-out) at the Rochester Public Library. (248) 608-9077

DEARBORN BALLET THEATRE

Auditions for male and female dancers for "The Nutcracker," minimum two years serious dance training, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Dearborn Senior Center Gymnasium, formerly St. Barbara's School, 13500 Colson, off Schaefer Road between Michigan Avenue and Ford Road, Dearborn. For performances with the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra Nov. 28-29. (313) 563-2488/(313) 943-3095

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

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

Auditions for "Follies," 7:10-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe. Performances Nov. 5-21. (313) 885-6086/(810) 790-7038/(313) 886-0944

MADISON CHORALE

Auditioning men and women singers Tuesday, Sept. 8, by appointment only. (248) 548-6340

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for new members, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29, especially needed are tenors, basses and baritone, some openings for altos and sopranos, rehearsals for 25th anniversary Christmas Concert begin Sept. 8, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Auditions for concertmaster, second oboe, second clarinet, second French horn, section strings, others may audition for substitute positions, Monday, Sept. 14. (734) 482-3897/(313) 640-1773

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Auditions for 15 men and women of varying ages for "Twelve Angry Jurors," a mixed cast version of "Twelve Angry Men," 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, actors must give one-minute monologue on any issue they feel strongly about, either original or scripted, for performances Nov. 6-22. (734) 420-2752; open house for children and adults interested in theater, 205 W. Long Lake between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. (248) 988-7049

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOR

Auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 15 and 22, for season including Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Bach's "Magnificat," in Room 530 of the Forum building on campus, on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435

VANGUARD VOICES

Auditions for 65-voice mixed choir, 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Building (Room F-113), Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

For performances Nov. 29, Dec. 12, 14, Feb. 5, March 21, April 11, and May 23. Rehearsals Thursday nights in Dearborn. (313) 845-6474

VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for "She Loves Me," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sept. 8 and Thursday, Sept. 10 at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut Street, south of Maple Road, Birmingham. For performances Nov. 12-15, 20-22, 27-28. (248) 644-2075

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS

Auditions for children 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday, Sept. 13-15, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. (313) 416-4ART

ZAMIR CHORALE OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT

Open rehearsals, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, Agency for Jewish Education, 21550 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield. (313) 861-8990/(248) 851-8560

CHORAL

CHOIR OF THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

OF LUBLIN, POLAND
1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, as part of the Orchard Lake Schools' "Polish Day" Mass, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, as part of a concert of traditional and contemporary works by Polish and foreign composers, at the schools' shrine-chapel, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. A free-will collection will be taken during the concert. Polish-American meals and campus tours will also be available. (248) 682-1885

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

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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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

AGAPE POWER

"Lifetime of Praise" concert. Ice cream-social child care provided. 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 E. 14 Mile, Birmingham. Free will offering. (810) 646-6100

WORLD MUSIC

IMMUNITY

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, The Gavel, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, Spectadium, 2511 N. Livernois Road, Troy. Cover charge. (248) 362-4030 (reggae)

TASLIMAH BEY QUINTET

6:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 3, Bert's on the River, Belle Isle. (313) 823-8000

SALLY NYOLO

Former member of Zap Mama, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

PINO MARELLI

7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Bendetto's Ristorante Italiano, 15505 15 Mile, Clinton Township. (810) 790-1010; 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 9-10 and 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Luciano's 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 263-6540. (Italian and Spanish)

THIRD WORLD

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

STEPHEN FEARING

With Ray Bonneville, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

RFD BOYS

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10-\$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (bluegrass)

TENNESSEE SCHMALZ

8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (klezmer/jazz)

POETRY

DETROIT WOMEN'S COFFEEHOUSE SERIES

Michelle Gibbs, poet/artist, Ko Nami Keto Ensemble, Japanese music, Nedra Johnson, national performing artist, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, Unitarian Church, red door at Cass and Forest, Detroit. \$7-\$12. (313) 832-6888

DANCE

ANN ARBOR CONTRA

Community and family dance, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94. \$4 per person, \$8 family. (734) 769-4052; followed by picnic in Gallup Park, 3-7 p.m. (\$4 donation for food) and first Saturday dance, 8-11:30 a.m., at the Pittsfield Grange, \$9. (734) 665-7704. Dance information for Sept. 6 and 8, (734) 332-9024

"RIVER"

With Eiko and Koma, 8:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Nichols Arboretum on the banks of the Huron River. \$25. (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Randy Lubas and Tim Rolands, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 3-5; Bill Hildebrandt, Kevin Zeoli and Pauline, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 10-12, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$5), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$12), unless otherwise noted. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Kirkland Teeple, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 2-3 (\$7); Dean Haglund, who played the "Lone Gunman" on "The X-Files," 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 4-5 (\$12); R. Bruce, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 9-10 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Norm Stultz and Frank G., Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 3-6; Jenny McNulty and

Paul Frisbee, Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 9-13, 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>

SECOND CITY

"Viagra Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through November, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10. Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

"BEHIND THE SCENES"

Tour of the Gem Theatre, 6:30 p.m. cash bar/dinner at intermezzo followed by 8 p.m. film clip of the moving of the theater, Friday, Sept. 18, at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$50 Detroit Historical Society members, \$60 non-members. (313) 833-1405 or <http://www.detroit-historical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Exhibits include "Detroit's Black Bottom and Paradise Valley: Help Us Collect Your Past" through Sunday, Oct. 25, and "Juke Joint" through Sunday, Oct. 18, at the museum, 315 E. Warren (at Brush), Detroit. Museum admission, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 17 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

"THE A2 HARDCORE HIP-HOP FEST"

With Harms Way, Mob Mentality, Scully, The Howse and Young Guns, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

AURORA

With Sublimation and Lovesick, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

BANTAM ROOSTER

With The Witches, The Go, Glow in the Dark Monsters, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

THE BEACH BOYS

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, and 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$54, \$48 students and senior citizens, \$60 gold circle. All ages. (810) 286-2222 (pop)

BIZER BROTHERS

8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 567-4400 (pop)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With The Ledge, Neanderthal, Gravity Well and Offset, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BONNE TEMPS ROULE

9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (R&B)

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (bluesy rock)

BILLY BRAGG

7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance, benefits striking newspaper workers. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (rock)

BROADZILLA

With The Workhorse Movement and Powerface, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Paycheck's Lounge, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 874-0254 (rock)

BUSTER BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

CIVILIANS

9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, Lill's, 2930

Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lills21.com> (rock)

"CLASSIC ROCK ALL STARS"

Featuring Peter Rivera, Jerry Corbetta, Mike Pineria and Dennis Noda, of Rare Earth, Iron Butterfly, Blues Image, Cannibal and the Headhunters, and Sugarloaf, performing hits such as "Get Ready," "I Just Wanna Celebrate" and "Tobacco Road," with special guest The Plants, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$15.50 in advance, 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

THE CONNELLS

With Michelle Penn, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

COWBOY JUNKIES

With Over the Rhine, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop)

A.J. CROCE

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$6. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

With Knee Deep Shag, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock/funk)

GLEN EDDIE

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO

10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (rock)

FAITH AND DISEASE

With Trance to the Sun, 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Ascension U.K., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. (313) 961-5333 (goth)

FATHERS OF THE ID

8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays through September Johanson-Charles Gallery, 1345 Division, in Detroit's Eastern Market. Free, donations accepted. All ages. (313) 567-8638 (alternative rock)

STEWART FRANCKE

With Merrie Amsterburg, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$8, free for students. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (pop)

FUNKTELLIGENCE

9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk)

H2O

With Madball, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

HILLSIDE STRANGLERS

With The Impaler, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Lill's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lills21.com> (rock)

LISA HUNTER

9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Lonestar Coffeehouse, 207 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 642-2233; Hosts open mic,

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, Gargoyle's, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 745-8790 (acoustic pop)

KNEE DEEP SHAG

With Baked Potato, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk)

ROBERT PENN

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

PETER AND THE TEST-TUBE BABIES

With Bumpin' Uglies, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (punk)

PLUMLOCO

10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (rock)

POLISH MUSLIMS

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Lill's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lills21.com> (pop)

RHYTHM POSSE

9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

ROCKET 455

With Neckbones, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 833-POOL (rock)

SAFFIRE - THE UPPITY BLUES WOMEN

With Susan Calloway, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (blues)

HADDEN SAYERS BAND

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth St., Royal Oak. \$3. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

"SEPTEMBER SLAM '98"

With LA, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Harpo's, 14238 Harper, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 824-1700 (rock)

JO SERRAPERRE

8-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (blues)

60 SECOND CRUSH

10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (rock)

SON OF ADAM

10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (rock)

SPINANES

With The Lonesome Organist, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 833-POOL (rock)

SUBURBAN DELINQUENTS

6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (punk)

STABBING WESTWARD

7-11 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, Blind

Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (rock/industrial)

SUN MESSENGERS

9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$2. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (R&B)

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8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 833-POOL (ska)

TRASH BRATS

9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Lill's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lills21.com> (glam rock)

UNCLE BOOBY

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450; 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (pop)

VAN HALEN

With the Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$40 pavilion, \$20 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

CLAY WALKER

With the Dixie Chicks, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, 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> (country)

CLUB NIGHTS

BLIND PIG

"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 8-9 p.m. and dancing with DJ Del Villarreal, 7:30 p.m. Sundays at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5 before 9 p.m., \$3 afterward; "Solar" night with Disco D featuring Terrance Parker and G Major of Bang Tech 12, 11 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the club. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET

"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

DINING

Tomatoes Apizza makes an exceptional pie

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Open since mid-July, Tomatoes Apizza is developing a reputation.

"It's really different," said Hien Trinh of Farmington Hills, a student at University of Detroit Mercy Dental School. "I love the crust, it's crunchy. It's definitely like nothing we've had around here. It's not all dough."

Owner Michael Weinstein, 25, and his business partner Jayson Kakos, 24, know "Good Pizza's Hard To Find," and are confident that once people try Tomatoes Apizza, they will order it again and again. It's easy to pass by on busy Halsted Road if you don't know what you're looking for. An umbrella table outside the carry-out restaurant helps draw attention, as does the colorful mural painted by Susan Weinberg, and sign designed by Amy Wybo.

"If you have a good carry-out, and it's exceptional, people will find it," said Kakos. There's seating for 10 people, and soft drinks are offered for sale.

Weinstein and Kakos grew up in the same neighborhood in West Bloomfield. They met in middle school and have been friends ever since. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, Weinstein said he always wanted to be in the fast food business, "because it works."

He discovered pizza in New York, and it reminded him of the pizza he enjoyed with his father on trips to New Haven, Conn. "My dad grew up in New Haven, and he took me there when I was 10," said Weinstein.

"This is good pizza, it's the way it's supposed to be," he said, taking a bite of a fresh-from-the-oven pie. "It's got a thin, crispy crust, it's got character and depth, it has truth, it's real. There are no shortcuts involved in making it. This is not

Tomatoes Apizza
Where: 24369 Halsted (just north of Grand River), Farmington Hills, (248) 888-4888.
Open: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, 4-11 p.m. Sunday.
Menu: Pizza.
Cost: Ranges from \$4.99 for small Red Pizza with crushed tomatoes to \$13.99 for a large White Pizza with fresh tomato and basil.
Credit Cards: All majors accepted.

gourmet, everyone should be eating this pie. This pie is for everyone."

Tomatoes Apizza offers three varieties of pizza: Red Pizza, crust topped with crushed tomatoes and seasonings; White Pizza, crust topped with mozzarella cheese, fresh tomatoes, garlic, basil, and seasonings; and Classic pizza with tomato sauce, cheese and your choice of toppings. You can order half red, and half white if you'd like to try a taste of both.

Weinstein worked at a pizzeria for six months while attending the Culinary Institute of America, and after graduating, he moved to New Haven, Conn., to learn how to make the pizza he loved.

History

New Haven and pizza have a long history. According to Weinstein, in the early 1900s, immigrants from Naples arrived on the Eastern seaboard. One of these immigrants, Frank Pepe, worked in a bakeshop in New Haven. To earn extra money, Pepe bought the bakery's day-old bread, spooned on chopped tomato, and spent his mornings and evenings establishing his business on Wooster Street, now considered a mecca by pizza aficionados. This was arguably the first pizza in America.

By the 1920s, Frank Pepe's "Neapolitan Apizzeria" was famous. Other pizza men followed, and these were the men

Weinstein wanted to learn from. The first place he went was Sally's. "I told them I needed a job and that I had been making pizzas for five years," said Weinstein. "They tried me out, and I did a nice job, so after a day they asked me to fill out an application. They were very nice, and I didn't want to be a sneak, so I told the truth about my background."

Telling the truth cost him the job. "They're real proud of their pizza and probably thought I would steal the recipe."

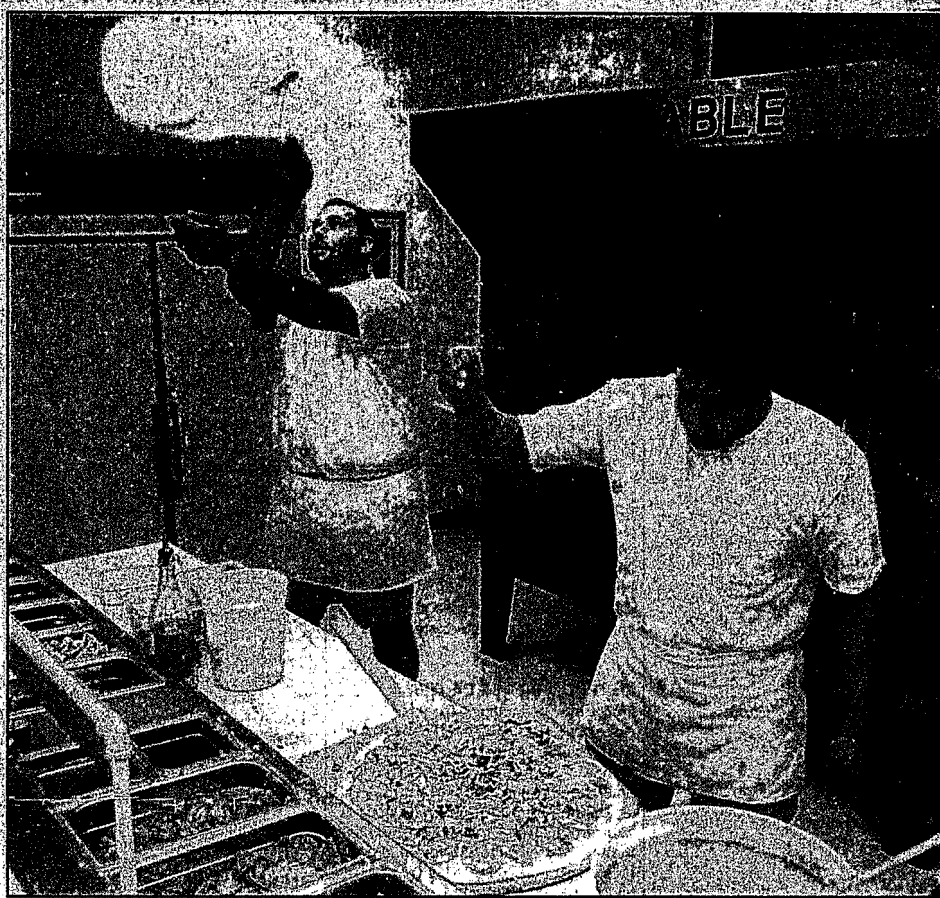
Determined, Weinstein walked down the street to another pizza maker, Lou Abate. "I asked for a job, and he said 'let me see you make a pizza.' I did, and he said 'so who are you really?'"

Weinstein told the truth this time — he trained at the Culinary Institute of America, and wanted to open a pizzeria in Michigan that sold pizza like the kind Lou made.

"Lou learned how to make pizza from his father," said Weinstein, "and his father learned from this guy named Johnny Two Fingers, who learned from old man Pepe."

Weinstein worked there for six months, and knew he was ready to go into business on his own when Lou said, "Mike, you make a pretty good pie, just like that."

On a trip home to attend his good friend Jayson Kakos' wedding, the two talked about open-



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Making pizza: Jayson Kakos (left) and Michael Weinstein make pizzas with character and depth at Tomatoes Apizza.

ing their own business.

Kakos doesn't have Weinstein's culinary background, but he knows about running businesses. His father owns a liquor store, and his mother a tanning salon. "I've been working for my family since I was a pup," he said. "Mike made us dinner, it was the best

food I've ever tasted. After that I was convinced he could cook."

"We take a lot of pride in what we do," said Weinstein. "Everyone who makes a pizza here has to have respect for it. How it's cooked makes a huge difference. We cook it on a seasoned brick and took a lot of care in choosing

every ingredient from the flour and yeast to the tomatoes and cheese."

Weinstein is teaching his friend how to make pizzas. "I love food, and I'm picking this stuff up," said Kakos. "Pretty soon I think I'll be a master pizza-maker."

WHAT'S COOKING

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■ **Johnny Rockets** — home of the Original Hamburger, opened Monday, Aug. 31 at the Star Southfield, 25333 12 Mile Road. Johnny Rockets captures a time when the corner malt shop was the friendliest place in town. Look for story in Entertainment

on Sept. 10.

■ **The Pontiac Silverdome's Main Event Restaurant** reopened Sept. 1 after extensive interior changes departing from the former sports bar theme and placing the diner in a casual, comfortable county club setting. With an all-new menu featuring Canadian Baby Back Ribs basted in Big Jack's barbecue sauce, the Main Event is billing itself as the "best place in town for ribs." Other sure-to-be popular items are steaks, seafood and oversized burgers. Hours are

Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday until 11 p.m. Saturday 5 p.m.-11 p.m. Closed Sundays. On Detroit Lions game days, the Main Event will offer Game Day Buffet service. For reservations call (248) 858-7888.

■ **No. VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar** (27790 Novi Road in the Hotel Baronette; Wednesday, Sept. 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m., \$60 per person, tax and gratuity not included, Brancott Vineyards from New Zealand, five-course dinner with wine

pairings. Call (248) 305-5210 for reservations. Winemaker Jeff Clarke will be present to help you understand his wines as you enjoy Citrus Seared Salmon Tostada, Wild Mushroom Bisque, Lobster & Crabmeat Stuffed Shrimp and Fresh Berry Creme Brulee.

■ **The Lark** — Will host an au courant New Orleans dinner 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 28-29. The menu features a mix of new and old Louisiana French cuisine. The cost is \$80 per per-

son, not including other beverages, tax or gratuity. The last day of cancellation or reduction of reservations without charge is Sept. 16. The Lark is at 6430 Farmington Road, (north of Maple) West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-4466 for reservations and information.

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