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Ready to run: Clarkston's girls' basketball team goes 10 deep this year, and coach Ann Lowney plans to use the depth to her advantage as the Wolves get started in the prep hoop race./**B1** 

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**CLARKSTON** 

ast 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 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 1-75. Now no one needs to leave Clarkston; rather, everyone's trying to get in!

Vintage Clarkston is written by Kim Huttenlocher, vice-president of th Clarkston Community Historical Soci-



## 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

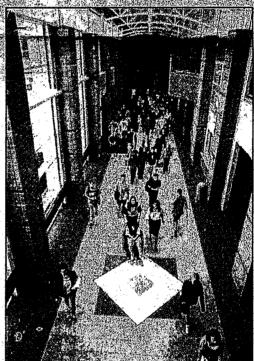
he principal of Clarkston's new high school claimed victory Monday, as a line of teen-filled vehicles inched onto Flemings Lake Road from a parking lot bottleneck to mark the end of the big game, uh, school day.

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

Please see OPENING DAY, A



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 Haz-ardous Waste Day for homeat a cost of  $$23,000 ext{ } ext{w} ext{ to help them dis-}$ pose of unwanted paint, antifreeze and the like.



STAFF WRITER

Officials in Inde-

ardous Waste Day at which residents will be able to drop off paint, acrosol cans, old gasoline and other hazardous materials at the township's department of public works site on Flemmings

The board also set Oct. 17 as the date of the first Household ■ 'I don't know Hazardous

what we have lying out there. We have some old farms out there that might surprise us with what they produce.'

Dan Travis Independence Township trustee Detroit, to col-lect, handle and dispose of like idea. said trustee Wallace.

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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 increas-

ingly 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 peritem 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

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

The yideo 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 Dixle 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

said on the night of the him'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 **III 'I think the love story** that morning, about 15 people were lined up outside waiting to grab a copy of the film, said Kendra Smith, store manager. Smith expected to be out of Video store clerk, explain

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 that" emotional draw that Black" went even faster than brought audiences back to the "Titanic." Smith attributed that theaters more than once. Like 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

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 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 the control of the

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 store manager at historical significance that made Video, 6453 the film a success Lori Hall, of Mammoth Video, 6453 the film a success Lori Hall, of Sashabaw Road, was one of Clarkston purchased her copy those patrons. He has a theory. Tuesday, for her daughter, relating to the film's fremendous 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

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

"I think a lot of it seemed pret-ty factual," she said.

ty 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

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,

■ 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

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

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Melvin and Cherveny died instantly, Ellis said. The impact of the collision

caused the rear of Cherveny's northbound Camaro to go airoorne and a 1997 Dodge Neon We think he possibly fell that was following it then went

ing the road itself, traveling through arditch 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 Bland

l'uesday 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. Ches and 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 trav-eling about 75 mph when they collided. Police officers closed northbound 1.75 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.

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#### ·····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

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 handléd 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 col-lection 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 Envi-ronmental 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-

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

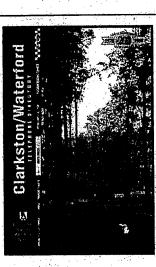
Household Hazardous Waste Day, she said. Subsequent events, if held

annually, typically draw new residents as well as return users,

#### CLARIFICATION

Independence Township's Fire Department has 16 firefighters covered under a recently ratified work contract.



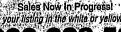


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## Familiar face to take on another high-profile role

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

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 lun-cheons. 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 hisstrength as a school visionary and com-

munity 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 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. T 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

ston, 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? 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 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 magnifi-cent 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."

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 hav-ing 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

dent Cheryl McGinnis said Roberts has earned the praise of many parents and community members because he's an approachable leader and a good

"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 dis-trict. He's just a very caring per-

## Parade, fair included in town's Labor Day plans

By Stephanie Angelyn Casola

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 Charles and Char 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

along the parade route this year in an effort to keep the parade traffic steady and safe for all par-ticipants. 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 marshall 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 spec-tators 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.

won't let youngsters leave the festivities emply handed. They will hand out treasure chest keys 20 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 feet turing children's clothing, sports equipment, crafts,

and wall-hangings

Every year it seems to get a little higger for us a 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 atmossphere 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."

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 finger prints and identification cards will be made and laminated at an exhibit The will be made and prints 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 movies combinations or oil changes and tools will be awarded at the fair. A raffle of rare or retired to the property of the remaining the property of the remaining t

Beanie Babies promises to draw in the youngsters, Beanie Baties promises to draw in the youngalests, 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. Confact 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

#### **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.

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 vehi-cle 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.

# Labor Day olearance

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## Resident startled by 'gator on porch

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By Stephanir Angelyn Casola Stafe Writer

Imagine opening the front door only to find an alligator

For a Clarkston-area family; on Aug. 26, said Bonnie Long, the story came true last week; shelter manager and wildlife While trying to retrieve a news

paper, a woman was greeted by the sight of a Caiman alligator at her home near Walton and Clintonville roads. The 2-year-old female alli-gafor was quickly rescued by the Michi-gan Humane Society. Sue Neal, wildlife specialist at the shelter, responded to the

communication of the control of the an elementary school. The woman who reported the inci-dent lives with her mother who actually saw the alligator carled around a ceramic pot on the front porch.

They were really concerned," said Neal.

She didn't have trouble rescuing the runaway alligator, is He came pretty easily," said Neal. "He wasn't as big as he

could be." The alligator spanned about 2.5 feet in length.

Af any size, they have a cer-tain potential to cause injury," said Neal, adding that alligators may bite or bat their tails fierce-

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

aiThough the alligator was held

for four days at the shelter, it nor rour 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 adorted of the control of the same and the relaxing on the porch.

Does that sound too fargator was humanely put to sleep.

And 28 said Bonnie Long,

> 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.

day.'∵ Long and Neal said that alligators are purchased from pet stores but do not make suitable pets. Sue Neal Michigan Humane Society

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 prop-

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 alliga-tor 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



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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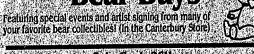
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## County commission candidates spread campaign cash around

- sometimes called the "mother's milk of politics" – flowed freely in Oakland County commission primaries, according to finance reports filed prior o the Aug. 4 primary election. In the 25 contests – including seven

with no primary race - more than \$160,000 was spent collectively, accord-ing 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 over-seeing 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 Jolicoeur 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.

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

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 pponent.

■ 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 run-



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

■ 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 uncon-

■ 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.



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

■ 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 reelection bid, while his opponent Alan Kroll spent \$1,813, according to reports.

■ District 19 (Farmington and South Farmington): The winner in the threeway 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.

Observer & Eccentric sponsored job fair is Sept. 23

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is sponsoring a job fair 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednes-day, Sept. 23, at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Con-ference Center, Livonia.

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

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, add more signs in front of the

job, but traffic's still a problem," Roberts said.", "Hopefully, the Road Commission (of Oak County) and Independence off this morning to let their stu-Township will help us by getting a dents out. We want to try to Township will help us by getting; dents but, we want to be specified as we paye the road and adjust sion."

our (parking lot) signage, and people start to understand the superintendent for student superintendent s

If the Flemings Lake Road paying 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

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

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Greg West. RCOC project engineer for Flemings Lake Road paving

inside the new high school, the building to give visitors a clear picture outside the building; indication of where they need to didn't look as bright go, "Everybody wants to get as 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-

> superintendent for student sup-port 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 Flem-ings Lake Road) from the (student) pärking 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

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 assis-tant superintendent said representatives from the RCOC. officers from Oakland County Sher and administrators helped at different locations to direct traffic onto the school site, "People haye been very cooperative Brumback said." We're just tr ing to get everyone in and out the parking lot in an order

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

Responding to that comment, Craig Kahler, director of busi-ness 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 paying 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

## Opening day from page A1

changes to a late-morning traffic month to finish other areas like jam out of the school; the day the gym and auditorium, Cooley seemed slightly chaotic — like a .. said Silverdome event.

new Clarkston High School

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.

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 learn-ing 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

lyerdome event.

(Even a camera crew from buildings clocks were not yet On another "to-do" list, the 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

It was one for the Gipper. "The school is huge, but I like "We've moved 2,080 students it," said Ashley Stevens, a 10thgrader. "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

> 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

For 9th-grader Ryan Kinney, deciphering the game plan was "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 con-

fusing." 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,

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

Nicole's mother, Laura Bottiaux, a hall monitor in the building, echoed her daughter's enthusiasm. "T'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 magnifi-

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 150 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 per-

## M-15 project gets another \$500,000

The Michigan Department of Transportation announced recently that it intends to contribute \$500,000 towards the cost of widening M-15, also known as Ortonville Road. The contribution will augment a

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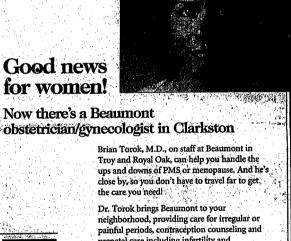
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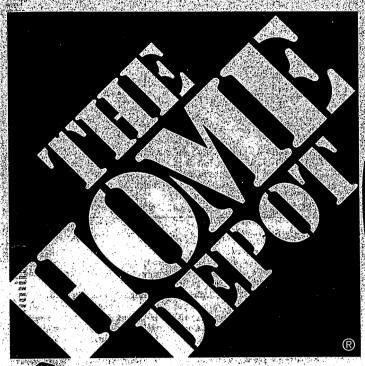
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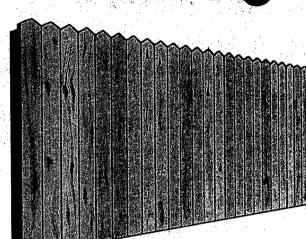
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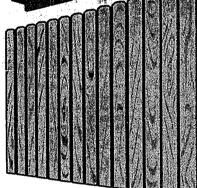
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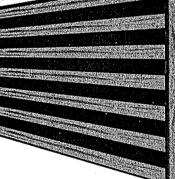
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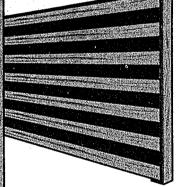
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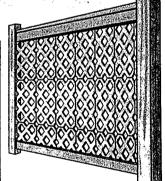
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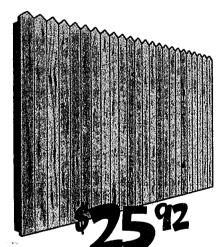
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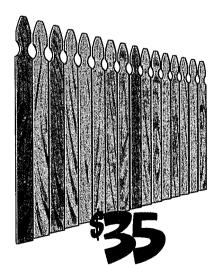
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Despite some notable exceptions, personal protections orders have been an effective way of preventing violence, even death, according to those close to the Oakland County circuit and probate courts.

"It's hard to tell when a PPO has prevented somebody's get-vi-ting hurt or even killed," said ty Edward Sosnick, chief judge of the Oakland 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 Coun-

Four years ago, 1,236 PPOs sioners were issued in Oakland; 3,614 problem were issued in 1997. So far Cadde this year, 1,860 have been recognize that PPOs have pre-issued according to Lisa Czyc, vented violence and probably the recorders clerk who deals

with PPOs full-time.
Deputy county clerk G. William Caddell has advised the county board of commissioners that administrative

■ 'When'i see a woman with bruises on her face or black eye, I know she needs protection. And the PPOs are very effective."

Barry Grant

costs associated with handling oftions before making recom-PPOs is increasing dramatically — particularly after the legislature discontinued the \$10 filling fee required when seeking a PPO. He wants commis: sioners to be aware of the

Caddell is among those who vented 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-

mendations 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

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

ctients — usually a wife or girlfriend — to see to to seek a PPO in order to put the spouse or boyfriend on the defensive. "Some PPOs simply area t

warranted," he said. In one gruesome case, a PPO was warranted— but

Kenneth Williams didn't lêt 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 PRO against him was issued in Wayne, not Oakland County. But the les-son 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 peo-ple 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 concourt valuable suming 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 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.

■ Oakland County deputy clerk G. William 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.

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## Missing the mark

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

hen 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 menn"

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

## Excessive penalties remain on books

n July 2, legislators passed a bill modi fying 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 déath-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



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

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

would allow for the toughest sentencing of "kingpins" and appropriate sentences for oth-

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 (517) 482-4982.

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'Having a good time and doing good in school.

> Thomas Beattle, 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 fulltime 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.

he recent acts of trespassing and vandal-

ism at our new high school site are shock-

ing and despicable. The Clarkston community

ues, and we are law-abiding citizens. So, when

As your superintendent of schools, I realize

has come to expect a standard of behavior

which is rooted in traditional American val-

the laws of the land are violated, we feel vio-

lated as well.

Dale A. Stuart, Supervisor Independence Township

## that Clarkston is not immune from the trou-

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bles 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

hank you for believing that by working in : hank you for beneving that by warmed collaboration we can provide improved seri vices 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.

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- Philip Power

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

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 prison-

For nearly three months I spent jery 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

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 courage ... The morning sunrise sterile hospital rooms, we felt like two clouded by tears and a hospital soldiers trapped in a foxhole, watch ing 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

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

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 yeins 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 confidente 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 halfdozen 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

So we hugged. And from that point

M 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.

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 Gross man 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

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 shricked 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 govern-

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 debt was so large it.
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



of mind" by adding mortgage protection insurance to your loan.

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.

Metropolitan Financial Inc.'s brochure has a picture of a beach umbrella, a sand castle and an oceanic cloud formation. "Want to pay off all your bills right now? Go on vaca-

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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 encourag-

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

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II In the past, consumers 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.

"You were selected for this offer based on the information in your credit report which satisfies the Metropolitan Financial Inc. criteria for credit worthiness ... You have the right to prohibit information contained in your credit report from being used in connection with any credit or insurance transaction that is not initiated by you.

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

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 wellrespected 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) ansing 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 depublican Party contributors, and so forth.

There is some evidence (mostly from Kent ind Oakland counties, normally Republican. where Fieger ran unexpectedly well) that the tate 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.

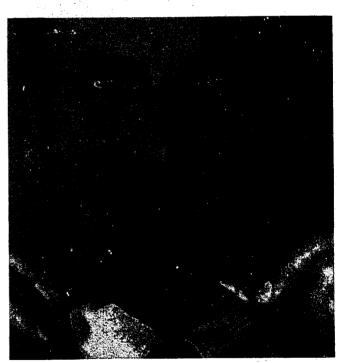
Two concluding footnotes from the weekend in Lansing:

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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## Labor Day celebration anticipates big crowd

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 han 50,000 union members and their families from Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties and other nearby

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 is 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 omprised 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 Raunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last son, and a telephone number.

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Class of 1973 Nov, 28 at the Birmingham Community House, Birmingham. (248) 855-1475, (248) 391-4775 or

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## Angel teaches lesson on love

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

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

ry' coming from your lips Instead, I expected to say them to

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 compas sion, human ties and the love of God than I could in a thousand maternal lectures?

Please see ANGEL, A14:

## Unabashed theater group pushes envelope

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



By Nicole Stafford

Their performance space is vintage — a train station from the 1920s transformed by

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

■ '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

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 enter tain you and enlighten you."

that's art, he said. And 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 mem-

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

"Movies, television and theater are a reflection of our society," Sewick said. While we may dislike certain conduct



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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a member of the script commit-tee 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 open-

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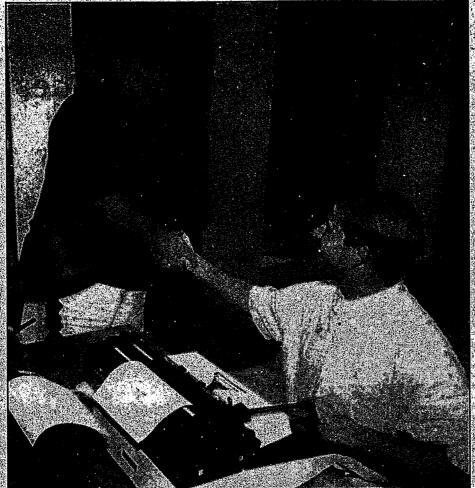
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included in production flyers and other materials. In fact, the theater plans to bar children under age 16 from Death and a

The group is also "responsible, professional and tasteful," keep-ing in mind that Clarkston isn't "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?

eal?" 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 far-ther than most local theaters, Chrkston is more apt than many other communities to sup-



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

port 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

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 ... 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 bout the Clarkston Village Players upcoming production season; which opens with "Deathtrap," call (248) 625-8811.

## Conservancy group,/j gets grant to develop organizational plan

The North Oakland Headwa-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 mitted to supporting projects funds are provided to assist that promote a just, equitable, NOHLC, incorpo

rated in 1972 as the Independence Land Conservan cy, with the devel opment of a strategic plan and to identify areas between NOHLO and the Oakland Land Conservancy, which received similar grant. The grant is one of 17, totaling then

\$50.000. awarded to land trusts in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisonsin 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 trib-ute to the hard work of our volunteer board, particularly of Dr. Robert B. Inskeep, J. James Reed, Dr. Frederick L. Roeser and Daniel F. Trayis.

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

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

successful at protecting the open spaces that define a communi-

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, established in 1926, is a private philanthropy com-mitted to supporting projects

> society. It supports nonprofit United States and on a limited básis, internationally, working largely with lowincome populations. Grantmak-ing 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 move-ment. 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 commu-

While verious 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.

#### ACHIEVERS

The following students from Clarkston were among the more than 700 graduates of Madonna Iniversity 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.

## Angel from page A13

oke, in a very soft voice with ur fingertips moving in the air fore you, about how you went ourse your sister and help her th 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 herves 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 you passed one hand just over the curved palm of the other, slowly, and then looking into my curious son's eyes, explained to him about the body of Christ?

Do you remember how you said that sometimes your faith in God wanes? And how that waning bothers your conscience?

When I first began calling you the angel of Main Street it was a lark. It began, if you recall, with that case of mistaken identity in your church and the stranger who screamed when you quietly approached because she'd been

reading about angels. More and more I have come to believe that you are an angel, indeed.

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.

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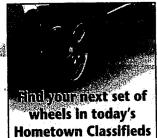
report that cars are becom ing more affordable. I don't happen to think \$30,000 for a minivan is very affordable, but according to the news report, the average salary has increased over the past few years at a higher rate than the cost of a new vehicle. Therefore, we consumers should be running out 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

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," we reiterated. "After tax and destination charges," we spelled out. The salesman reassured us that we had understood

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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 kinder garten (just in case the purchase took longer than expected). The three of us sat down at the sales man'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. 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 Clarkston, is a freelance colum-\$16,000 out the door before I nist.

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After more discussion, he had to take a phone call, which appeared to be from someone in the back. Again he left us to area code unless otherwise noted. think about it. When he returned, after his standard half-hour time period, he THURSDAY, SEPT. 3 announced more good news. The car was being cleaned up and we could drive if home today, even though my husband wasn't there to sign the papers. Oh, joyl

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 the "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 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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#### 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.

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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 transfer-able 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"

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ful hints, and plants. For more

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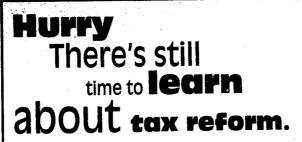
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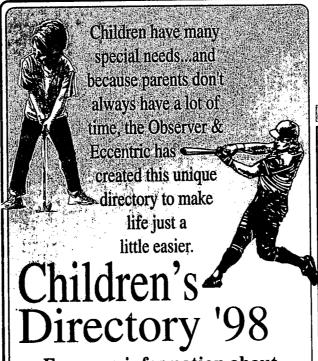
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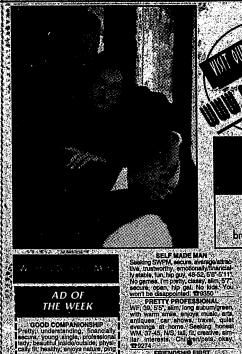
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If you want to know more about me, respond to my ad. I'm a SWCM, 42, 5'6", with dark hair and eyes. I enjoy a variety of interests. I'm seeking a SWF, for friendship, and companionship. Ad#.5245

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He's a secure DWC dad of one, 35, 6'1", with brown hair and blue eyes, who participates in Bible study, and would enjoy getting to know a churchgoing, trustworthy SWCF, age unimportant, who is interested in a long-term relationship. Ad#.6683

DON'T PASS ME BY Understanding, professional, Catholic SWM, 29, 6'2", 180lbs., with light brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys sports, biking, music and would like to meet an stender SWCF, 23-32, who has good values. Ad#.8868

TIME TOGETHER I'm a professional, educated, outgoing SWM, 39, 6'1". I'm seeking a slender SWF, for a monogamous relationship. Ad#.4758

STILL LOOKING

SBC dad, 20, 6', light complexion, who likes basketball, is seeking a compatible SBCF, 22-40, preferably never married, but with children, with whom to have good times. Ad#.1470 OUTGOING
This friendly SWCM, 58, 6', 195lbs.

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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

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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, 6'1", has a wide variety of interests, seeks a spon-taneous, slender, attractive, romantic SWF, race and age unimportant. Ad#.2613

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Harrison, 56, has tasted months to make a seller among in Ohio. I travel around the months to make a seller among in Ohio. I travel around the peanut butter filled chocolaty footballs.

"It's the Willy Wonka job in America," Harrison said of his occupation (Willy Wonka is the fictional owner, portrayed the Master Taster by Gene Wilder, of a magical award from the grandy factory in the movie Tasting Institute.

ice cream taster for 30 years, spit and passes on his exper-the last 17 at Edy's, has also tise to up and coming taste

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of vanilla ice cream. It was with a couple Oreo cookies on the side and he wouldered 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

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.

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

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He describes his tasting method as the "three-S technique" of "swirl, smack and ice cream taster for 30 years, spit" and passes on his exper-

testers. Edy's, he said, has six factories, with a main tester and b a c k u p tester each one. He oversees

John Harrison Edy's Ice Cream taster is the top taster. On them all and 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

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 paux 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, scoopedout 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

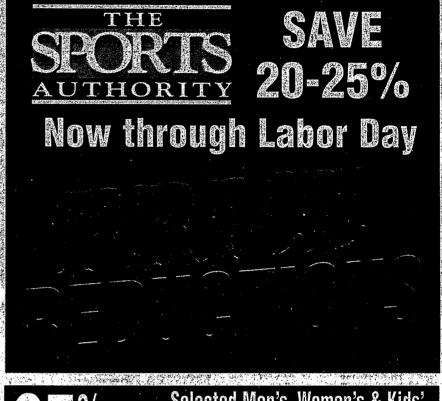
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**BRAD KADRICH** 

## If adversity teaches, Wolves will be wiser

If adversity is indeed a good teach er, 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.

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Two days before the season started, the Wolves were stumed 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

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 Tues-

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 geason Players come and go all of the time, and teams must adjust and

adapts 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 ossible to b 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 adent at creating opportunities for her team-

With Wild gone to Utica, the pres-sure 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 go in one ear and out the other, or waiting to try to improve until prac-tice 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

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

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

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 Clarston 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

Vec 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 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. departure of Wild. Morgan has some of the same qualities, including an ability some time (to get going), but when she assigned to stop the opposing team's does, she can really play."

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

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

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

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

SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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 Black-

hawks broke through.

Phil Kimmel blasted a shot from 30yards 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 (Thurday) 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 tal-ents 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 play-

"(Uchman) shuts everyone down, and we need her to rebound," Lowney said. "(Mor-(an) has been there as a thirdyear 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 line-

up 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 on defense.

All they have to do is believe.

## Wolves bit by late shots in stunning opening loss

Oakland Christian's Becky Neal is the kind of player that must be guarded for all 32 min-utes 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

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 ed 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 Clark! ston up 53-50. Neal hit all three free throws — although the third one touched every bit of the rim—and then stole Clark-ston's inbounds pass and hit a leaning, 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 Can-dace Morgan. But Neal, who fin-ished with 19 points, nailed a 3pointer 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 R. MCKE

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 out-played us for 30 minutes, and we outplayed them for maybe two."

quarter. Candace Morgan led the Wolves with 13 points, while

Neal scored a game-high 19 points, including 10 in the fourth

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

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

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easy favorite, Lowney thinks the choice isn't so clear-cut any

Everyone was saying we were head and shoulders above every one else, "said Lowney "Now Bloomfield, which went imbeat-that we lost Lori, we've come back to everyone else."

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

Lowney said the recipe for suc-

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

Troy Athens is always a contender, and Lowney said Water-ford Kettering could be good

Troy is a sleeper, according to cess is easy for Clarkston

patience and protection.

"We've got to come out every day and take care of the basket-ball," she said. "We have to have the same intensity in our prac-tices as we do in our games. If 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

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 play-offs 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 fur-ther 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 fea-

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 com-

pared 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. Expan-sion 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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#### ARCHERY

Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, on its walknet) through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 or (248) 693 1369 for more information.

Comments.

#### HOLIDAY SHOOT

Detroit Archers will hold a 😘 three-day Holiday 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. each day on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 5-7, on its walk-through range in West Bloomfield, Call (248) 661-9610 for more informa-

apeer East; 7. Otisville-

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ATHLETIC

In the **Red Division**, perennial power **Rochester Hills** 

**Christian** (13-4-1) looks to be

the class as eight starters return. Senior midfielders Tony

sophomore sweeper Dan Mikel, and senior fullback Brent

Bayliss give the Eagles a solid

Faith Christian (15-4-2) won its first division title last year

and should contend again this

Junior forward David Ollila

Monroe, freshman midfielder

autumn as seven starters return.

could be the league's best player, while senior forward Nathan

Eric Ollila, júnior sweeper Jere-

my Barbow and junior goalkeep-er David Scally help form a solid

nucleus .... Clarkston Spring-field Christian (7-13-1) took

third in their first season in 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 Knoa Knapper

should help Springfield make a

run ... Troy Bethany Christian (4-9-1) will look to senior

sweeper Alex Wheeler, sopho-

senior stopper Josh Clifton and

as they look to improve in their

The Bruins were fourth a year

second season in the conference

ago... Senior sweeper John Dews

returns for **Ypsilanti Calvary** 

Christian (4-9-1), but the

junior midfielder Ken Thompson

more midfielder Paul Keen,

conference last fall and the

core ... Clinton Township

Purdy and John Bronsing

The Western Wayne County : Conservation Association will hold a 30-target 3D shoot on Sunday, Sept. 6, on its walk-through course in Plymouth. WWCCA is located at 6700 Napi- / 5027 for more information-er Rd. Call (734) 453-9843 for: // MICHIGAN FLY FISHING more information,

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#### SEASON/DATES

BEAR

Bear season opens Sept. 10 in designated bear management units.

#### ELK

The early elk hunt will run Sept. 12-20, by special permit in designated elk management units only. The late hunt will be held Dec. 8-14, also by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

#### GOOSE

The early Canada goose season

will be Sept. 1-15 in the Lower Peninsula and Sept. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula: (The counties of Huron, Tuscola and Saginaw ... will be closed for the early season.) The daily bag limit is five

GROUSE Ruffed grouse season opens Sept, articles and the second

Squirrel season opens Sept. 15. WATERFOWL

Waterfowl hunters have until 🤲 Aug. 28 to apply for a reserved \*2. hunt permit.

#### **METROPARKS**

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian 17 Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

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COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call

#### (810) 625-6473 to register. SUPERNATURAL SATURDAY

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#### FREE WOOD CHIPS

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

#### NORTH OAKLAND SOCCER OUTLOOK

Eccentric sportswriter Dan Stickradt 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 letter winners. 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 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 Videgar, 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

Dragons a fighting chance. **ECCENTRIC PICK—** 1. Troy Athens; 2. Rochester Adams; 3. (tie) Troy and Rochester; 5. (tie) Birmingham Seaholm and Lake

are Lake Orion's four returning

starters that hope to give the

#### OAKLAND ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION DIVISION II

After winning the last two OAA Division III titles, Bloom-field 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 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 fouryear 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 Kimmell and co. can force a couple of upsets ... Berkley, however, is oung 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. Berkle

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 Detter, a national ODP pool player, and the return of 13 other players. Senior midifielder Matt Mansfield and senior sweeper Bill Vikers are two of the Bronchos' eight seniors ... Fenton is a senior dominated team led by

ers 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

sweeper Nik Burt, and midfield-

to make a run in the FML.

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

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

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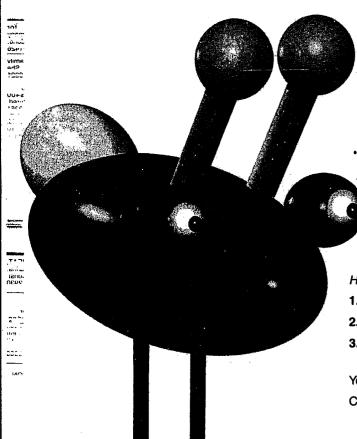
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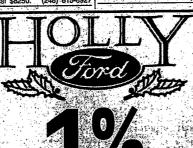
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A: There are procedures which community associations can put into place to

provide effective services, monitor potentially difficult situations and modify facilities to accommodate aging res-

These kinds of procedures include sponsoring seminars on health care, exercise, insurance, estate planning, Medicare and Social Security, They also include providing proper lighting, no-slip walkway surfaces, ramps and handrails.

The association might even consider coordinating rides to doctors, shops and recreational activities and may wish to keep records on family contact information, including the names of doctors and handicaps. The association may also wish to consider checking in on home bound residents.

This is, of course, a very important topic with the baby boomers reaching retirement age and all community associations should be aware of these issues and have a procedure in place to deal with them subject to reviewing beforehend the potential legal liabilities attendant with these procedures.

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"The way I present it is it's for their protection,"

he said. "If your basement is leaking and you know about it, you want it in writing, not verbal, so they

(buyers) can't say they didn't know about it and

gain." Lescoe said he's never been burned.

Westland, like many Realtors, lets his clients fill out

of Realtors has prepared a standardized jone-page. form

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cific appliances and mechanicals including dish-

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I if anything is wrong with the house, this (at listing) is the time to tell future buyers. They (sellers) realize it reduces liability. They want to make sure every-thing is disclosed so no one can come back to them.

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you understand, it's no big. deal. Surprises blown out of perspective present problems in the process."

So how should costly repairs be handled? Should the soller take care of the work before putting the

"They re not really that helpful but better than not having any," he said, "Basically, they (sellers) don't know of it's very easy to say. I'm not qualified

That's why prospective buyers need inspections,

"A few at the top of our

'Age and lack of mainte

nance are two things that

"When people don't understand a problem, it

» list are roofs, basement walls (leaking), heating sy tems, plumbing systems

house on the market or should repairs be left for the buyer with a lower asking price? It all depends on what the problem is and the cost too, Thorn said. We would disclose it and have the price reflect it or fix it. Nothing is cut-and-

dried. There is no rule of thumb. Wood believes it's a good idea for the seller to deal

with a major or costly situation. That's because purchasers typically bring a spe-

That's because purchasers typically bring a specific amount of money to buy and savings resulting from more gazing a few thousand dollars less over time of the partial less over time. The provide immediate cash to make the spain of the partial less over the partial less over the partial less over the partial less over the partial less of money into the house," Lescoe said. He added that specific advice would depend on specific circumstances. While the great majority of home inspections are ordered by buyers, one or two out of a hundred will

ordered by buyers, one or two out of a hundred will be for soon-to-be sellers, Wood said. "Most are wanting to have their homes sell quickly ... appealing to a larger number of potential clients."

Seller disclosure forms are available free from most Realtors.

Get one for a practice exercise if you've lived in your house for a while, are thinking of selling and want to do some advance prep work

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## Pole recycling company formed

DTE Energy Solutions, a sub-sidiary of DTE Energy Co., and landfill for disposal. National Pole Recycling Inc. formed a In addition to saving partnership to develop a sawmill operation to recycle, manufacture and market products from retired utility poles supplied by Detroit Edi-

line legally.

National Pole Recycling, with a 51 percent share of the new venture, will lease a portion of Detroit Edison's pole yard in Wixom to recycle utility/poles into crossarms - used by utilities to support power lines on poles - as well as pallets and other products. Many of the products will be sold to Detroit Edison and other utilities in the United States.

National Pole Recycling has designed a solid waste reduction program for retired utility poles tailored to the needs of utilities. The Detroit Edison program will be used as a foundation to develop pole-recycling centers throughout the United States. Last year, more than 4.5 million utility poles were sent to land-fills in the United States, with that

number expected to grow. "This is an exciting new business for us," said Robert Buckler, executive vice president of DTE Energy. "Not only will this provide us with an opportunity to partner with a new, minority-owned business, but it will have great environmental benefits as

vell." Detroit Edison each year replaces

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\$1 million in disposal costs over the next two to three years, the partnership will allow DTE. Energy to make better use of land at the pole yard.

"This forest of limbless trees has been overlooked for decades," said Ronald Ross, president of National Pole Recycling. "Simply put, recycling poles saves trees and our environment for the future.

National Pole Recycling will employ 13 people. That number is expected in increase as the company expands.

"We see the business becoming the most responsive cost-reduction program for utilities to manage utility poles taken out of service," Ross said. "Fostering recycling businesses can strengthen our nation's economy and the environment."

Ross and his partners, Martha Carmona-Weidenbach and Peggy Jackson, also will recycle used poles from other utilities and municipalities. Production will start in early fall. Other prod-

ucts will include material for marina construcabout 10,000 poles, which in the past—tion, docks, decks, piling,



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## If mortgage becomes delinquent

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If your lender does n't receive your pay ment by its due date, it's considered late, although almost all lenders observe a "grace period." Most will not impose a late payment fee until the payment is 15 days. overdue. Once a late payment

fee has been charged. MULLY

your mortgage won't be current until you pay both the regular monthly payment and the late fee. If you do both before your next payment is due, almost every lender will accept them, and your mort

gage will be current. However, if you miss a second pay ment, the lender will become seriously concerned. At that point, you must pay

all your payments and late charges - or make specific arrangements with your lender (more on that next week). If you miss three payments, most lenders will turn to an attorney to 🕻 attempt to collect the money they're

owed and to begin foreclosure proceed ings. The lender may require that the entire mortgage be paid immediately, along with the lender's legal fees.

This is a place you don't want to be. And in many cases – even involving serious difficulties – you don't have to.

The key to preventing a serious problem from turning into a complete disaster – and possibly losing your home through foreclosure - is to work honestly with your lender. No lender wants to foreclose on a home. First of all, lenders don't want to turn people out of their homes. And, from a practical point of view, a foreclosure is almost always a money-losing proposition. Lenders turn to foreclosure only when they have no other way to limit their losses on a loan.

if you are forthright and nonest with your lender about your situation - and-if you have a plan for working out of it your lender will try to find a way to prevent a foreclosure. Of course, it will help your case considerably if you had a good payment record before the crists struck.

Before you talk to your lender, though, you have to do your homework. Prepare a list of your monthly income and expenses, using realistic figures. You'll also need to organize your financial records, listing all your assets (savings, etc.) and liabilities (what you owe), including monthly payments and their due dates. Proof of your current income should be included, along with your tax returns for the last two years and an estimate of the current value of your home.

Finally, write out an explanation of your current situation, and be prepared to offer any plans or suggestions you may have for making up - and keeping up -- your mortgage payments

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Kathy Strelecki of RE/MAX 100 in Novi acquired the Accredited Buyer Representative designation. She's been with the company more than seven years.

## Home prices rise in 2nd quarter

BY DAVID SKIDMORE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - The value of Americans' homes is increasing considerably more quickly than inflation in most of the nation's metro areas, offering support to consumers' confidence just as it is being threatened by the shaky stock market.

Of the 132 metro areas surveyed by the National Association of Realtors, just nine reported price declines during the April-June quarter.

The worst came in Trenton, N.J., where the median dropped 5.4 percent to \$135,400; Albany, N.Y., down 3.9 percent to \$103,200; and Canton, Ohio, down 2.1 percent to \$92,400. Nationally, the median home price - mean-

ing half sold for more and half for less increased to \$131,100 during the April-June quarter, up 6 percent from a year earlier, the real estate group said today. That compares with an inflation rate in

consumer prices of just 1.7 percent over the

According to economists, the healthy gains in home values could help support consumer confidence that is being threatened by the

stock market's Asia-inspired gyrations.
Twenty-three U.S. cities reported gains of 10 percent or better. They were led by Charleston, S.C., up 19,7 percent to \$121,100; San Francisco, up 16.6 percent to \$329,400; and Bradenton, Fla., also up 16.6 percent, to \$104,900.

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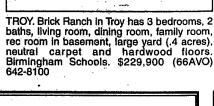
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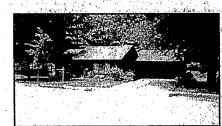
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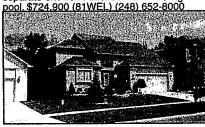
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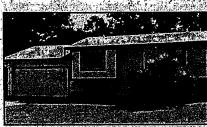
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and Waterford (Sept. 29, Oct. 6). Cost is \$39, \$49 for couples: Call Woodward at (248) 391-2033 for registration informa-

#### SALES AND MARKETING

The Building Industry Associ-ation of Southeastern Michigan Sales and Marketing Council-hosts a seminar, "Dominate Your Industry Through Service the Ritz Carlton Way," 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the Dear-

Cost, which includes continental breakfast, is \$10 for sales and marketing council members, \$20-for BIA or Apartment Associa-tion of Michigan members and \$30 for non-members and reatured speaker: Dave before the control of the control

### SELL HOME CLASS II

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and a certified public accountant, presents a two hour "For five hour class on the process of selling a house 7-9:30 p.m. class" 7-9 pm Wednesday, Sept. 9, at West Hills Middle School in through a variety of community 9, at West Hills Middle School in education programs — Rochester, Bloomfield Hills and 7-9 p.m. (Sept. 14-21), Clarkston (Sept. 15. Wednesday, Sept. 23. at Orchard and 22), Royal Oak (Sept. 16 and Lake Middle School in West ttoni(Sept. 28, Oct. 5); /// Topics include setting price;

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#### TECHNOLOGY EXPO

The Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland County and the Western Wayne Oakexpo featuring products and hosts its annual garage sale 9 seminars 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 at the Michigan at its office, 560 Milford Road Inn. 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, one block north of Commerce Southfield.

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### LICENSE TRAINING

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### FALL REMODEL SHOW

The Building Industry Associ-ation of Southeastern Michigan hosts its sixth annual Fall: Remodeling Show Thursday, Sept. 24, through Sunday, Sept. 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

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#### TREE, BULB SALE

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# appliance doctor

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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 roon

" 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 dozenor 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

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 col-

In several past articles I have written my opinions about overseas manufacturers moving products into our country that put us to shame. The Japanese sure ly taught us a lesson with the automotive 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

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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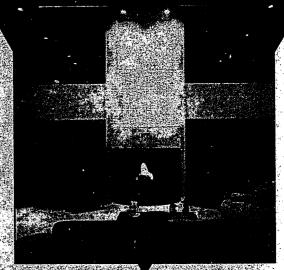
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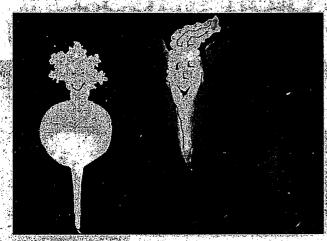
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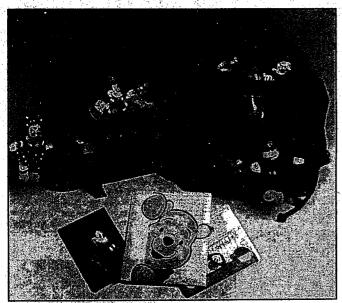


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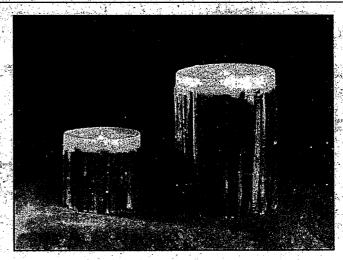
# Creative crop

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.



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Classy characters: The Disney Store at Somerset Collection North, Big Beaver Road and Coollage 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.



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# Illuminating idea

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AT HOME, Mary Klemic, editor (248) 901-2569 We are looking for your ideas for At Home and for the Marketplace roundup of new ideas. Send your comments to: Mary Klemic,

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# 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 Down town 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.

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 comer of Lincoln and

"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.

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designation," 👫

"We'vé tried keep as close to the original as possible," Susan

aid, pointing to a framed picture

of the original To solve the

roblem they bought the adja-

cent 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 definite

that genre,"

he said, noting

that the brick

foundation :

Pleasant surroundings: Tom and Susan McDaniel savor. the lovely landscaping on their property

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, wind-ing brick walkways and wrought-iron fence. In the yard between is a free-form water lily pond lined with crushed

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 ear 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

### On the cover:

Tom and Susan McDaniel built a summer home next door to their Birming ham 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 over-seas with General Motors International

Some people have second homes up North. Some peo-le 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

"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

#### 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 Shella
Chefetz, author of "Modern Antiques for the Table," will
take place 9:30-11:30 a.m. at The Community House.

Tour fickets 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 cellings in the house create a spacious feeling.

# 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.

Several types of roses also bloom in the front garden along with pink and white geraniums and pink verbena. 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 deadheading.

"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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Moss appeal: Joyce Ward enjoys the mosses in her lövely garden. Photo by Marty





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#### Ficley

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form grafted cotoneaster with dark Peters all-purpose or Peters Supermaroon foliage flank either side of these Bloom fertilizer is applied half-strength 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 peel- used ing 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 . . . the soil in the spring. If the stalks; of deadheads regularly, at least every other ... some annuals are interesting, they are day, especially the roses and geraniums

usually weekly, or every five days if needed. When new shrubs and grasses are put in Bordine's Root Stimulator is

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 some annuals are interesting, they are left for winter appeal.

# focus on photography

# Break down the barriers of seeing

By Monte Nagler Special Writer

Do you know what the two most mportant things in photography are? Not film, light, composition and so on as you might think. But really, the first is ou and the second is your subject. A photograph is then a visual expression of the relationship between you and

How do you maximize this relationhip and build a good partnership between the two of you? Begin by breaking down the barriers of seeing.

The biggest barrier is preoccupation vith 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

As long as other things concern you, ou'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

A second barrier to overcome is learning to see past the 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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ACCORDING to the latest National Kitchen and Bath Associations, nationwide survey of kitchen and bath Associations, nationwide survey of kitchen and bath desciers, the average price of a new kitchen is \$15,000 (to \$22-100, including design, products, land 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 and the features they choose. A large portion of this expense goes toward the purchase and installation of the rest with their price being largely influenced by the rest of the product of the space and the rest of the product of the space and the rest of the space and the rest of the space and the rest of the space and the space an cabinets; with their price being targety 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 establis a budget that can be fine-tuned in the planning stage

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A new view:
The dynamic reflection makes this photo stand apart. Nagler tack this picture of the Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau: Alas-



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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 touchtone 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 am. 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.

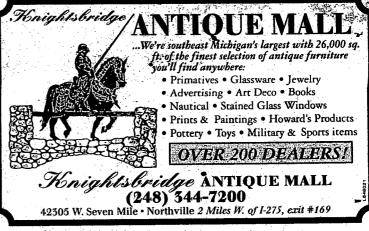
The Troy Garden Club fall pro-

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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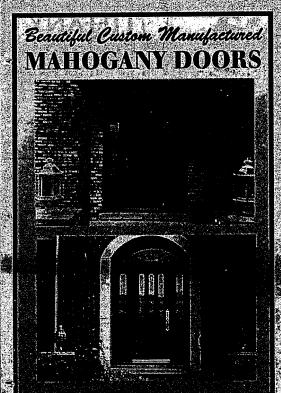


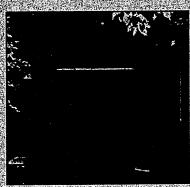
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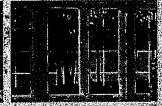
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Phil Lasley Trio plays 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.



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 f a thug in "Knock Off," now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters.



**Hot Tix:** 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 Haif Plaza, Detroit, See schedule of performers »



# Rapper son persuades dad to record first album

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 Cas

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.

Family Influence: The 57-

year-old jazz

cornet/guitar player Olu

CD until his

" to do it. The result is "In the

World: From Natchez to New

York." He per-

forms Saturday,

son, rapper Nas,

persuaded him

Dara had never been inspired to record his own

"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 of the residue a few years of the residue and pole. There's people of all ages ago. They called again on the common term of the same day that my son talked to me so that s'what did nit. Dara cxplained.

Nas, born Nasir Jones, has released two albums, 1994's 'Ill matic,' which peaked at No. 12, and 1996's 'It was Written' which debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard.

"You can't really categorize like we used to the second common to the second common terms." Would you mind?' I said, Well, I wouldn't say mostly younger, but

debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts. Because of his son's popularity, Dara said, his audience is and blues, gospel. There's a good

"I have a new audience. I

we used to. There used to be a





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There are several packages for Gallup Park performances. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the gate, and \$12,50 in advance for students, Two-day passes are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate, and \$22 in advance for students Kids ages 12 and younger are admitted free to Gallup Park shows An "All Pass" includes one Maceo Saturday show ticket and one two-day pass to Gallup Park: Those are \$55 in advance, or \$75 for Gold Circle seat-ing.

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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 tick-

ets.
"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, con-tribute to movie soundtracks and a mangement 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 McAlevey - 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 per-

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 Wil-

son 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 from page E1

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 abe 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 pcoming 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 "Aparti-ment 8," a short for the American Film.

Xer' but it was fun. Moving out here

vas the best thing that ever happened

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 hand: 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 fretless bass player Stephen Vilnius of

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

doing, I had him do it three or four

part of the success will stem from Bril-liant's sound, which he called "somewhat 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 tha Dittilies, 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 gu arist David Johnson and keyboardist Daniel Denton, both of Troy, and drum-mer Bob Gilbert of Oak Park—is influenced by The Cure, Garbage and Peter Murphy, Brilliant is working on its

Robb Roy recently returned to this doing .I. had him do it three or four in support of its second CD "Heroes times just to make sure" and Cocktails," due out this month on Singer Steven Cooley predicted that 3 the London-based Caos Records.

"We did four dates in Scotland, north of Aberdeen; and we played in London at the Rock Garden! The whole city (London) was feally wonderful. We were treated like gold there," and gui-

tarist Michael Kudreiko. Band members also got to hob nob. with some of rocks top musicians and singers Bassist Kevin Pruett hung outwith Liam Gallagher, half of the dueling Gallagher brothers of Casis. Drum-mer Duane Huff, rubbed elbows with

James Brown's bandt, Robb Roy got its lucky break after meeting Pravin Mistry of Caos Music, ironically, at Rumors in Royal Oak Mistry runs an engineering company in Dearborn and, Kudreiko said, he frequents clubs looking for new tal-

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 Har-monie Park Studios, the location of radio station WXDG-FM's "Edge Seasions," while the rest of it was done in

Kudreiko's home studio in Dearborn. "They can say I'm really a perfec-tionist when it comes to the recording," The Arts, Beats and Eats Schedule -

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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 Friday, Sept. 4 – Sean Blackman a John Arrold): noon: Allerte Adams, 2 . p.m.; Janis Leigh and Luck of the Draw, p.m.; Bonne Temps Roule: 3 n.m.; Vudu 2:30 p.m.; Charles and Gwen Scales; A Hippies, 4 p.m.: The Articles, 5 p.m.; American Mars, 6 p.m.: 2 Star Teberna cie, 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.;

chan rolled his eyes and laughed. in Livonia.

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# Dad from page E1

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"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 tradi-

"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 some thing 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 1963 he met a priest of the traditional

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

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 Gleam It Around" and "To Show My Shine."

# Comedians from page E1

ter 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, Saz 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

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# Don't waste your time in 'Slums of Beverly Hills'

Perhaps a telling indication of a movie's merit is the extent to which its sters 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 Jerkins' youth behind

Just inside the city limits of Beverly Hills are rows of lowrent 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 posses-sions. 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

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-

(Carl Reiner, slumming himself for just one scene) offers to pay brother Murray to take her in and straighten her out. This 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 discodance with a vibrator. The scenemay have played as ground-breaking in the Fox screening breaking in the Fox screening room. It should have been left in the ground.

Vivs 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/direc-tor 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 high-light. If you really want to see

st rehab center, and her father Alan Arkin and Carl Reiner ling. It's been 30 years since they Carl Reiner, slumming himself cook, go rent. The Russians are made it, and you'll still laugh or just one scene) offers to pay Coming, The Russians are Com- your anget off.

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# Music producer offers dream list

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mer season rumbles onward, I've been eliciting season previews camera hosts. But this week I called a behindthe scenes guy: Backstage Pass music producer Ron Pangborn. Now, we have

As our sum-

a lot of top-notch music contributors who advocate all kinds of guests for the show. 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 book-ings 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? starters, Chicago Pete. He's a hlues guy who will be performing t Montreaux with the Rodney Whitaker Quartet." Rodney appeared last season on Back-stage Pass. "It should be a rock-ing show. Rodney is Pete's sonin-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

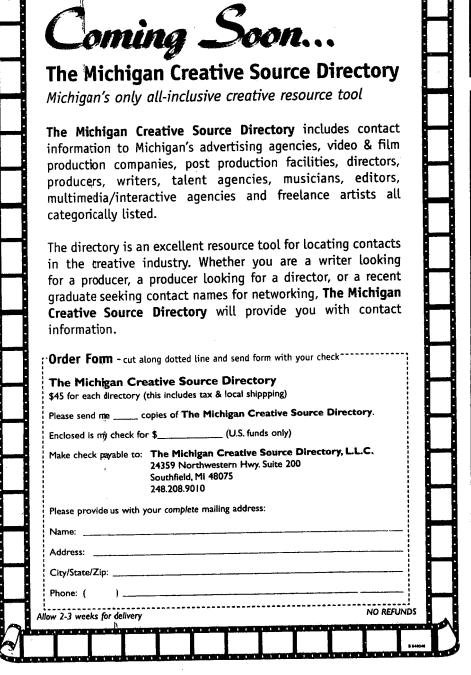
recall Mr. Carter's appearance on the show, the concept was to put together an ensemble of artist who influenced Carter - a fastrising star in contemporary jazz -- during his formative years in Detroit. "So, as opposed to coming in with his regular touring ensemble, maybe we put together some of these 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

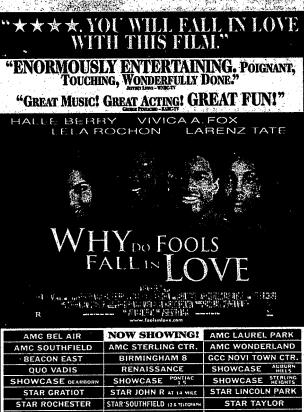
fascinating! What else? "Every season we deepen our relationship with major record labels, and they provide us with national touring and recording acts. I hope that this year we actually have an opportunity to co-sponsor concerts with either radio stations or performance venues. I sense that this year 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

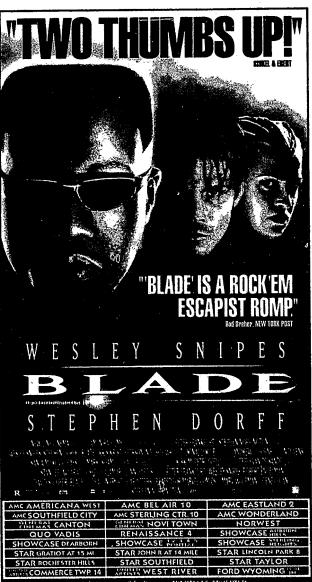
As Backstage Pass continues to earn high marks as a showcase for music on television, we can

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 perfor mance from last spring's Plowshares Theatre production of 'Joe Turner's Come and Gone,' plus music from Jewel collaborator Steve Poltz 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 Pub-







# Suays a Week A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

Featured per-

Diane Schuur

offers a more

traditional

approach to

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"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," Wednesday, Sept. 9-Jan. 3, at the theater's new location, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$27,50); 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$27,50); 8 p.m. Fridays (\$32,50), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$32,50), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$27,50) and 6 p.m. Sundays (

#### **AVON PLAYERS**

and Oct., 2-3, 2 p.m., Sundays, Sept 20 and 27, and Thursday, Oct. 1, special matinee performance 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road; Rochester Hills: \$15, student/senior/group rates available Thursdays and Sundays. (248) 608-

#### FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Players past, features many great scores from musicals performed with in their intimate barn setting, 8 p.m Road, Farmington Hills, \$20, (248)

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS Benefit performances of "Seance at the Upstage," an audience participa tion murder mystery with a comedic twist by Elleen Moushey, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, Detroit. \$10, (313) 537-7716/(313) 532-

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### "DYEING THE NATURAL WAY"

Take part in the process of dyeing with natural materials such as walnuts, pokeberries and goldenrod flowers, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, meet at the Pony Barn at the MICHIGAN STATE CHILI CHAMPIONSHIP

Applications are being accepted for the championship on Saturday, Sept 12, during the Plymouth Fall Festival, downtown Plymouth. The winner of the 20th annual event goes to the 1998 World Championship Chili Cook Off in Nevada. (734) 455-8838

### BENEFITS

### LOUIS ANDERSON

Comedian and star of Showtime and HBO specials and "Life with Louie." performs 8 p.m, Friday, Sept. 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$75 reserved seats (\$50 tax deductible),

zation that Anderson co-founded. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org

PANCAKE DINNER AND CONCERT Fundraiser dinner for Noelle Rowlett Medical Fund, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 (\$5, \$3 seniors/children), fol lowed by concert by Johnny Rowlett. at Belleville High School Auditorium, 555 W. Columbia. \$5, \$3 seniors/chil-Marie Santananana Capataga

### FAMILY EVENTS

### CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF

blood vessels work, through Monday, Sept. 7, at the institute, 1221 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$7, \$4 seniors/children 3.17. (248) 645-1

Two of a Kind perform "Animal Memories," a family pupper concept 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Friday, Sept., 11: storyteller LaRon Williams 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the 200; Ten Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak, Free with zoo admission of \$7,50 adults, \$5.50 seniors/students, \$4.50 chil dren ages 2-7 (248) 398-0903

10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at the Rochester Hills Public Library, chester. (248) 650-7140

MAYBURY STATE PARK Farm Stories" program continues with "Hog Wild!" a series of stories about pigs, 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, farm demonstration building: Horsedrawn hayrides, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays in September and October.

(\$19.50). (313) 963 9800

#### COMMUNITY THEATER

"Broadway Barned: A Musical Revue, a lively look back at the Farmington Fridays Saturdays, Sept. 11-12, 18-19 and 15-16, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake

Iniversity of Michigan Dearborn, 4901 n. (313) 593-5338

\$25 general admission, benefits HERO Homeless Empowerment Relationship Organization, an organi

3-4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, musical open house for the young and young at heart, Congregation Shir Tikvah, 3900 Northyleld Parkway, south of Wattles between Crooks and Coolidge, Troy. (248) 649-4418

# SCIENCE

Robot Zoo featuring eight glant robot creatures (housefly, squid, etc.) which demonstrate how muscles, hearts and

### **DETROIT 200**

Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck

Hart Plaza, Detroit For more information: Call (313) 963-7622, or visit the web site at Thursday, Sept. 3 Picnic On the Plaza w/The

Ford Montreux Detroit

Sun Messengers and Diane Shuur Friday, Sept. 4 Ford/Air Touch Cellular Stage

on Calvin Brooks & Audrey Nor

4:45 p.m.: Alto Reed & The Edge 6:30 p.m. Régina Carter & Lyman Woodard "The Motor City All Star Co

ebration" with various artists.
DTE Energy Stage

Stars \_\_\_\_\_2 p.m. Taslimah Bey Trio -3:30 p.m. Ray Kamalay and the Red

ot Peppers. 5 p.m. Franz Jackson w/Hugh Leal's Motown Classic Jazz Band 6:30 p.m. Pam Wise Latin Jazz All

8 p.m. Francisco Mora 9:45 p.m. Ray Barretto and the

Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage

Noon Roseville High School Jez 1:15 p.m. Chesaning Union Jazz

2:45 p.m: Jackson Middle School et 4 p.m. Divine Child High School Jazz

5:15 p.m. Aquinas College After-6.45 p.m. Northylew High School Jazz Ensemble

8 p.m. Kathy Kosins & Tric 9:45 p.m. Shawn Thunder Wallec

### Pepsi Jam Academy

1 p.m. Jázz clinic with Paul Keller 2:45 p.m. Harold McKinney's Jázz for a New Generation

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. Pistol Allen Quar-

Saturday, Sept. 5 Ford/Air Touch Cellular Stage Noon Central Michigan University

Percussion Ensembl 1:30 p.m. United States Air Force Night Flight Jazz Ensemble 3 p.m. Regina Carter Electric Quar-

4:45 p.m. White/Margitza Quintet 6:15 p.m. Dennis Rowland & New Breed Bebop Society w/Teddy Harris 8 p.m. Rodney Whittaker Sextet w/Chicago Pete

9:30 p.m. Ruth Brown DTE Energy Stage Noon Boogle Woogle Bash w/ Bob Seeley, Mr. B and Philippe LeJei

-2:15 p.m. Thornetta Davis & Co 

5:45 p.m. Astral Project 7:45 p.m. Johnnie Bassett & the lues insurgents ues insurgents 9:30 p.m. Eric Person & Meta-Four

dson's/Live Jazz Stage Noon Michigan All State Jazz 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

8 p.m. Dan Lewis & Friends w/ David Liebman and Rick Margitza Pepsi Jam Academy 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

5 p.m. Jazz clinic with Bart Polot 6:30 p.m. Student Jam session

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versity Sextet 1.0 9 and 10:30 p.m. Tom Brown Quar-

#### Sunday, Sept. 6 Ford/Air Touch Cellular Stage Noon James Tatum Trio Plus

2 p.m. The Brad Mehidau Trio, 4 p.m. David Liebman, Michael Brecker & the University of Michigan 5:45 p.m. Straight Ahead

7:45 p.m. George Benson Quartet 9:30 p.m., Louis Hayes Quintet w/Curtis Fuller OTF Frager Stage

# DTE Energy Stage

12:15 p.m. Myror Wahls Trio 1:45 p.m. Northwoods Improvisers 3:15 p.m. Creative Arts Collective : Ensemble: 5:15 p.m. Scott Cutshall Quartet w/David Liebman

7 p.m. Ernest Dawkins New Hori-9 p.m. The Sun Ra All Star Project

Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage Noon Cass Jazz 1:15 p.m. IAJE's Sisters in Jazz

Jazz Band 4 p.m. East Kentwood High School

5:15 p.m. Henry Ford Big Band 6:45 p.m. Heritege High School Jazz Quartet

female jazz singers – Ella

critics for suscy of the great Fitzgerald. Sarah Vaughan and Dinah Washington, She p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, on the Ford / Air Touch Cellular stage with the Duke

Ellington :--Orchestra under Paul Ellington, the great composer/band leader's grand:

8 p.m. Bess Bonnier Quartet 9:45 p.m. Schunk/Sterr/Dryden

son.

Pensi 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 Haves & Curtis Fuller 5 p.m. Jazz clinic with Andrew

6:30 p.m. Student lam session 9 and 10:15 p.m. Sugarfoot

Kowalski Riverfront Cafe 1:15 and 2:45 p.m. Northylew 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. Ralphe Armstrong's International Detroiters w/Vernon Reid 5 p.m. A la Carte Brass and Percus

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 Abler Quartet 2 p.m. Houston Person & Etta Innes

3:30 p.m. George Goldsmith & Endangered Species Lives! 5 n.m. Henry Cook Band 7 p.m. The David McMurray Show

9 p.m. Houston Person & Etta Jones Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage Noon Qearborn Edsel Ford Jazz.

Band 1:15 p.m. Central Michigan Univer-

sity Jazz Lab Band I 2:45 p.m. Northville High School 4 p.m., Ann Arbor Community High

School Jazz Band 5:15 p.m. Dee Dee McNell 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:

#### What the two tests Kowalski Riverfront Cafe 2:45 p.m. Hastings High School : 1:30 and 3 p.m. Cass Tech Jazz

Combo 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. The WCC Jazz Combo 8:15 and 10:30 p.m. Dwight Adams Wignit Adal

Sept. 11, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"End of Summer Sampler," featuring an observation of several habitats within the park and a discussion about the significant plants and ani mals residing in each of them, 1:30 D.m, Saturday, Sept. 5; "Marsh Mammals," with a walk and discus-sion about marsh inhabitants and find, out how they are getting ready for fall, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, at the

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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

### <u>CLASSICAL</u>

### RALPH VOTAPEK

Plano recital of Moussoresky and Gershwin presented by Music Study Club of Metropolitan Detroit, 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 dessert 12:15 p.m.), at Birmingham Temple, 28611 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 (swingabilly)

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 concer 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. 1415, at the play house 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 t Rochester Public Library. (248) 608-

#### 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 Nichigan Avenue and Ford Road, Deathorn, 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 sea son for the tuition-free training orchestra for aspiring professional musicians, 9 am. 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," 7-10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe, Performances Nov. 5-21. (318) 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 baritones, 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 origi-

nal or scripted, for performances Nov

6-22, (734) 420-2752; open house for

children and adults interested in the-

ater, 205 W. Long Lake between

#### Livernois and Crooks, Troy. (248) 988-7049 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

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 rum building on campus, on Haggerly 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 MacKenzle 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 C May 23. Rehearsals Thursday nighte a in Dearborn, (313) 845-6474 🕟 1 mm 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-

#### WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS Auditions for children 6:30-8 p.m.

METROPOLITAN DETROIT

Sunday-Tuesday, Sept. 13-15, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. (734) 416 AART ZAMIR CHORALE OF

Open rehearsals, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday,

21550 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield.

Sept. 8, Agency for Jewish Education,

### (313) 861-8990/(248) 851-8560 ... CHORAL

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### CHOIR OF THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

1000 3 200 19400 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 2007 contemporary works by Polish and foreign composers, at the schools's treet shrine-chapel, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. A free-will collection inc 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.::

#### JAZZ TASLIMAH BEY QUINTET

6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. Gara Bert's on the River, Belle Isle. (313) 823-8000 **RON BROOKS TRIO** 

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 4-5,

#### Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-

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RANDY CRAWFORD With Walter Beasley, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. \$15-\$35. All ages. (313)

With The Articles, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance, 18 and older, (248) 544-

KARL DENSON'S TINY UNIVERSE

#### http://www.themagicbag.com (acid jazz/Jamalcan jazz) MICK DOBDAY TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

#### 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Sept. 3. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

**GARY HAVERKATE TRIO** 

Novi. (248) 305-7333

**HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO** 6-10 p.m. Mondays at Too-Chez, 27155 Sheraton Drive, Novi, (248) 348-5555; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn. 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's" Market, 42875 Grand River Ave.,

**SHEILA LANDIS** With Rick Matle, 8 p.m. to midnight " Saturday, Sept. 5, Agape Caffe, 20510 surcharge on drinks. All ages. (248) 546-1400; Celebrates her birthday, 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Sept. 10,

Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham.

Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

RAMSEY LEWIS With Alexander Zonilc. 4 p.m. Sunday. Sept. 13 event opens at 2 p.m. with hors d'ouevres and wine tasting, and silent auction, at St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. \$50: (248) 683-1750

#### 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 .

**PHIL LASLEY TRIO** 

MATT MICHAELS TRIO With planist Dennis Tini, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, and with vocalist Barbara Ware, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner. \$5 drink mini-

mum. (248) 474-4800 SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4. Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older.

POIGNANT PLECOSTOMUS Celebrates the release of its CD with party and performance, with Spy Radio and Avec Kuz, 9:30 p.m. Friday. Sept. 4, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First

(248) 645-2150 (vocal/plano/bass)

#### St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY

Please see next page

Road, Northville, Free, state park motor vehicle permit required for entry. (248) 349-8390 MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Runs weekends through September and Lebor Day Monday, Sept. 7, at the grounds, one mile north of Mount Holly on Dixle Highway in Holly \$13,95, \$5.95 children ages 5-12, free for children ages 4 and younger. (248) 634-5552 or http://www.members.aol.com/Renfestml of

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MICHIGAN STATE FAIR 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 7, at the fairgrounds, 1120 W. State Fair (Woodward Avenue at Eight Mile Road), Detroit. \$9, \$2 children ages 11 and younger, free for children ages 2 and younger, Parking \$5: (313) 369-8250

PLYMOUTH FALL FESTIVAL Entertainment, variety of food booths, children's games and rides, pancake breekfast, chicken dinner, Polish and frish dancing, auto show, Plymouth Community Arts Council's Artists and Craftsmen Show, 3-10 p.m. Friday,

Saturday, Sept. 12 and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 in downtown Plymouth. (734) 453-1540 PROUD LAKE RECREATION AREA

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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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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; pm. Friday, Sept(11; at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 E : 14 Mile, Birmingham, Freewill 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 Garein, 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

(reggee) TASLIMAH BEY QUINTET 69:p.m..Thursdays through Sept. 3. Bert's on the River, Belle Isle. (313)

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

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With Ray Bonneville, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St. Ann Arbor, \$11. All ages. (734) 761or http://www.a2ark.org RFD BOYS

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, The Ark, 316; S. Main St., Ann Arbor \$10, \$9 mem-1 bers, 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 . 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 Kato 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) 832-5888

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) 769.1052; 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 Leverimprov 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 Stulz and Frank G., Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 3-6; Jenny McNulty and

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. Seturdays (\$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. Wednesdays 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, Saturdays (313) 965-2222

# MUSEUMS AND

"BEHIND THE SCENES"

Tour of the Gem Theatre; 6:30 p.m. cash bar/dinner at intermezzo foltowed by 8 p.m. film clip of the mov-ing of the theater, Friday, Sept. 18, at the theater, 333 Medison Ave., Detroit, \$50 Detroit, Historical Society members, \$60 non-members, (313) 833.1405 or http://www.detroithis-

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

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#### 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, pt. 11-12, The Rattlesnake Club 300 River Place, Detroit, Free. Ali 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-

**BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS** 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave.

Birmingham, Free, 21 and older. BONNE TEMPS BOLLLE

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

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**BILLY BRAGG** 

7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, Maiestic 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance, benefits striking newspape workers. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (rock)

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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.

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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)

With Over the Rhine, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University; Walton Boulevard and Adams Road Rochester, \$22.50 pavillon, \$15 lawn All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (pop) AJ. CROCE

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$6. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922

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

**GLEN EDDIE** 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Bad Frog Tayern, 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)

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

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)

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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, Hamtramol \$5, 21 and older, (313) 875-6555 or http://www.lilis21.com (rock) LISA HUNTER

9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Lonesta Coffeehouse, 207 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free, All ages (248) 642-2233; Hosts open mic

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ROCKET 455 With Neckbones, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept 6, Magic Stick in the Majestic comnlex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages.

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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

"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 SERRAPERE

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)

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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 .. 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

STABBING WESTWARD

7-11 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, Blind

Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 19 and older. (7:34) http://www.99music.com

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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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9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck: \$5, 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or htto://www.lilis21.com (glam rock)

UNCLE BOOBY 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Karl's Cabin, 97.79 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, Free, 21 and older, (734) 455-8450; 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypslianti 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, 1-75 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 pavil ion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) http://www.palacenet.com (country)

NIGHTS

"Swing-a-billy" night with dance

ons from 8-9 p.m. and dancing with DJ Dei 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

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THE GROOVE ROOM

Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D. Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays. Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; "3-D Reunion Party," 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6; industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older (248) 589-3344 or http://www.thegrooveroom.com

INDUSTRY

Electronica, Euro and retro, 8:30 p.m Fridays. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older; Euro dance, 9 p.m. Saturdays. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older; "Homesick Night," 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Free for those 21 and older before 11 p.m. Cover charge for those 18-20, all at the club, 19-S, Saginaw, Pontlac (248) 334-1999 or //www.961melt.com

MAGIC BAG

"Playhouse," techno dence with resident Dis Terrence Parker, Eric. Hintoman, Jeremy Guerin and Cold Crush Rus, 9 p.m. Sundays in June, at the club, 22920 Woodward Ave, Ferndale, Free before 10 p.m., 35 afterward, 18 and older, (248) 544

"World Wednesdays" featuring D.Is. Urban Kris and Culture spin world music, 9 p.m. Wednesdays; at the club; 3515 Caniff, Hamtranck, (313) 396-0080 or http://www.motorde-

Men 4 Men\* New York style dance party with DJ St. Andy spinning high energy, progressive house, 10 p.m. Fridays; "Alternative Life", withy progressive and deep house with DIs Cecil Gibbs and St. Andy, 10 p.m. Saturdays: "Tea Dance," with high energy and top 40 dance on the outside patto with DJ Cecil Gibbs, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays, at the club, 2575 Michigan Ave., in Detroit's Contrown area. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-7040

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER "Three Floors of Fun" with hip-hop and rap in St. Andrew's Hall, alternative music in The Shelter with DJs Dianna and Quig, and techno and dance in the Burns Room, 10 p.m. Fridays. \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward. 18 and older; "Evolution" with Family Funktion in the Shelter, live broadcast from The Edge 105.1 in St. Andrew's, and "Go Soundi" with live bands in the Burns Room, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wedriesdays in The Shelter. \$6. 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

STATE THEATRE "Club X," with 89X CIMX. 9 n.m. Saturdays at the theater, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

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"Latin Dance Night" with free lessons 8-10 p.m. Thursdays; Dance party featuring club mix, freestyle, house, techno and top 40 dance, 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Free. 21 and older; "Pulse" night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays in July. \$7 for those aged 18-20, free for 21 and older; 'Swingin' Rockabilly" night with a hot rod and Harley show, 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Free dance lessons 9-10 p.m. 18 and older; Swing dance night with free lessons 9-10 p.m. Wednesdays. 18 and older. The club is located at 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. (734)

**VELVET LOUNGE** 

Swing, lounge and big band tunes spun by DJ Sonny, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays. \$3. 21 and older; Swing, big band and Latin dance music, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays, \$3, 21 and older; "Cute Little House" with house and techno, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays. \$5. 21 and older: Intermediate and advance swing dance lessons, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 18 and older; Beginner swing dance lessons 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. Free. 18 and older; "Ready Steady Go," Brit pop music night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays (\$3), at the club, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

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# Tomatoës Apizza makes an exceptional pie

BY KEELY WYGONIE STAFF WRITER

Open since mid-July Tomatoes Apizza is developing a reputa-

tion, "It's really different," said Hien Trinh of Farmington Hills, a stu-dent, at University of Detroit Mercy Dental School, "I love the

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 know what you're looking for An umbrella table outside the carry. out restaurant helps draw atten-tion, as does the colorful mural painted by Susan Weinberg, and

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 achool and have been friends ever since. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, Weinstein said he always 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 tak-ing 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.'

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Tomatoes Apizza
Where: 24369 Haisted (just north of Grand River) Farmington

Open: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight riday-Saturday, 4-11 p.m. Sunday.

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ing this pie. This pie is for every-

Tomatoes Apizza offers three varieties of pizza. — Red Pizza. crust topped with crushed tomatoes and seasonings; White Pizza, crust topped with moz-zarella 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

#### 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 toma-to and spent his mornings and evenings establishing his busi-ness on Wooster Street, now con-sidered a mecca by pizza aficionados. This was arguably the

first pizza in America.

By the 1920s; Frank Pepa's crust, it's got character and depth, it'has truth, it's real. "Neapolitan Apizzeria" was There are no shortcuts involved famous Other pizza men folin making it. This is not lowed, and these were the men

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gournet, everyone should be eat. 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 Wein-stein. "They tried me out, and I asked me to fill out an applica-tion. They were very nice and I didn't want to be a sneak, so I told the truth about my back-

round." Telling the truth cost him the job. "They're real proud of their

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 wed-ding, the two talked about openand a be distributed

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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. Tve 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

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every ingredient from the flour and yeast to the tomatoes and

neese."
Weinstein is teaching irrs friend how to make pizzas love food, and I'm picking this stuff up," said Kakos. "Prefty 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

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 when the corner malt shop was ribs," Other sure-to-be popular the friendliest place in town. Items are steaks, seafood and Look for story in Entertainment oversized burgers. Hours are

on Sept. 10. Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 10p.m. Friday until 11p.m. Saturday 5p.m.-11p.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 Vinevards 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 a 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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