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THE MILL POND

Mixed metaphor

Tidal waves and candy confections? Not a likely combination, but Independence Township Trustee Dan Travis managed to unite those images rather humorously while talking about the community's Halloween hours at a recent board meeting. The rationale behind coordinating the time slot with the city of Clarkston, he said, is to prevent Clarkston residents from "getting tidal waved out of candy" on Halloween.

Cool invite

Somebody from the Clarkston area got invited to Gov. John Engler's birthday party, which was held earlier this week in Troy. Could it be die-hard Republican Neil Wallace of the Independence Township Board?

Blue on blue

Baby blue balloons punctuated the yard of a home on Blue Grass Drive this week in honor of a new baby boy. Congratulations, Mom and Dad!

Like eggs with that?

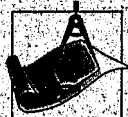
At 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 4, police reported that a vehicle driven by a Clarkston resident was struck by a flying egg. The driver was traveling along Clarkston Road near Robertson Court when the airborne egg touched down on the vehicle.

The driver reported that two children were responsible for the sunny-side-up ambush. Police said the driver just continued traveling afterward.



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Proposed condos raise traffic concerns



Traffic volume and increased use of gravel roads emerge as residents' main concerns about a 75-lot, cluster condominium development proposed in the northeast corner of Independence Township.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

A cluster development proposed on more than 175 acres in the northeast corner of Independence Township has nearby residents worried about increased traffic and planning commissioners grappling with a variety of road issues.

The township's Planning Commission granted special land use for the cluster condominium development called Coulter Lake Estates in a 6-0 vote taken Thursday. Commissioner Todd Moss was not in attendance at the meeting.

The commission also voted 6-0 to table developer Trinity Land Develop-

ment's request for conceptual site plan approval.

Located southeast of Sashabaw and Oak Hill roads on Dartmouth, the proposed project would be comprised of 75 lots surrounding Coulter Lake.

Of primary concern to residents was how the development would affect overall traffic levels on Dartmouth, Indianwood, Oak Hill and Sashabaw roads, as well as the condition and future of the area's gravel roads.

At the development's location, Oak Hill, Dartmouth and Indianwood are all gravel county roads. Also, both Dartmouth and Indianwood have steep

grades that can be difficult to traverse in the wintertime, said Planning Commission Chair Steve Board.

"We're building the socks out of the place. We're building whole new pieces of infrastructure and leaving the old stuff," said Ross Maunders, a resident on Mettawa Street who asked whether the developer could be required to contribute road paving funds.

Generally, only larger developments result in road paving, Board said. And, when the Oakland County Road Commission might pave the roadways is

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STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Straight from the heart: Independence Township Fire Department secretary Luke Studt (left) hugs Joyce Tester after Tester dropped off a delicacy for the fire department to enjoy. Tester bakes weekly for firefighters and police officers in Independence.

In case of emergency, administer chocolate

Resident treats police officers, fire fighters to weekly baked goods

Doing for others:

Joyce Tester says doing for others helps take her mind off her own troubles.



BY CAROLYN WALKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Joyce Tester's heart has held its share of grief. Still, hers is a big heart. One in which others can find room to grow warm.

For some 13 years, Tester has, almost single-handedly, been caring for her 74-year-old husband, Max, who is now in a late stage of Alzheimer's disease. For the most part, the disorder confines the couple to their Independence Township home, except for the two days a week he spends at a Waterford adult respite center.

"It's a 48-hour day," Tester says, referring to the time-consuming daily effort involved in caring for a loved one who is completely dependent. Then she changes the subject, not wanting to dwell on their situation.

He would do the same for her were their roles reversed, she says. The Testers have been married for 48 years and are the parents of two grown sons.

To help pass the time, and keep her spirits up, Tester, 68, pursues a baking hobby that has the Oakland County Sheriff's deputies at the Independence Township substation, along with the township's firefighters, groaning with caloric delight and letting out their belts.

Once every week, usually on Thursdays, Tester takes homemade cakes, tortes, pies, cheesecakes, cookies or other mouth-watering wonders to the officers and firefighters — enough to serve three shifts.

Sandy Cole, receptionist for the sheriff's substation, stifles a laugh and divulges a good-natured secret when she says of the officers, "They're, like, jumping over each other to get back there (to the refrigerator)."

"They look forward to what she's making. She never makes the same thing twice."

All of the items are baked from scratch and, Tester gloats, "I use butter and I don't measure."

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Oh deer! Cleaning up road kill's a thankless job

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

For those participating in bow-hunting season, it's called the thrill of the hunt.

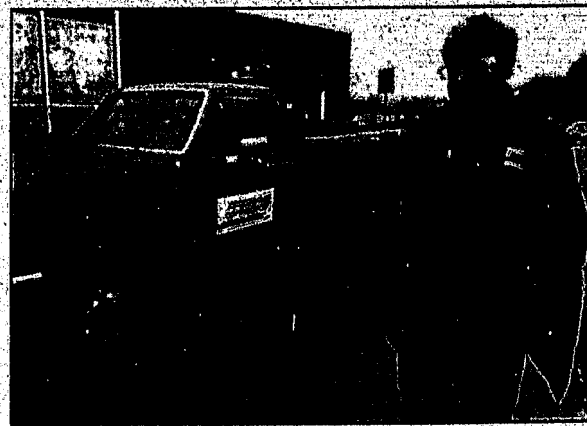
But to the Oakland County Road Commission, it's just another day's work.

As hunting season begins, does and bucks are on the move. But when the paths of a deer and a moving vehicle

cross, the result can be dangerous for all involved. According to Michigan State Police data, provided by the Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division in Lansing, the number of reported deer-vehicle accidents in Oakland County has risen from 460 in 1986 to 1,553 in 1997.

When a deer is struck by a vehicle, it poses another risk to drivers along that

Please see ROAD KILL, A2



Road kill remover: Clarkston resident Mike Hammond cleans up dead deer from the roadways for the Oakland County Road Commission.

STAFF PHOTO BY JEFF KRAMER

OBITUARIES

Carson Sutton Jr.

Carson Sutton Jr. of Waterford, formerly of Clarkston, died Oct. 5, 1998, at age 69.

Mr. Sutton loved the outdoors, photography, and especially his family. He was a lifetime member of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife, Sophie; sons, Douglas (Nancy) Shugar of Harston's Island and Carson David Sutton of Waterford; and daughters, Barbara (Marvin) Gamblin of Lake Orion, Debra (Tom) Manti of Clarkston and Carol Sutton of Waterford. He is also survived by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. A funeral service was held at St. Trinity Lutheran Church, Clarkston, with the Rev. Michael Hafehn officiating.

Merla June Burgess

Merla June Burgess of Clarkston died Oct. 3, 1998, at age 69.

Mrs. Burgess was a real estate agent for Max Brock in Birmingham and O'Neil Realty in Waterford. Recently she cared for the elderly. She was a member of the Independence and Waterford senior centers and the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane (Larry) Swansey of Clarkston; sons, Tom (Vickie) Burgess of Pennsylvania and Chris Burgess of Texas; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 153 S. Telegraph, Pontiac MI 48341.

BY CAROLYN WALKER
SPECIAL WRITER

As they and other local governmental bodies do every year at this time, the Springfield Township board voted at a public hearing Thursday night about how they will disburse some \$38,091 in 1999 Community Development Block Grant funds.

This is the same amount Springfield received for 1998, said Supervisor Collin Walls.

The federal funds, expected to be dispersed through the county to local municipalities for spending in June, must be earmarked for low- to moderate-income, handicapped and senior citizen residents who are over 62 years of age, or for geographical areas that generally include people in those classifications.

In the past, communities were allowed to designate their allotments to specific agencies, such

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as Lighthouse of Clarkston or Neighbor for Neighbor.

Rules put in place last year now mandate that communities "allocate funds by services, not agencies," Walls said, as he briefly outlined the restraints of the program. Charitable organizations, whose clientele include residents of Springfield Township, must then offer bids for the money, but on Friday morning, Clerk Nancy Strole said she was not sure when the bid deadline would be.

In its motion, the board agreed to give \$5,000 to senior and handicapped services, \$2,500 to assistance for abused spouses, \$5,000 to planning and management - which includes such matters as master planning, natural resource inventories and the like

- \$11,545 to programs that offer emergency food, clothing, housing and utilities; and \$14,045 for fire facility trucks, equipment and other apparatus at Fire Station No. 2.

Fire Station No. 2 is on the north side of Rattalee Lake Road, west of Dixie Highway, within the boundaries of a geographical area that meets the ODBG requirements.

Organizations that have benefited in the past from CDBG funds include Neighbor for Neighbor and Lighthouse of Clarkston, both of which disburse clothing, food and utilities in emergency situations; HAVEN, a domestic violence center; and Northwest Oakland Community Services, which provides entertainment and meals for senior citizens and handicapped residents in northern Oakland County.

Many of these same organizations are expected to seek funding again this year, and several had sent letters seeking the board's support.

Janet Stack-Miller, president of North West Oakland Community Services, was at the meeting and, as the only person to speak at the hearing, she expressed the agency's interest in funding, along with offering gratitude for the valuable service the ODBG money helps to provide. More than 200 mentally and physically disabled people or senior citizens participate in Friday night outings or Monday dinners, she said.

Supervisor Collin Walls abstained from voting because, he said, he was recently elected president of Neighbor for Neighbor. All other board members voted in favor of the allocations

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always uncertain, he said.

"The issue becomes, they have 'X' amount of dollars so they strategize... and (pave roads) based on priority... I would think from a practical standpoint, Oak Hill would take precedence over Dartmouth or Indianwood."

The roads could be paved through special assessment funds if 50 percent of the residents signed a petition to create a special assessment district (SAD).

"Another point of contention for residents and some commissioners was a private road proposed by the developer."

The road would provide a travel loop along the development's perimeter between 75 and 80 feet from Dartmouth and Indianwood, according to township engineer Randy Ford.

"What we're ending up with is two roads that are 70 feet apart," Maunders said, criticizing the aesthetics of the proposal.

The private roadway is intended to minimize access to the area's major roadways by new residents, Board said, adding, "This is not unlike many other developments - to have two roads side by side."

However, Board also pointed out that it wasn't clear whether Coulter Lake Estates' residents with perimeter lots across from Dartmouth and Indianwood would be required to contribute funds under a SAD, given that their dwellings would actually sit on the private road.

Board's question eventually led the commission to table conceptual site plan approval in light of obtaining a legal opinion on the matter.

If the commission approved, the private road to minimize traffic only to learn that new residents there would be exempt from a special assessment for paving, then existing residents would have to pay more of the cost, which "would be a tremendous irony," Board said.

Road kill from page A1

roadway. It's up to the Oakland County Road Commission to collect the animals and transfer them to a safe resting place. They are responsible for collecting deer, but not smaller animals.

A dirty job but...

The man for the job is Mike Hammond, a tire repairman who has worked for the Road Commission for 19 years. When the calls come into the Davisburg garage, Hammond is usually called to action. Since his truck is specially equipped to handle heavy loads, he is sent to the location to pick up the animal. Sporting a pair of rubber gloves, Hammond heads to the scene.

"It's not the job anybody likes to go to," said Hammond, a resident of Independence Township for 27 years. "I think we're one of the few counties that actually does pick them up on a regular basis. We don't have that much manpower either. Somehow we've gotten stuck with the job."

The Oakland County Road Commission Maintenance District 2 headquarters is in Davisburg and services five townships: Rose, Holly, Springfield, Groveland and Independence. From Jan. 9 to Sept. 28, District 2 collected 47 deer. Among them were 14 in Independence Township and nine in Springfield Township. Hammond said most of the deer he collects are found in those two townships and attributes that to the large amount of development in the area.

"They get moved around so much," Hammond said of the deer in heavy construction zones. Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston said hunting season adds to the number of deer on the roads.

"I suspect more deer are hit during hunting season than not," he said. "They're on the move."

Steven Pitcher, superintendent of the maintenance garage for District 2 in Davisburg, said it's the rural nature of northern Oakland County that fosters the growth of these deer.

"There's more farm area in this area of Oakland County," Pitcher said.

He estimates that District 2 collects about 150 dead deer each year. District 2 is understaffed, he said, having about 32 employees in the summer and 26 in the winter. Those employees are responsible for the maintenance of all state and local roads. The collection of roadkill is an added responsibility to their daily work of patching, ditching and repairing the roads.

According to a roadkill log voluntarily kept by Maintenance District 2, since Jan. 9, about 35 deer were does, nine were bucks, and three were an undetermined sex. Some deer are taken away before Hammond gets a chance to collect them.

Spring and fall are the busiest seasons when it comes to handling roadkill. Hammond said he collects more deer in the spring and more bucks in the fall. Overall he said, most accidents occur in the early morning hours.

"You have to keep your eyes open, especially before dusk," Hammond said. "We get a lot of calls first thing in the morning."

Handling roadkill

Several hazards arise in the removal of roadkill, Pitcher said. Location is the primary hazard. If a deer is found on Interstate-75, for example, removal during daylight hours is best. Animals on the expressway are dangerous to drivers, and to those who must remove them.

"People will actually swerve to miss it if we don't pick it up," Pitcher said.

"If they're left in the roadway, it's like trying to dodge another

person's vehicle," he said. "It's also scary. You could lose control of your vehicle when you're trying to avoid one."

Hammond said the I-75 corridor is a common location for deer-vehicle accidents, especially near Clarkston and Sashabaw roads and M-15.

He said being out in traffic, especially along I-75, is the most hazardous aspect of collecting roadkill. When Hammond must retrieve a deer from the expressway, he basically dodges the traffic. Lanes are not closed off. Drivers are not otherwise notified.

"You just run out there and grab it," Hammond said. "The ones on the expressway are the worst."

Another hazard is the sheer weight of the animal.

"Lifting them is a problem," said Pitcher. "Some of these deer weigh 250 pounds."

Hammond sometimes requires assistance while moving the animal.

There is also a risk of contracting Lyme Disease, an inflammatory disease transmitted by ticks, from the fur of the animal, Hammond and Pitcher mentioned.

Where do they go?

Pitcher said the maintenance workers have a pick-up truck with a tail-gate on it. Deer are loaded onto the truck from the back and taken to one of two sites.

The state of Michigan allows those deer to be taken to a landfill, for a fee of more than \$10. Otherwise, they may be left on state-owned land that does not have a residence nearby.

"We used to take them to the yard (near the maintenance garage) and bury them," Pitcher said. "We don't have any room."

Hammond said it's getting harder to find a place to put

these animals.

It's not pleasant work. Pitcher said they don't like doing it and have asked the Department of Natural Resources to take over the responsibility - the request was denied. But the worst part of the job, according to Pitcher, is picking up an animal that has been decomposing in the hot summer sun. He said they may be bloated and filled with maggots.

"That's a little bit hard on our people," Pitcher said.

He would prefer that people report the locations of dead animals as soon as possible. Pitcher said the sooner he's notified, the better. More populated areas and residential property have priority over rural areas since more people live near or travel those roads.

How to avoid a deer

Ormiston said safe, sober and cautious driving is the key to avoiding an accident involving a deer. Obeying the speed limit, slowing down, or stopping and blowing the horn at an approaching deer are good choices in that situation, he added.

If a driver does hit a deer, the accident should be reported to police in the same manner as any other accident. According to state law, the person who has hit the deer has the first right to keep it. Ormiston said that the police officer on the scene would issue a permit which allows that individual to hold the deer (or bear). Within 24 hours, the permit must be attached to the animal until the time at which it is processed for consumption. A permit would not be issued for a spotted fawn or bear cub, he said.

Individuals who do not choose to keep the animal should call The Department of Citizen's Services at (248) 858-4804 for removal as soon as possible.

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I dump. That's the way I was brought up. I try to keep it to once a week so they don't think I'm entirely nutty."

Tester finds that by helping others, she is helping herself as well. "They're a nice group of people. I need people. You need contact with other people and someone to talk to," she says. "I've adopted all of them. No one over there will tell me their favorites. I wish they would."

"I have a great respect for them. I think they have a special place."

The admiration is mutual. "She's just fabulous. We love her," says Luke Studt, a secretary for the fire department speaking on behalf of the firefighters. "You talk about angels unaware. She absolutely is. It gives me chills."

Firefighter Bob Cesario agrees. "She's definitely a prize. She certainly looks out for us. It's been a long time since anybody's looked out for us."

A collector of cookbooks, Tester buys flour, sugar and other baking staples in bulk and, she says, regularly searches those books for recipes she's never made. Tester prefers not to take any delicacy more than once.

The mother of a Waterford Township firefighter, Tester began her good deeds by taking baked items to the station where he works. She added her deliveries in Independence last January, after one of the local deputies came to her aid during a personal matter.

The loaf of bread she prepared for that officer has since evolved into a labor of love.

For all that she gives to those who put their lives on the line for their community, Tester feels she gets as much in return.

She knows, based on experience, that she will receive at least a couple of hugs each week.

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Anti-truancy program targets grade schoolers

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Truancy isn't much of an issue in Clarkston elementary and middle schools. But school administrators said that when excessive absences do become a problem, jeopardizing the education of a student, something must be done to change the system.

Sharon Devereaux has witnessed the difficulties first-hand. As principal of Springfield Plains Elementary School, she recalls a situation in which the parents of a student would continually take the child out of school.

As a result, the student missed classes from December through the end of the school year and was held back a grade. Though administrators went to court three times to establish the educational neglect of the student, the situation did not change.

"Our hands were tied with truancy," said Devereaux. "We really don't have any power."

Though Devereaux agreed that truancy is not a widespread problem in the Clarkston area, she noted that a few serious cases do arise which need to be handled more efficiently.

The Early Truancy Intervention Program (ETIP), unveiled Wednesday, was created to do just that. It targets second- and third-grade students who show signs of early school failure. A joint plan between the Oakland County prosecutor's office and Oakland Schools superintendents, the new protocol aims to get students back on track before it's too late.

Individuals and organizations working together on the program include Oakland County Prosecutor David Gercyca, Oakland Schools Superintendent James G. Redmond, Deborah Carley, assistant prosecutor with the Juvenile Justice Division, and the Oakland County Superintendents Association.

The program consists of a three-pronged approach to resolve truancy problems at the later elementary and middle school levels.

"Truancy is a predictor of later problem behavior including delinquency," said Redmond.

Keeping children in school and helping them move in a positive direction is the goal of the ETIP program, he added.

Clarkston school administrators, like Devereaux, touted the plan as a much-needed addition. She voiced support of the joint truancy plan and said she will make use of it in future situations.

"It's not a problem with all of (the students)," she said, estimating that 99 percent of the students have legitimate excuses when absent.

"But when it is a problem, it's educational neglect. It's not really the child, it's the parents that are neglecting their responsibility."

The attendance policy at the elementary school level states that 11 or more absences during a marking period creates a problematic situation for recording grades. The students are given time to make up the missed work, but a teacher may not

have enough information on which to base a grade.

In other cases, notes are sent home and calls are made to parents of children who are continually absent.

Clarkston students at the middle school level show much the same trend when it comes to truant behavior, according to Vince Licata, principal of Clarkston Middle School.

He said the attendance rate at the school is between 95 and 96 percent every day. He attributes a majority of the absences to illness, but said a few children each year do show poor attendance patterns. Those students are referred to Clarkston Area Youth Assistance. If the problem becomes persistent, the school will take legal action. But Licata said that only two or three students per year pose a serious problem.

"At the middle school level, we really don't have a hard and fast policy (on attendance)," he said. "We look for attendance patterns and if we find the number to be excessive, if we know the kid is missing school for non-illness (reasons), we take more of a flexible approach."

Licata added that the measures and principles set up at the county level should be supported by all of the schools.

David Reschke, assistant superintendent for elementary and middle school operations, agreed that truancy is not much of a problem at the elementary and middle school levels. But he doesn't consider it too early an age at which to identify potential problems.

"I think the reason that they would target second and third graders is that, whether or not they have other at-risk warning signs, it may be something that shows up in the form of missing certain days each week," said Reschke. "When the kid starts to do that, that's a good area to start looking at."

Current standards for dealing with truant behavior, Reschke said, vary at different levels of education. The guidelines at Clarkston High School are much more strict than at the elementary level, for example. But basic guidelines require school employees to notify parents of excessive absences, collaborate with social workers, and provide the necessary student support.

By implementing the ETIP program in Clarkston schools, parents and children take more responsibility for their actions, supporters of the plan said.

Jan Doolittle, pupil personnel services consultant for Oakland County Schools, said that children who are encouraged to stay in school will be less likely to drop out of school when they are older.

The project allows for conferencing between the principal, parents, and student, as well as pairing the school social worker with the student when necessary.

"The project is not designed to address issues of a much greater impact such as child abuse or neglect, drugs, or alcohol," said Doolittle. "That requires a whole different approach."

The ETIP project created a new protocol for truancy. When

there is a problem with children who are not regularly attending school, Doolittle is notified. At this point, she will review all other options before recommending the child for the ETIP program. If Doolittle deems the situation appropriate for ETIP, the student's parents or guardians will be asked to discuss the situation and come to an agreement with the school principal.

"The child needs to know there are some repercussions when you don't go to school," said Doolittle. "It's at that early age that we can make a significant change."

If the situation continues, the parents will be notified by letter that if they do not comply with the agreement, the Oakland County Prosecutor's office would be notified.

The third step involves a letter from the Oakland County prosecutor's office, which states that if the child does not attend school and the truancy problem is not alleviated, one of three options will transpire:

■ A complaint may be filed against the parents or guardian, which could result in a misdemeanor punishable by 90 days in jail.

■ A petition for educational neglect could be filed against the parents or guardian.

■ A petition could be filed for school truancy against the student.

The project corresponds with the Compulsory Education law, which requires parents, guardians, or others in charge of a child ages 6-16 to send that child to school during the entire school year. It requires continuous and consecutive attendance.

What is truancy?

A pupil personnel services consultant for Oakland County Schools, she defines truancy as "one who stays away from school with or without permission."

Doolittle said that in some cases, parents enable their children to stay home from school without considering the future effects of those absences. She said there's a connection between low attendance in school and drop-out rates; truancy may lead to a failure to succeed in school.

"By having the prosecutor's office involved, it could make parents understand what could happen down the road," she said.

The following is set of common characteristics for at-risk students:

■ The child has poor reading skills, or is not successful in school, and does not want to attend.

■ The child has siblings with a history of excessive absences.

■ There is a younger child at home and the student is needed to help care for the child.

■ The child consistently arrives late or leaves early from school.

■ Little or no parental contact is made with the school.



Tails of wildlife: Sixth and seventh graders at Sashabaw Middle School meet a red-tail hawk, held by Lori Neely.

Rare birds, other species shown to flocks at Sashabaw

Imagine a host of birds of prey, almost close enough to touch. Sashabaw Middle School students were granted that opportunity Wednesday when the Michigan United Conservation Club paid a visit.

Sixth and seventh graders attended the assembly, meant to broaden their knowledge of wildlife species that are common to Michigan. The assembly was sponsored by the Clarkston Garden Club, and was also presented to students at Clarkston Middle School.

Among the wild bunch accompanying the conservation club were: a red-tail hawk, a barn owl, a falcon, and a screech owl. The presentation included information on the feeding habits, habitats and characteristics of birds of prey.

Sashabaw Middle School Assistant Principal Steve Marsden said the school was thankful for the opportunity. "The kids thoroughly enjoyed it ...," he said, "being able to get up close to nature."

What a hoot: Lori Neely of the Michigan United Conservation Club presents a gray owl to students at Sashabaw Middle School Wednesday. The assembly exposed students to wildlife species that are common to Michigan.



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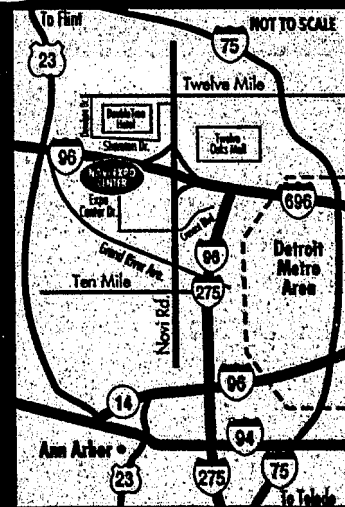


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POLICE NEWS

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Springfield Police

Thefts

On Oct. 4, a noise complaint and suspect vehicle were reported at a public access area near a residence on Hillsboro Road.

On Oct. 5, two mixed breed puppies were reported stolen from a residence on Andersonville Road. The puppies were a shepherd-chow mix. Also reported stolen from the residence was a homemade plywood cow.

On Oct. 5, a radio was reported stolen from a wrecked car parked on Dixie Highway.

On Oct. 6, tools were reported stolen from a utility trailer parked inside a business on Andersonville Road.

On Oct. 6 and 7, a portion of fencing was reported cut and stolen from a residence on French Lane. The fencing is used to contain and protect emus.

Fire

On Oct. 5, a mobile home was reported to have caught on fire on Coventry Lane. No one was injured.

Independence Police

Lost Property

On Oct. 6, a purse containing credit cards, a driver's license, and \$22 in cash was reported lost at a grocery store on Sashabaw Road.

On Oct. 6, a Motorola flip cell phone was reported lost from a residence on Lancaster Hill Drive.

Vandalism

On Oct. 7, all four tires of a Chevrolet Cavalier were reported cut at a restaurant parking lot on Dixie Highway.

Theft

On Oct. 5, about 15 rental chairs were reported stolen from a business on Dixie Highway. The renter failed to return them, according to police reports.

Independence Fire

Between Oct. 4-8, firefighters responded to 17 calls. Among them were 12 medical calls, and two lock-outs.

On Oct. 7, firefighters responded to a location on Lancaster Hill Drive, where an 82-year-old woman was experiencing shortness of breath. The woman was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

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AD OF THE WEEK

GETTING TO KNOW YOU
Patie SWF, 29, 5'10", blonde, short brown hair, active, energetic, outgoing, fun, loves to travel, enjoys music, movies, dancing, and camping. Seeking DWM, professional male, 35-55, N/S, likes small dogs, with similar interests, for friendship/LTR. #9468

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YOUNG-AT-HEART

Widowed SWF, 60, blonde/blue, N/S, likes movies, dancing, dining out, traveling, cooking. Seeking honest, romantic SWM, 60, N/S, for possible LTR. #1012

INTRIGUING, MATURE

Wife, 50, 5'8", blonde, N/S, seeks a tall, N/S, 50-60, professional, N/S, who is a good listener, enjoys music, movies, and travel. #1064

BEAUTIFUL

Big and beautiful DJF, 49, N/S, exquisite tastes and light-hearted attitude describe you and I, so let's meet! #1016

LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH

Attractive, full figured, DJF, 45, 5'11", enjoys traveling and new adventures. Seeking honest, caring, sincere, intelligent, fun loving, open minded, SWM, 42-50, N/S, drug free, for possible LTR. #1011

WANTED: MAN IN UNIFORM

Laid-back, caring SWF, 24, enjoys movies, dancing, concerts, walks, dining out. Seeking uniformed SWDM, 22-30, for friendship, possible LTR. #1008

LONELY IN LIVONIA

Shapely, adventurous, romantic, down-to-earth, DJF, 35, 5'11", blonde, N/S, one son, home manager. Seeking someone who can appreciate a fun, committed, family-oriented LTR. #1006

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN/ENGINEER

Wanted: Seeking down-to-earth, respectable gentleman, under 35, single, never married. I'm youthful, 5'6", MCA graduate, natural beauty. I'm down-to-earth. Enjoys tennis, walking, movies, theatre, cultural events. #1004

YOU+ME=US

SWF, 35, 5'2", blonde, enjoys bowling, dancing, dining out, enjoys evenings at home. Seeking SM, 35-50, for friendship first. #9940

ATTRACTIVE DOCTOR

SWF, 36, never married, worked hard, has time now for sincere relationship with similarly educated, honest, and secure WM, 35-42, #9938

FUN & FLIRTY

SWF, 26, 5'8", who likes all outdoor sports, 4-wheeling, fast cars, snowmobiling, seeks SWM, 25-30, who likes quiet evenings and fun times. Give me a call. #9558

GOOD COMPANIONSHIP

Pretty, understanding, financially secure, young single, professional lady, beautiful inside/outside, physically fit, healthy, enjoys nature, ping pong, tennis and good music. Seeking energetic, educated gentleman, for friendship first, possible relationship. #9545

ARE YOU READY?

Fun-loving SWF, 28, brown/blue, college educated, loves goth, rollerblading, walks, movies. Seeking a SWM, 32-35, who is ready for a relationship. #9555

FRIENDSHIP AND MORE

SWF, 26, 5'7", 120lbs, funny, outgoing, likes to be romantic, dancing, movies, walks, cuddling. Seeking a SM, same qualifications, for a LTR. #9510

ONLY REAL

SBF, 25, 5'8", blonde, professional, 20, 5'8", blonde, N/S, financially secure, who thinks with his head on his shoulders, for friendship first. Please ignore. #9970

DARLING BLACK CHERRY

27, seeks passionate, energetic white male, 20+, for exciting new experiences. #9226

LUCKY BE A LADY

Imaginative, witty, educated S/F, 40, 5'8", blonde, N/S, enjoys music, movies, dancing, and camping. Seeking a SWM, 35-50, N/S, who is a good listener, enjoys music, movies, and travel. #9938

WOMAN WITH A MACHETE

SWF, 26, 5'8", blonde, N/S, enjoys music, movies, dancing, and camping. Seeking a SWM, 35-50, N/S, who is a good listener, enjoys music, movies, and travel. #9938

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GENTLEMAN

DWF, 44, blonde/blue, size 14, enjoys music, movies, dancing, dining, dancing and camping. Seeking DWM, professional male, 35-55, N/S, likes small dogs, with similar interests, for friendship/LTR. #9468

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE

Widowed WF, 60, 5'2", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, seeks honest, caring, fun, 50-60, good sense of humor. #9407

PRETTY PROFESSIONAL

WF, 36, 5'5", slim, long auburn hair, green, with warm smile, enjoys music, art, antiques, car shows, travel, quiet evenings. Seeking honest, creative, tall, W/M, 37-45, N/S, similar interests. Children/pets ok. #9274

GENTLEMAN ONLY

Pretty, slender, tall, intelligent, refined SF, 52, smoker, seeks a gentleman, 52-65, intelligent, tall, articulate, classy, confident, for romantic dinner dates, faced with good conversation. #9278

BIKE/LIFE PARTNER

Just bought a motorcycle! SWF, 46, 5'8", blonde, full-figured, seeks SWM, 40-55, to teach me to ride. #9415

HANDSOME DOCTOR WANTED

by very pretty blonde-eyed blonde, bright and warm, youthful 48, 5'6", blonde, intelligent, seeking friendship, Troy area. #9367

SELF MADE MAN

Seeking SWPM, secure, average, attractive, trustworthy, emotionally/financially stable, fun, hip, 45-55, 5'8"-5'11", no games, I'm pretty, classy, slim, 5'7", secure, open, hip gal. No kids. You won't be disappointed. #9350

FEMININE EUROPEAN-BORN

Pretty, 54, young lady loves life, travels, oceans, earth, good people. Still believes in kindness. Seeking tall, intelligent, emotionally/financially secure, healthy gentleman, for sharing the wonders of life. #9423

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE

SWF, 51, 5'3", 125lbs, brown eyes, financially secure, enjoys outdoors, travel, quiet at home evenings, seeks sincere SWM, gentleman, caring, romantic, humorous, for a possible relationship. #9886

TWILIGHT

Attractive BF, 50, 5'6", 150lbs, N/S, educated, employed, no dependents, seeks one great male, 40-55, H/W, professional, N/S, a must, for monogamous relationship. Race open, must live alone. No hang-ups or baggage. #9978

A TOUCH OF JUNGLE FEVER

Complex preferences, not overly SWF, 39, pretty, independent, happy, sensual woman of substance, seeks black gentleman, late 30s+, financially/emotionally secure, for monogamous physical and spiritual happiness. #9880

CHAMPAGNE AND CAVIAR

SBF, 47, attractive, likes jazz, traveling, classic cars, dining, seeking SM, sense of humor, financially secure, honest, race unimportant. #9820

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

WF, 18, seeks a SM, 18-25, for friendship and conversation. Give me a call. #9787

DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL PH.D.

Cultured, mean apple pie, golf, tennis, and hiking enthusiast. Theater addiction, dance fever. Seeking male counterpart, 34-47. #9728

COFFEE, TEA AND THEE!

Unimpaired, tall, attractive Christian lady with great personality, seeks gentleman, 55+, 5'11", N/S, social drinker, great sense of humor, enjoys walks, conversation, theater, dining. Friendship first, possible LTR. #9726

FUN-LOVING

Outgoing DWF, 45, enjoys movies, dining, videos, dating and more. Seeking a SWM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #9601

GARDEN CITY WOMAN

DWF, 47, 5'5", full-figured, likes walks in the park, movies, dining, seeking a monogamous, realistic, who, with a SM, N/S, N/D, for a LTR. No games please. #9992

LIGHTHOUSE LOVER

Very independent SF, young 48, intelligent, outgoing, and more, seeks a SWM, 45-50, for friendship. Seeking friend, 46-50 to share weekends doing above. No kids, no games. Honestly! #9632

PRETTY, SMART, SEXY

Honest, sincere, financially secure DWF, 39, 5'6", 145lbs, blonde, one child, enjoys sports, music, movies and romance. Seeking a sincere, physically fit, 30-35, 5'8"-5'11", N/S, social drinker. #9939

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Pretty, educated, active, athletic female, mid-50s, seeks a male, similar attributes, for a monogamous, caring relationship. #9507

WOMAN WITH A MACHETE

(2) Seeking intelligent, good looking, SM, 30-40, N/S, who is a good listener, enjoys music, movies, and travel. #9938

LOOKING FOR MORE

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A SHOT IN THE DARK

Attractive, full figured, and sincere SWF, 38, 5'6", hard working, honest and financially secure. Enjoys outdoors, water sports, travel, and concerts. Seeking tall SWM, 37-45, honest, outgoing, responsible and goal oriented. N/S. #9547

SOMEONE SPECIAL

SWF, 43, 5'6", medium build, smoker, social drinker, enjoys movies, quiet, dinners, dancing, antiques. Seeking honest, romantic, financially secure, sensitive man, 48-55, tall, N/S. #9507

PARTNER IN ADVENTURE

Attractive, articulate, green-eyed sales professional, gregarious, 52, 5'4", 120lbs, loves dancing, theater, sailing, flying, nature, people. If you think the future looks bright, let's discuss the possibilities. #9514

HARD-WORKER

SF, 57, 175lbs, brown/blue, likes fishing, bowling, movies, camping. Seeking an honest, sincere, romantic, gentleman, for a LTR. #9518

THICK AND HEALTHY

Cute SBF, 24, 5'6", 225lbs, brown skin, no kids, employed college student, seeks nice-looking SBM, 20-29, with no kids, N/S, for friendship and dating. #9482

LOVES BEETHOVEN

SWF, 37, attractive, petite single mother, loves classical music, theater, gardening, camping. Seeking single male, 30-45, with similar interests, especially in classical music. #9464

NO GAMES PLEASE!

Attractive, church-going, career-minded, SBF, 37, working on BA degree, seeks tall, attractive, church-going, career-minded SBM, 35-40, N/S, who enjoys sports, jazz, concerts, and dining. #9452

BROWN-EYED ITALIAN

Outgoing single mom, 38, brown/brown, likes movies, theater, dancing, long walks, good conversation. Seeking handsome male, dark hair/brown, 35-45, who is romantic, sincere, honest, with a sense of humor. #9455

ONE IN A MILLION

Attractive, college-educated, petite, tall, SWF, 37, long blonde hair, great smile, fun loving attitude, seeks a SWM, 35-40, N/S, for friendship, possibly LTR. #9450

CLASSY LADY

Blonde-haired, blue-eyed, petite DJF, 43, 5'5", blonde, N/S, enjoys dancing, traveling, dining, walks, romantic evenings at home, seeks gentleman, 30-50, #9408

ATTRACTIVE BLACK FEMALE

WF, 42, British, classy, lady of principles, 5'4", 120lbs, new to Michigan, seeks friendship with a gentleman, 40-50, of good moral standards and principles. #9382

BLACK, BRITISH, CLASSY

Passionate, pretty DJF, 40, with medium build. Seeking SWM, 38-50, N/S, ND, for dating, mating, and relating. Will you spark my interest? #9368

DELTA BURKE'S SISTER

Southern born, professional nanny, 50-year-old lady, full figured, enjoys walking, church activities, family-oriented, cooking, gardening, short trips, N/S. Seeking companion for same. #9360

ARE YOU READY

For the next chapter? So am I! God was kind to me in the looks department. Inside: fun-loving, compassionate, sensual woman. So, if you're looking out for the best you may have found her. #9352

R.E.V.P.

an invitation to meet this attractive DWF, 44, if you are an attractive SWDM, 38+, N/S, smart, sincere, fun, no games guy. Let the party begin! #9354

SPECIAL REQUEST

Patie SF, 48, redhead, young in attitude and appearance, if you're honest, stable, no game playing gentleman, 40-55, good sense of humor, with a love of life. Looking for friendship and companionship. Northern Oakland County. #9447

62 YEAR OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, successful, giving, loving, looking for other successful. Any sincere, successful Caucasian, 45-70, please apply. #9201

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ATTRACTIVE BLONDE LADY

European-born, refined, giving, loving, educated, young 60ish, 5'5", good figured, N/S, many interests, seeks gentleman, 65-75, with sense of humor, caring, intelligent, secure, N/S, for lasting relationship. #9349

YOUR SEARCH IS OVER

Attractive DWF, who's intelligent, honest, with just about the right amount of wit and charm, seeks SWDM, 40-51, who's honest, caring, and has strong moral values. Serious replies only. Rochester area. #9172

WISH UPON A STAR

SWF, 44, 5'7", brown/hazel, N/S, enjoys sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking romantic, your interest? I am looking for a Fred to dance away with this Ginger. #9198

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

Attractive DWF, young 49, 5'4", blonde/blue, N/S, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #9199

PAINTER SEEKS SAME

Young-at-heart, one-man-woman SBF, 50, artist/composer, likes country/western/folk music, antique/classic cars. Seek SM, 50s. #9359

BRAD PITT TYPE

Handsome SWM, 34, 6'2", 185lbs, blue/long blond, well-proportioned, fun, confident, intelligent. Seeking long-term monogamous relationship. Slender SWF, 5'5", 5'9", for more than just a good appearance. #9934

NICE GUY

Attractive SWM, 35, 6', 195lbs, brown/blue, N/S, professionally employed, Garden City homeowner, seeks an attractive SWF, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. #9361

ALWAYS AND FOREVER

Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking SF, 40-50, petite-medium, for friendship, possible LTR. #9118

ADVENTURE MEMORIES

Sincere, caring, fit, active SWM, 6'10", N/S, college graduate, for parent, enjoys outdoor activities, bowling, seeking professional, 25-30, who's not afraid of commitment. #9115

WORTH THE CALL

Kind, caring, affectionate, easygoing SWF, 51, 5'8", medium build, dark brown/blue, N/S, social drinker, whose interests include: bowling, boating, cooking, camping, snowmobiling, seeks female, 18-35. #1015

ATHLETIC

Easygoing SWPM, 28, 5'3", 155lbs, seeks mature SWFF, 24-32, who enjoys movies, music, the outdoors, quiet evenings, spending time with family, and a lot of commitment. #9975

PSC gets earful from residents irate at utilities

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Utility representatives sat in silence in the back of the room as consumers from suburban Oakland and Wayne counties unleashed a barrage of complaints about Ameritech and Detroit Edison to the state Public Service Commission.

"Nothing ever gets resolved," said Debra Bzovi, a 17-year Farmington Hills resident whose home suffered three power outages totaling 20 hours in the last year and a half.

"Ameritech says, 'You lose,'" said Michael Wayne, a Rochester Hills resident and president of a Troy Internet service provider called Msen.

The Oct. 6 hearing in Farmington Hills was conducted by John Strand, chair of the three-member PSC, which regulates utilities. Often Strand referred complaints to individual utility representatives. It was the fifth in the PSC's 1998 series of six regional hearings.

Look in the woods

Bzovi, who lives near 12 Mile and Middlebelt, complained that Edison told her to "look in the

woods" for a downed power line. "No way was I going to look," she said. When an Edison crew finally arrived, "they had it fixed in five minutes."

Wayne said Ameritech is constantly telling people to "put in another phone line" for modems, for faxes, and if it doesn't work, they're cramming more service onto existing (inadequate) facilities.

Technically, Wayne said, the problem is a SLIC, a piece of equipment in the neighborhood that delivers more services on existing facilities. Result: "Modem speeds are drastically reduced overnight."

The public wasn't 100 percent down on utilities.

Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said that since major storm damage three and a half years ago to power lines, the service has improved. But there is still a concern about tree trimming. They should talk to homeowners (about tree trimming plans). And there is still a concern about unexpected outages.

"My pet issue is that when there's a long delay—days or weeks—there should be some reimbursement, say, for food losses," he said.

"Edison has improved," added city manager Steve Brock. "But we're never sure about emergency response." He cited a home in Old Homestead subdivision where Edison continually told the owner, "three or four hours to restore power." It was three days, said Brock, adding if that Edison could give a more realistic time estimate for repairs, "people can make plans."

Some happy, some not?

Chris Cesulski of Rochester Hills got "excellent cooperation from Ameritech" when his elderly father was "crammed." Cramming refers to a phone company's practice of billing a consumer for services never ordered.

"My father was crammed by a company called IntegreTel for an incoming 800 number. He certainly didn't order this service but was billed \$4.95 for a service activation fee," Cesulski said.

The 800 number at IntegreTel produced no satisfaction. Finally, Cesulski got the firm's number from the Florida PSC. Months later, he learned IntegreTel is merely a billing company for a third company called Telecom. "I have no idea who they are or where they are," he said. He told

his father not to pay the IntegreTel part of the bill.

"I'd like to solve this on my own. I don't want the state's help," Cesulski told Strand. "Shouldn't there be a name and address on the bill?"

Tree slaughter

David Baughman, Sy Kernicky and Al Seoud, all Farmington Hills residents, complained that tree trimming companies hired by Edison did excessive damage.

"There's no shortage of people (at Edison) who will listen. They just don't have a solution," said Baughman, who called the trimmers cutting "inhumane."

"Over-aggressive. They did a horrible job on my neighborhood," said Kernicky, who lives in the oldest settled area of Farmington Hills on Power Road. He asked PSC for guidelines as to how far on private property Edison's contractors could cut and who is responsible for removing cuttings.

Kernicky said the wires are old and deliver "blips" and warned that a new development will make the electric service worse unless Edison replaces lines.

"Butchering and slaughtering of trees without notice," com-

plained Seoud, representing the Bridle Hills Association west of Inkster Road. "It's obscene. They've taken 'public' out of 'public utility'."

State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Now, a member of the House Public Utilities Committee, said she would explore a bill to give utilities a tax incentive to bury power lines. "In the short run, it costs. In the long run, it will save millions of dollars," she said.

Lois Hitchcock, a Southfield resident, asked Strand the status of state deregulation of electricity. The PSC chair said 6 percent of customers will become eligible to choose electricity suppliers a few weeks after the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approves the state plan, but "that has not begun yet." It will be phased in over several years. Gas deregulation has been in effect 10 years and has lowered rates 20-22 percent, he said.

Symposium tackles absence of fathers issue

Experts from across the nation will gather in Detroit on the weekend of October 16th-18th, 1998 to address the Nation's Crisis On Father Absence. With over 70% of Detroit's children being born to unwed parents and a divorce rate in excess of 50%, Detroit leads the world in father absence. Consequently, it is only appropriate that NCFC bring its 18th Annual National Convention to Detroit.

The Convention will be held

at the Detroit Westin Hotel in the Renaissance Center on the weekend of October 16th-18th, 1998. For more information call (813) 259-2307 or visit our website at <http://com.primenet.com/mm/ncfc>.

Nationally recognized speaker include Ken Canfield, P.H.D., author of Seven Secrets Of Effective Fathers, Warren Farrell, P.H.D., Author of Why Men Are The Way They Are, James Cook, President, Joint Custody

Association, and Richard Gardner, P.H.D., Author and The Nation's Foremost Authority on Parental Alienation and False Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse Arising in Contested Custody Cases. Local speakers will include Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Richard Halloran, as well as many others.

Local sponsoring organizations include: NCFC-Mi,

African Women's Organization of Michigan, The Wayne County Task Force On Father Absence, Fathers Helping Fathers, Parents For Children, Responsible Fatherhood, Inc. and Capitol Area Fathers For Equal Rights.

Anyone who cares about the best interest of children or supports increased father involvement in the lives of their children will not want to miss this unique weekend convention.



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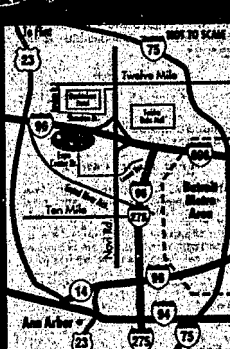
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Sand spooks: The Halloween sand sculpture at Fairlane.

Get ready for tricks and treats

To help put you in the Halloween spirit, here's a trick and some treats:

Glowing treat: This is one promotion you can't help but like.

Now through the end of October, Halloween USA Costume & Decor Superstores are giving away a free glow stick with every children's costume purchased, so that the child can wear it while trick-or-treating and be more visible to motorists.

Last October, more than 3,000 glow sticks were given away as part of the company's Safety-First program.

Halloween USA and Gags & Gifts are operated by Livonia-based Gags and Games, Inc. Each year, Gags & Gifts stores become Halloween USA stores for the fall season and additional, temporary Halloween USA stores are opened at other locations.

Halloween USA stores are located in the Merri-5 Plaza in Livonia, the Van Beau Building in Royal Oak, the Westland Plaza in Westland, Hampton Village Centre in Rochester, ABC Plaza in Canton, Knollwood Plaza in West Bloomfield, Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield, Summit Place Mall in Waterford, Shelby Township across from Lakeside Mall, and at more than 30 other locations in Michigan, Ohio and Illinois.

Tasty treat: Some people like to give out popcorn balls for Halloween, but Lucy Date of Troy and her sister, Paula Loeser, have an even better idea: gift baskets made of edible popcorn by their company, Just Popped.

The baskets are 8 to 12 inches in diameter and are made with corn syrup in much the same way that popcorn balls are. After they're molded and hardened, the baskets are filled with caramel corn, candy and gift items - whatever the customer desires. Prices start at \$30 and it's best to order at least two days in advance, Date said.

Just Popped has theme baskets for every holiday and special occasion. Its Halloween basket is orange and is filled with assorted white and milk chocolates and "spooky treats."

For more information, call (248) 528-0304 or (248) 528-9436.

Corny trick: Chicago-based Favorite Brands International, one of the country's top manufacturers of candy corn, sweetens your Halloween with everything you'd ever want to know about the little triangular treat - including how they get the white tip to taste different from the orange and yellow bands of each kernel.

(The trick is simple - three candy mixtures are piped into the molding machine. The orange and yellow mixtures are much the same, except for the color. The white mixture contains special ingredients to make it firmer and taste different.)

Candy corn is a mellow creme candy, made of corn syrup, honey and sugar; one kernel has 4.4 calories and no fat; there are about 294 kernels in a one-pound bag; and the amount of candy corn produced in the United States each year, expressed as ears of corn, is 2.25 million ears.

Look for the Farley's and Sathers brand names at Sam's Club, Spartan, Rite-Aid, Save-A-Lot and Wal-Mart stores.

Mall treats: Most shopping malls have Halloween events scheduled for this month. At Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, for example, people can enjoy a life-like, 40-ton Halloween sandcastle through the end of October. And one of the attractions at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield is a friendly, animated Haunt-Cat Horror.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

When John Darin traveled to England and France in 1997, he brought home a vision for a light-filled greenhouse structure that would become a signature English Gardens garden center. On Monday, Darin's European market opens its doors on Coolidge Highway, straddling the Royal Oak and Troy communities, just north of 14 Mile Road.

Darin, chief operating officer of the family-owned English Gardens, describes the new store as "a community gathering place."

"In Europe," he says, "huge garden centers are shopping destinations. They're located out in the countryside and resemble dressed-up greenhouses. People meet there to discuss how their tomatoes are doing or what bulbs they'll be planting this year."

English Gardens wanted to bring this same spirit to metro Detroit, and the European ambience is apparent as you approach the green-and-white-striped awnings that distinguish the facade. A 40-foot clock tower rises from the piazza-like portico, centered between wrought-iron gated and pillared patios that display seasonal decor. Bistro tables line the patios in warm months when customers can grab a coffee and pastry from the indoors bakery/cafe and retreat to the veranda for some perennial reprieve.

Demonstration gardens are scattered throughout the parking lot, offering ideas for different kinds of cutting gardens, including a butterfly

garden. Once inside, the horticultural impression continues in a conservatory filled with tropical and blooming plants, 20-foot palms and soaring 25-foot ceilings. An information kiosk directs guests through the 81,000-square-foot space.

Outdoor pavilion Outside, find two greenhouses filled with bedding plants, perennials, vegetables, herbs and landscape plantings in the spring and summer, and live-Christmas trees, mums, pumpkins and gourds in the fall and winter. The greenhouses are naturally ventilated and warmed with radiant heating. This outdoor sales area also houses a huge selection of garden statuary and fountains, a drive-through loading area, and pottery from across the world.

English Gardens offers a do-it-yourself landscape design option as well as full landscaping and installation capabilities. Should gardeners get the urge to wield a trowel and dig a little, there's even a new handwashing station and potting bench, an English Gardens first.

A Peek Inside "Everything in the new store is bigger and better," says Darin. "This is the cream of the crop. It will be the model for everything we do in the future."

It seems that no amenity has been

English Gardens blooms beyond its roots

New garden center has European flair



In the garden: John Darin, left photo, poses beside a fountain in English Gardens' atrium. Above: Imported Steinbach nutcrackers fill shelves in the Christmas center.

overlooked in English Gardens' fifth location. There's space to hold garden club meetings, even a unique garden pharmacy.

"The pharmacy will diagnose plant problems and write 'plantscriptions,'" says Darin. "Just bring in your withered leaf."

Other service counters include a plant wrapping station, a floral design center for fresh and silk flowers, a "Casual Living Decorating Station" where customers receive design consultation and order custom outdoor furniture, a gift registry and a garden bookstore.

When the doors open Monday, tall display shelves will be filled with Halloween and Christmas trims and decorations, garden gifts, table fountains, bird feeders and ornaments. Fifteen decorated theme trees will light up the east-side window wall. A Dept. 56 boutique brims with limited-edition collectibles and imported Steinbach nutcrackers, and Christmas lights fill an entire department. Look for blue icicle lights, customized light sets, new tube

lights and fiber optic trees.

To capitalize on the seasonal business, Darin has provided the store with a massive on-site basement warehouse, ensuring that your purchase, from nativity scene to porch swing, is always in stock.

Today, when carefully tended gardens are thoughtful extensions of a home's interior, the garden center must meld exterior and interior decorating. It must also serve as a repository for new ideas and new looks.

So, when you visit English Gardens during this harvest time of year, take a moment to absorb the experts' flair for arranging mums and pansies, cornstalks, hay bales, pumpkins and gourds. Your front porch might resemble that of an English country cottage this fall.

English Gardens, 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak. Other English Gardens locations in Dearborn Heights, West Bloomfield, Clinton Township and Eastpointe.



European style: Striped awnings, a clock tower and pillared patios give English Gardens a continental look.



'Pot'-pourri: Meghan Burau prices pottery from Malaysia and Vietnam for the new Royal Oak English Gardens store.

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

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

DREAM ON

Woodland Indians Trading Co. presents a Dream-catcher Workshop by Cathy Wurn, Ojibwe. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., \$10. 26161 W. Six Mile Road, Redford; (313) 387-5930.

MONDAY, OCT. 12

FUR FETE

Saks Fifth Avenue and The Fur Salon invite you to meet designers Andre and Lisa Bisang and view their Fall 1998 Collection at an evening to benefit the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Volunteer Council. Wine and hors d'oeuvres reception at 5 p.m., fashion show at 6 p.m., \$50 benefactors, \$35 patrons. Call (313) 676-5154. Fur Salon, second floor, Saks Fifth Ave., Somerset Collection.

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

DESIGNER DUOS

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Nicole's Revival Designer Resale Clothier features nearly new designer fashions at the Westland Chamber of Commerce business luncheon at Joy Manor in Westland. Networking and lunch at 11:30 a.m., fashion show at 1 p.m., \$15. Call (734) 326-7222.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

IN STRIDE

Westland Walkers Club holds its monthly meeting in the lower level auditorium of Westland Shopping Center. 9:30 a.m. Westland opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m. through Arcade 2.

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

FASHION FARE

Saks Fifth Avenue presents the Dana Bucharian Fall 1998 Breakfast Fashion Show featuring misses, petites and plus sizes. 9:30 a.m. breakfast, 10 a.m. fashion show. RSVP (248) 614-3317. Designer Bridge Sportswear, Saks Fifth Ave., Somerset Collection.

POOCH PARTY

You are cordially invited to attend a book party for the debut of *Enter Barking* by Coco Chanel, Detroit's most barked about author. 5-8 p.m. Raphael's Magnificent Possessions, 1799 Coolidge, Berkley.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

GILDING THE LILY

The Michigan Regional Lily Society holds its annual hybrid Lily Bulb Sale at the Birmingham Congregational Church, 1000 Cranbrook Road in Birmingham. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Continues on Saturday.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

DEBUT

Lane Bryant celebrates its grand opening at Hunter's Square, 31065 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills. The fashion retailer specializes in clothes for women sizes 14-28.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

BRIDAL BASH

Brides-To-Be presents Fall's Biggest, Best Bridal Show Ever at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. \$7, \$8 at the door. 5500 Crooks Rd., Troy. (810) 228-2700.

RETAIL DETAILS

SALON SAVVY

Salon & Spa Design Studio of Farmington Hills, a division of Nailco Salon Marketplace, offers salons its exclusive full-service



interior design capabilities, combined with unique industry knowledge of salon and spa specifications. Directed by Leslie McGwire, Salon & Spa Design Studio offers color selection and coordination for furniture, fabric and accessories; equipment and space needs assessment; budget planning, financing options and a computerized space planning system. The studio's most recent client, Pannos in West Bloomfield, underwent a complete renovation and redesign. The salon's new image is contemporary with white marble columns and sleek metal accents. For further information about the Design Studio, stop by the showroom at 23200 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills.

ANTONY'S FANTASY

The clean, classic and romantic look of Cleopatra is being reinvented at Salons Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi. This glamorous look is created with clean blunts that have strong lines and heavy blunt bangs, a la the lady of the Nile. Hair color is dark, rich and solid. If you're in the mood for exotic, call Nadwa at (248) 348-7316. 43236 Eleven Mile Rd., Novi.

PUMPKIN PLEASER

Breadsmith, 3592 W. Maple Road in Bloomfield Hills, gets your Saturday mornings off to a sweet and spicy start during October with its new original recipe Pumpkin Bread. The extra-moist quick bread makes a great Halloween gift for teachers, neighbors, co-workers or any bread-lover. To ensure availability, call ahead to place your order, (248) 540-8001. Also available at the Farmington Hills location, 32990 Middlebelt Road, (248) 855-5808.

LAND HO

New England Home sets sail to its second metro location at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills. The nautical-theme store opens on Nov. 12 and features an array of seafaring wood-carvings, sepia-tone photographs and nautical paraphernalia. Carved mahogany ships, brass telescopes, compasses and steamer trunks appeal to sailors and landlubbers. Leonard Xerri opened his first store at Laurel Park Place in 1997. The new location has cottage plank floors, circa-1870 display tables and antique-style shelving that

evoke a sea captain's attic.

its youth scholarship fund.

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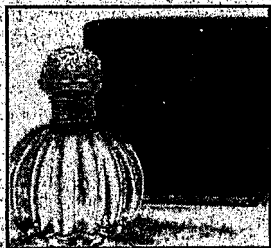
Birmingham-based Twist & Shout Gourmet Pretzels recently opened its fifth location at Livonia's Laurel Park Place. The store offers at least seven different pretzel selections daily, as well as homemade soups, micro-brewed root beer and specialty coffee drinks.

ART VAN AND PARTNERS

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, Art Van Furniture and the Partners of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute hosted a Grand Opening Celebration in conjunction with the annual Partners Ball. The event raised nearly \$400,000 from ticket sales and silent and live auction proceeds. The money will support the Suzanne Korman Morton Cancer Research Fund and the Karmanos Cancer Institute's Bone Marrow Transplant Program. Approximately 1,100 guests attended the Unique Restaurant Corp.-catered event. Sister Hazel and Atomic Fireballs provided lively entertainment.

FINE FRAGRANCE

On Oct. 13, Jacobson's will launch the new fragrance, Doulton, from the Royal Doulton Fine Fragrance Collection. Doulton is a sultry, yet refreshing, fragrance that accents the elegance and sophistication of the modern woman. It blends muguet, narcissus and lily with undertones of sandalwood, amber, musk and patchouli and top notes of melon and plum. The bottle is crowned in antiqued silver. Doulton is the first women's fragrance born of a passion for beautiful surroundings. Prices range from \$55 to \$200.



COZY UP

It's time to pull out the flannel pjs and tuck those silken nighties back into the dresser drawer. Designer Karen Neuburger's boxy, two-piece pajamas and her jersey knit cotton bedding collection are the hottest items in sleepwear today.

Neuburger is the creator and design director for a collection of all-day sleepwear. Her designs have been worn by celebrities Oprah Winfrey and Calista Flockhart on *Ally McBeal*.

She debuts her special edition bedding collection at Hudson's this month to coincide with her Angel Network print pajamas. Hudson's will be the only retailer in Detroit to carry this product.

The Karen Neuburger Bedding collection is 100 percent jersey knit cotton. All profits derived from the sale of the Angel Network designs will go to Oprah's Angel Network Foundation and



KNIT WIT

If you're looking for classically styled knitwear, custom made to your measurements, French Rags has your "knit to order" solution. Available through exclusive trunk shows, French Rags, designed by Brenda French, offers flexible, packable and affordable knitwear that is both feminine and highly individual. The "knit to order" philosophy allows women to design their own wardrobe by customizing clothes in zillions of combinations to fit every personality. Birmingham/Bloomfield consultants are Phyllis Strome and Rosmarie Gilman. Call Phyllis (248) 646-2092 or Rosmarie (248) 738-1380 to schedule an appointment for the Nov. 2-7 show.

SARTORIAL STYLE

Jacobson's Birmingham store introduces women's shirt designs by Craig Taylor. Taylor's fall collection of tailored shirts are crafted of superfine Egyptian cotton in classic British detail. Included in the collection are a brilliant blue herringbone, a white triple-stripe pique with French cuffs, a French gray satin herringbone and a lilac Duke of Windsor dress shirt. Formerly an automotive designer, Taylor taught himself how to sew and began designing shirts for men and women in 1983. See his sexy shirt collection in the designer department at Jacobson's, 336 W. Maple, Birmingham.

TALENT SEARCH

Opryland Productions will present an original holiday musical for Fairlane Town Center titled "Ring Them Bells." Fairlane is seeking vocalists, both children and adults, to appear in the nationally recognized production company. Performances begin Saturday, Nov. 21 and run every day until Friday, Dec. 24. Children should be 6-12 years of age and are required to sing and dance. Auditions will be held Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Fountain Court Stage. A special children's audition is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 14, 4-6 p.m. To register for auditions, call (313) 593-1870.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call *Where Can I Find?* (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. And you should see your input in a few weeks. Thank You.

What We Found:

• Narcisse cologne by Chole can be found at Levin's Beauty Supply on Orchard Lake Road, (248) 851-7323, 1 oz. \$25.
• Found a hanging laundry bag for Caroline.
• Coats & Clark pattern books for Joyce.

We're Still Looking For:

• June wants a game called *Initial Reaction*.
• Patty is looking for Revlon's lipstick in the shade Honey Bee.
• Daniel is looking for Heinz all-natural cleaning vinegar.
• Steve is looking for a manual for the Sharp cash register model #XE 1054.
• Virginia wants someone to purchase her old 78 rpm's.
• Lynn is looking for a complete set of stoneware dishes called "Images" by Signature.
• Searching for song books from the '40s, '50s, titled "Hit Parade".
• Bob wants Carrington cologne for men.
• Ed is looking for a grass catcher for a Black & Decker

#U-274. It has a 22-inch blade.
• Lori wants a "Snuggle" bear.

• Mary is looking for a Russian MIG, toy (metal) airplane.
• Susan wants Azzaro perfume.

• Jay from Redford is looking for a copy of *Tall Ships, A Sailing Celebration*.

• Clara wants (ABON) MAJA soap and powder.

• Mary is looking for Norell fragrance and Adriane Arpel makeup products.

• Julie wants the Matchbox Hummer (red & white) given out at Taco Bell last year.

• Laura wants Chi Chi's recipe for Sweet Corn Cake.

• Diane wants to sell her Precious Moments and Robert Raikes bears, rabbits and dolls.

• Allison is looking for a bathroom spray called Woodland Mist by Scent Shop.

• Vivian would like to find a Panasonic can opener.

• Kim is looking for a beechwood ladder-back chair.

• Linda is looking for Hyde White Shoe Polish.

• Marilyn is looking for a "Pretend Window" for a windowless room (last seen at Farmer Jack).

• Stella is looking for "Magic Crochet" and "Decorative Crochet" magazines.

• Susan wants a Kay upright base for musical instruments.

• Jackie is looking for a double-chair Papasan, (used to find at Pier 1) with/without cushion.

• Pamela wants old chenille bedspreads, someone to prepare meals three times a week for pay, and button necklaces and old teacups/saucers.

• Kathy is looking for Nestles 2% Banana Milk made by Quick.

• Pat is looking for someone to buy her 1997 state pins. She has Montana, Kansas, Ohio. They were purchased from QVC.

• Pat needs gaskets for her 6 quart Presto pressure cooker.

• Jan wants women's Brittan jeans.

• Joanne wants the *Little Mermaid* book from the '60s/'70s, animated with 3D illustrations.

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Autumn Hues



Redwood leather jacket by Ellen Tracy paired with a plaid wrap skirt both from Hudson's.

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Time to decide

Assisted suicide proposal challenges the conscience

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Seeing a parent die slowly and painfully because of cancer has left two people on opposite sides in the debate over the ballot proposal to legalize assisted suicide.

Ed Sheldon, a retired plant manager who lives in Troy, watched his mother die a "gruesome death."

"She was in hospice for a month and she wasted away to 69 pounds. There was no need for her to suffer that."

That is a big reason, Sheldon said he supports Proposal B, and the effort to make assisted suicide. He helped Merian's Friends circulate petitions to

put the issue on the ballot, he donated money to the effort and he urges friends and acquaintances to approve Proposal B.

Monsignor Anthony M. Tocco, pastor of St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church in Birmingham, saw his father take four years to die. But the experience convinced him legalizing suicide would be a "scary thing."

Tocco, more than 70, as "Father Tom" at St. Hugo's, which has 3,700 families, will include a message that Proposal B is bad and should be voted down.

Scripture, he said, says that life is a gift from God and should be protected.

But the death of a loved one can be more meaningful when handled with love, support and adequate pain management procedures.

The experience — and passionate advocacy — of these two people illustrate the strong sentiment prevailing as voters prepare to go to the polls on Nov. 3. Other people have similar reasons for supporting or opposing Proposal B.

Yvonne M. Sosville of Oxford, Miss., strongly favors approval of Proposal B that she has posted on her personal website at <http://www.bigcitynews.com>.

Sosville is an office manager for a law firm and until multiple sclerosis forced her retirement, she was a lawyer.

"I have a personal decision to live or not to live, and I want to make it on my own terms," she said.

But she doesn't want to live or die "on anyone else's terms," she said. "I want to live on my own terms, and I want to die on my own terms."

Sosville insists arguments about assisted suicide being a "slippery slope" are flawed. "I don't see how it can be a slippery slope," she said.

She said Proposal B has "regards needed to assure access to assisted suicide for people who are mentally competent, but terminally ill."

"People having bad hair days will not be able to commit suicide," said Sosville, who has been interviewed on CNN.

Ellen Bean of Birmingham said she sees Proposal B as a personal freedom issue. "A person who is terminally ill should have the right to end their suffering," she said. "It shouldn't be something the government decides."

But while some individuals have strong feelings, others are having second thoughts as election approaches. Leonard

of Troy, for example, has been persuaded to get Proposal B on the ballot. But now that it's there, he isn't sure he will vote

"There are too many strings attached to this," he said. "Too many conditions."

Rabbi Michael L. Moskowitz of Temple Shalom said the issue of assisted suicide presents a problem for conscientious Jews and other people with strong religious convictions.

"The Jewish religion embraces life," he said. "But there are different ways of interpreting what that means."

Moskowitz said the issue is "complex" that the West Bloomfield Clergy Association, the organization of which he is president, will probably not make a public recommendation on Proposal B.

Individual congregations may have strong feelings, he said, but he couldn't take a position.

The Michigan Board of Rabbis, however, is expected to issue a statement reminding Jews to "choose life," but simultaneously urging them to use their individual consciences, Moskowitz said.

■ The experience of these two people — one who has lost a loved one and the other who is terminally ill — is a sentiment prevailing as voters prepare to go to the polls on Nov. 3. Other people have similar reasons for supporting or opposing Proposal B.

Religious leader urges getting out the vote

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Voters might not like their choices this year, but they should still do their best to get informed and cast knowledgeable ballots, according to the president of the West Bloomfield Clergy Association.

"Voting is still a duty," Rabbi Michael L. Moskowitz said last week, as he and his clerical colleagues in the association were preparing to issue a statement prior to the Nov. 3 election.

"Even if they don't like a particular candidate or a particular ballot proposal," the rabbi said, "voters still have the obligation."

"It might not be easy," he said. "But think about the countries in which people don't have the right to vote. My father (a Russian Jew) didn't have that right."

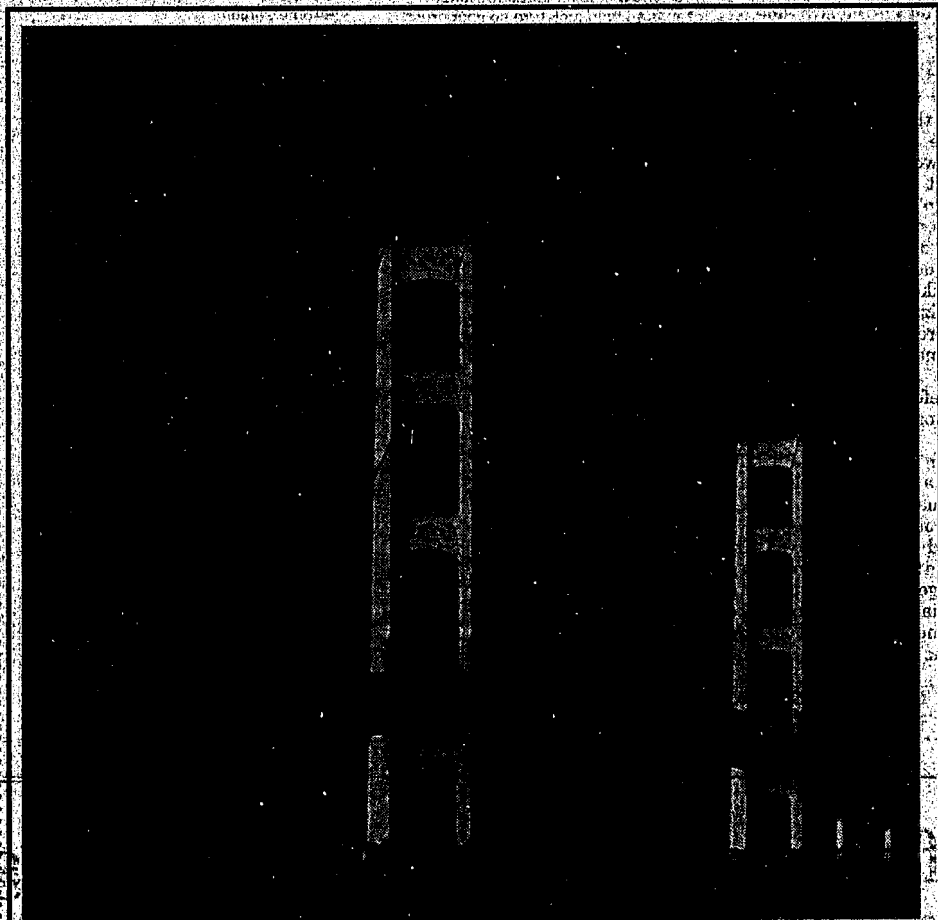
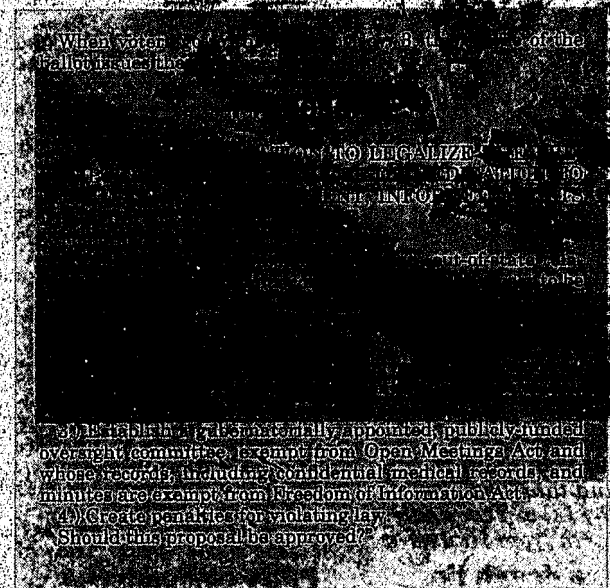
Voters have some tough decisions, he said. And the clergy association, presumably like other clerical groups

in Oakland County and the state, are concerned about how to advise voters.

Proposal B — which would legalize assisted suicide for mentally competent, terminally ill patients — is too complex for the association to make a "yes" or "no" recommendation, Moskowitz said. "Our individual congregations may make recommendations," he said, "but we, as a group, can't agree."

Other clerical groups around the state are preparing to make recommendations, particularly on legalizing assisted suicide. A group of Detroit-area Catholic, Protestant, Muslim and Jewish clergy is reportedly preparing to recommend against passage of Proposal B.

But another group of clerics is also preparing to recommend passage of the controversial proposal, according to former state Sen. Edward Pierce, a physician, who is part of Merian's Friends that circulated petitions to put the proposal on the ballot.



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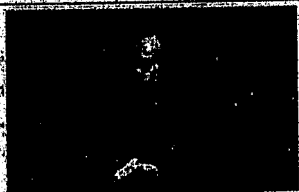
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Tips to tailgate

Keeping Hot Food Hot

- Thermoses come in many sizes and shapes.
- Don't forget your cooler is not just for keeping food cold, it can also serve as a heat insulator. You can line a small cooler with a heavy plastic bag and store hot stews, chili, wing dings or sausages for later feasting.

Keeping Cold Food Cold

- Conventional coolers are always good. If you have larger items such as platters or trays, try lining a large box like the bottom of a sheet cake box with heavy plastic. Line the bottom of the box with ice, set platters on the ice and then place a loosely packed bag of ice over your platters or trays.
- Be careful with spreads that contain mayonnaise. They spoil quickly.

Ten Unofficial Rules for Tailgating

- Pack, transport and maintain food at the proper temperature.
- Divide and delegate responsibilities.
- Make it simple and easy to transport.
- Choose food you nab and eat standing up with minimal utensils.
- Having a master plan and doing pre prep is a must.
- Have a menu plan for success in all weather conditions.
- Offer a balance of items to please all.
- Bring both hot and cold beverages.
- Arrive early to stake a claim.
- Post game tailgating is just as good as pregame, so don't forget to pack extra goodies.

Tip from Adrienne Arpello, 2 Unique corporate sales manager, sports fan, and tailgater.

Tailgating isn't just for football fans

Rah...Rah...go team, go... Bring in the hands, cheerleaders, teams and most importantly, don't forget the food. The change of season with the autumn colors and crisp air conjures a vision for many of us. Of what else but Tailgating!

You'll find the food and sports fanatics in the parking lots before college and pro games. We wear funny hats, hold colors, wacky outfits and paint our faces, all in support of our team. These traveling food fests can range from simple to elaborate. A day of spirited fun and simple planning can be exhilarating.

Expert opinions

When I decided to write this article, I called a friend and tailgate wizard, Andrew Price of Northville. Andrew is a "true blue" fan of Michigan and arrives at his special spot around 8:30 a.m. for the 3:30 p.m. kick off via his M-van, which is embossed with autographs of players, media personalities and celebrities. He only uses this special vehicle for tailgating. Andrew starts his tailgate affair by cracking eggs for his Farmers Market Style omelet loaded with cheddar, sausage and veggies. By 11 a.m. Andrew and 50 of his friends and family are reveling in pre-game fun.

"It's about being outdoors and sharing camaraderie," he said. "It's a big block party. We share food and company in the four corners. Renew old friendships and make new ones. How often in our busy day-to-day lives can you take a whole day to enjoy people and traditions over food and sports?"

P.S. Andrew says: "Don't forget the grill! It's an institution. Start with sausage and peppers in the early fall, you'll need foil to cook your veggies on top of the sausage. As the weather gets cooler, move on to chili and warm bread on the barbecue. Go Blue!"

For those on the sidelines, don't believe for a moment that tailgating is only for football games. Eating habits, traditions and people's perceptions have changed over the past few years. It's not a prerequisite of tailgating to have game tickets. You can enjoy good friends, family and food outdoors by spending a day in the country enjoying the color change of visiting an apple orchard.

LOOKING/AHEAD

What to do this week

All you need

October 11-13

It's not junk and it can be good for you

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

Americans love pizza! We eat 90 acres of it every day. It is estimated that 94 percent of Americans would list pizza as one of their favorite foods, and children ages 9-11 prefer pizza over all other foods. A little over half of us prefer thin crust pizza and nearly three quarters of pizza is eaten at home.

Made popular in this country by soldiers who brought the idea of pizza home from Italy after the end of World War II, pizza is thought to have evolved from Egyptian flat bread. It may have begun as a use for leftover bread dough.

Literally translated, pizza means "pie," but it has evolved to mean the savory tart covered with tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese and other toppings such as pepperoni and sausage.

Pizza may be considered "fast food," but it is a very healthy meal with fortified and enriched flour, the cheese is an excellent source of calcium, an important nutrient known to be lacking in young people's diets, and toppings such as tomatoes, mushrooms, onions and green peppers provide some vitamins and fiber.

Traditional pizza favorites such as pepperoni and Italian sausage are much higher in fat and sodium, but can be enjoyed occasionally. Other healthy ingredients like chicken, scallops and Canadian bacon allow you to pack nutrition and wonderful taste on a crust.

The caution for those who eat some restaurant pizzas is that they can be high in fat. There can be oil in the crust, and many crusts are baked in oil to give them a crispy texture. Traditional pizza toppings—double cheese, pepperoni and sausage—only add to the high fat content. But don't despair, pizza is even more delicious when it is made with less oil, less cheese and topped with fresh vegetables. Order your pizza that way when you eat out.

The secret to making pizza a part of a nutritious, balanced meal is contrast and variety. A spicy pizza that is balanced with a cool salad or delicately flavored fruit dessert, allow for all the major food groups to be included in one



Weeknight treat: Easy Greek Pizza starts with a three-ingredient crust that's topped with fresh spinach, tomatoes, olives and tangy feta cheese.

meal. That's nutritious!

Pizzas are quite easy to make at

home. If it's to use a pizza stone for baking, or better yet—cook it on the grill. A basic pizza starts with homemade or frozen bread dough. It is important that your dough be a bit on the stiff side. If the dough is too moist, it will stick to surfaces instead of holding together and stretching well.

Begin by forming a crust by stretching the dough with your hands like pizza chefs in the movies. However, I usually finish rolling out the dough with a rolling pin to get a nice thin crust. Spread corn meal liberally on your pizza stone or cookie sheet before placing the dough on top. The corn meal acts like little ball bearings, and your pizza won't stick to the pan if you're using a pizza stone, follow the manufacturer's instructions.

If you prefer a traditional pizza—sauce, mozzarella cheese, and pepperoni—spread your sauce thinly over the dough. A little sauce goes a long way. Too much sauce will make the dough too wet to cook thoroughly, so go lightly.

My friend Mickey is adventurous when it comes to making pizza. Her goal is not to duplicate a commercial pizza, but to create something new and delicious. She thinks of the dough as her canvas.

Please see PIZZA B1

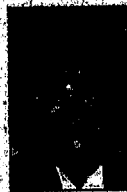
Pizza dough tips

- Pizza dough performs best at room temperature.
- You can use honey in place of sugar in a basic pizza dough recipe, but use a smaller amount. Honey tends to hold moisture so your crust may not be as crispy. Better yet, don't sweeten your pizza dough.
- If your dough browns too much, replace about 10 percent of the water with milk. It will help control browning and adds tenderness to the dough.
- You can mix flours such as whole wheat or rye with regular bread flours for an interesting flavor, but go lightly, whole wheat flour doesn't have the elasticity of bread flour and tends to rip instead of stretch.
- Eggs can be added to pizza dough to give the dough a golden color.
- Add a bit more water and yeast if you have hard water and a bit less water and yeast if you have softened water.
- If you're using frozen bread dough, cover it with oiled plastic wrap to prevent formation of a crust during thawing.
- If you make thick crusted pizza, the dough needs to be thawed, risen then rolled out and proofed before adding ingredients. (Proofing is a final short rising before baking).
- Pierce the pizza dough with a fork to prevent blistering during cooking.

Pizza comparisons

- **Homemade, cheese/sausage**
• (4 oz. - 1 slice)
• 310 calories
• 13g protein
• 11.4g fat
• 946mg sodium
• 288mg calcium
- **Frozen Lean Culetine**
• (5.1 oz.)
• 310 calories
• 17g protein
• 9g fat
• 830mg sodium
• 350mg calcium
- **Microwave Pillsbury**
• (4.5 oz.)
• 308 calories
• 14g protein
• 15g fat
• 781mg sodium
• 196mg calcium
- **Jeno's Crisp and Tasty**
• (4.05 oz. - 1/2 pizza)
• 296 calories
• 11.8g protein
• 15.4g fat
• 811mg sodium
• 170mg calcium
- **Banquet Zap, deluxe**
• (4.8 oz.)
• 330 calories
• 13g protein
• 13g fat
• 890mg sodium
• 192mg calcium

Take the fat, not flavor out of Chicken A La King

MAIN DISH
MIRACLE

MURIEL WAGNER

Who would have predicted the deluge of reduced fat and fat free foods that you can find in today's supermarket? Ten years ago, it wouldn't have seemed possible that fat, saturated fat and cholesterol would become household words.

The link between fat and cholesterol and heart disease began to be soldered in the 1950s. But it took many studies to be sure that saturated fat and cholesterol were the real villains. Saturated fat was found to be three times more likely than cholesterol to raise your blood

Saturated fat has been indicted as the culprit in many cancers of the bowel, breast and prostate.

cholesterol level. Since the risks of diabetes are primarily associated with poor blood circulation, it's no surprise that the new recommendations from the American Diabetes Association center on reducing fat intake. Saturated fat has been indicted as the culprit in many cancers

of the bowel, breast and prostate. Such news from the researchers has prodded smart eaters and smart cooks into action. We have learned how to make substitutions, and increase seasonings in lowered fat recipes, because the fat is not there to carry the flavor.

A case in point is my recipe for Chicken A La King. This used to be a favorite treat for showers, weddings and festive luncheons at a long-gone restaurant in the Fisher Building in Detroit. You remember Chicken A La King—chunks of chicken, bread, pimiento, mushrooms and peas nestled in a thickened sauce of butter and cream inside a patty shell made with buttery French puff pastry.

My version has much of the magic minus 90 percent of the fat and 50 percent of the calories. Instead of the fat-laden patty shell, a slice of bread stuffed

into the cup of a muffin tin holds this no less delicious, but fat reduced chicken dish. If you make the bread 100 percent whole wheat instead of white, you'll add fiber too.

To increase the flavor, I've added white wine Worcestershire sauce and thyme. Evaporated skim milk preserves the consistency of the cream sauce. The sherry helps mask the milk's slightly caramelized flavor.

I like to poach my chicken with a pinch of herbs in the chicken broth for flavor. But you could use many of the ready prepared cut-up chicken breasts that are now available. The varieties of prepared food appearing in ever increasing numbers at meat counters and vegetable departments continue to amaze me.

Despite its reduced calorie and fat content, this Chicken A La King will add enough oomph to all those showers, brunches and luncheons that dot your holiday calendar. It's still a main dish fit for a queen (or king). And—long live the queen or king!

■ See recipe inside

Your family will flip over homemade pizza

See related story by Peggy Martinelli-Everts on Taste front.

EASY GREEN PIZZA

3 cups packed raw spinach leaves (about 4 ounces), large stems removed
1 1/2 cups low-fat baking mix
1/2 cup toasted wheat germ, plus additional for sprinkling on cookie sheet
3/4 cup skim milk
1 cup chopped seeded tomatoes
3/4 cup red onion rings (about 1/2 medium onion)
1/2 cup sliced pitted Kalamata or ripe olives
4 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
Heat oven to 425 degrees F. Lightly spray large cookie sheet with vegetable cooking spray.

Sprinkle with wheat germ. Rinse spinach well. Place wet spinach in medium skillet. Cover and cook over medium-low heat just until wilted, about 3 minutes. Drain spinach well; set aside. In a large bowl, combine baking mix, 1/2 cup wheat germ and milk. Stir with fork until thoroughly combined. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface. Knead 8 to 10 times. Roll into 14-inch circle; transfer to cookie sheet. Top with spinach, tomatoes, onion rings, olives and cheese; sprinkle with oregano. Bake 20 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Serve immediately. 4 servings.
Provided by Kretschmer Wheat Germ

BASIC PIZZA DOUGH

2 teaspoons active dry yeast
1 2/3 cups warm water
4 cups bread flour (can substitute 1 cup whole wheat for 1 cup bread flour)

2 teaspoons salt

If using a breadmaker, put water into dough pan first, then add dry ingredients. Process on dough setting.

If making by hand, dissolve yeast in the warm water and set aside. Mix the flour and salt together, making a well in the center. Add the yeast liquid and mix together. The dough should be quite soft. Knead until silky and elastic. Cover and set in a warm draft-free place to rise. It should be ready to deflate in about an hour and a half. Carefully press the air from the dough and let it rise again. The second rise should take half the time of the first one. It is now ready to shape into a pizza or use in the grilled pizza recipe below.
Provided by HDS Services

PERSONAL SIZED GRILLED PIZZAS

Basic pizza dough

Sauces such as
Traditional pizza sauce
Olive oil flavored with basil, oregano and garlic
Very thinly sliced fresh tomatoes, drained on toweling
Pesto
Salsa
An assortment of cheese. I like a variety of hard grating, white semi-soft and tangy crumbling cheese like:
Mozzarella
Provolone
Chèvre (goat)
Feta
Bleu
Parmesan
Cheddar
Toppings including:
Chopped green and red peppers
Chives, chopped finely
Chopped fresh spinach
Chopped fresh mushroom
Artichoke hearts
Sliced, pitted olives

Very thin slices of pepperoni (turkey pepperoni is now available).

Ham slices
Cooked and crumbled bacon
Turkey sausage, cooked and crumbled

Chopped fresh herbs, including basil, oregano, tarragon, marjoram

Slice dough into six pieces and form into balls. Roll each ball into a personal-size pizza dough. Let the dough rise in a warm spot at least 30 minutes on a surface that has been spread with corn meal (so dough won't stick). Fire up your grill. (I use a gas grill, but a charcoal grill works well, too.) Place crusts directly on clean grill grate. Cover and cook quickly, for about 2 to 3 minutes. Crusts should cook through and have golden-colored grate marks. Your flame is too hot or you've left them on too long if they get scorched or burnt. Your flame is not hot enough if dough

sticks to grates. Remove crusts once they are cooked. When guests arrive, instruct them to put a crust on a plate, brush it with a sauce and top with desired cheeses and toppings. Tell them to be frugal—toppings piled high won't cook well.

You can finish cooking pizzas on the grill or in a traditional oven at 375 degrees.

Place pizzas on a cookie sheet or pizza stone and bake until toppings are cooked through and cheese is melted (usually about 10 minutes).

If using a pizza stone, preheat the stone in the oven or grill and then place pizzas on the hot stone. Parmesan and feta cheese don't melt like mozzarella.

Pizzas with these cheeses are done when other toppings are heated through.

Provided by HDS Services

Treat your guests to chicken a la king

See Main Dish Miracle on Taste front. Recipe compliments of Muriel G. Wagner.

CHICKEN A LA KING IN CROUSTADES

1 cup sodium and fat reduced chicken broth
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
2 teaspoons canola oil
1/2 pound mushroom caps
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1 can (12 oz.) evaporated skim milk
1 (10 oz.) package frozen peas, defrosted

1 red bell pepper, cut into strips
2-3 tablespoons sherry
1 teaspoon white wine
Worcestershire sauce
6 slices whole wheat bread, crusts trimmed

Heat chicken broth with thyme. Add chicken breasts. Simmer until chicken is thoroughly cooked (about 25 minutes). Remove from broth and cool. Save broth. Cut or tear chicken into large chunks. Set aside.

Heat canola oil in non-stick skillet. Add mushrooms, bell pepper strips and defrosted peas. Cook, stirring until softened. Remove

from skillet. Set aside.

Mix cornstarch with a little evaporated milk to make a paste. Add remaining milk and broth. Stir over low heat until thick and smooth. Stir in sherry and Worcestershire sauce. Add vegetables and chicken to sauce. Adjust seasoning. Serve in Croustades.

To make Croustades

Flatten each bread slice with a rolling pin. Fit each slice into a muffin tin pressing the bread against the sides of the cups. Bake in a 350°F oven for about 10 minutes until edges are golden. Remove from muffin tin after cooling. Serves 6.

Food Facts (per serving): Calories 268, fat 4.5g, saturated fat 0.8g, cholesterol 93mg, sodium 188mg
Food Exchanges: 3 lean meat, 1 starch, 1 vegetable

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

Pizza from page B1

Sometimes she uses chèvre (goat) cheese, sometimes she substitutes a little flavored oil or pesto for the sauce. Mickey uses fresh herbs whenever possible.

Her favorite toppings include green and red bell peppers, spinach, mushrooms, chopped fresh basil and oregano, and a combination of chèvre and mozzarella cheese.

Good pizza cheese should "stretch" when melted without becoming rubbery or burned.

Some pizza makers like to put their cheese on top, others like the toppings to go last. Add toppings from the outside in like mushrooms, onions, tomatoes,

olives, pineapple, or other vegetables. If you do use meat, add it last.

Grilling pizza is fun and imparts a flavor similar to cooking pizza in a brick oven.

Allow your pizza to rest for at least one minute before cutting. Anyway you slice it, pizza can be part of a nutritious diet.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts of Clarkson is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a 32-year-old Farmington Hills-based food service and hospitality management and consulting company.

Sports fans will cheer these tasty tailgate recipes

See related story on Taste front.

Whether it's a football game, pumpkin picking, the zoo, or an

autumn roadside picnic, try a tailgate this fall.

Recipes compliments of Chef Kelli L. Lewton, owner of 2

Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. Kelli is a graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program,

and a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her 2 Unique column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month.

8 BEAN VEGETARIAN CHILI

1 cup carrots (diced)
1 cup red pepper (diced)
1 cup green pepper (diced)
1 large onion (diced)
1 cup celery
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon garlic (chopped)
1 tablespoon chili powder
2 teaspoons black pepper
1 tablespoon salt
2 teaspoons cumin
1/2 cup kidney beans
1/2 cup cannellini beans
1/2 cup garbanzo beans
1/2 cup black beans
1/2 cup pinto beans
1/2 cup navy beans
1/2 cup black eyed beans
1/2 cup Calypso beans
1 (32 ounce) can chopped tomatoes with juice
1 (32 ounce) can tomato puree
1 bay leaf
1/2 cup parsley or cilantro, chopped
In a large stockpot heat oil and diced vegetables. Sauté for 2 minutes over medium heat.
Add spices and continue to sauté for 2 minutes over low heat.

Add chopped tomatoes and puree; simmer for 20 minutes.

Add beans and simmer for another 20 minutes.

Adjust seasoning to taste.

Serve with yogurt or sour cream, grated cheddar cheese and tortilla chips.

JALAPENO CORN SPOON BREAD

1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
1 1/4 cups corn meal
1 tablespoon baking powder
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 cup unsalted melted butter (cooled)
1 1/2 cups milk
2 eggs (separated)
1/4 cup honey
1/2 cup corn
3 jalapeno chilies (steamed, seeded)
2 tablespoons cilantro (minced)
3 tablespoons sugar

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a large bowl combine flour, corn meal, baking powder and salt.

In separate bowl stir together the butter, milk, honey, egg yolks, jalapenos, cilantro and corn.

In a third bowl, beat the egg whites until soft peaks form, then add sugar and continue beating until mixed.

Gently fold flour mixture into butter/milk mixture then fold in egg whites.

Put mix into 9-inch cake pan or in muffin tins and bake at 350°F for 20-25 minutes.

These are some great spreads for breads, crackers, and pita chips.

OLIVE TAPANADE

1/2 cup pitted Kalamata olives
1/2 cup sliced California olives
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons garlic
1 tablespoon herbs of your choice
Salt and pepper to taste
Lemon juice to taste

Puree all main ingredients in food processor. Add garlic. Stream in olive oil and lemon juice. Add herbs, salt and pepper.

ROASTED EGGPLANT AND GARLIC SPREAD

2 large eggplants, sliced and roasted
3 cloves garlic, roasted
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley
Juice of 1/2 lemon

Puree all main ingredients in food processor. Add garlic. Stream in olive oil and lemon juice. Add herbs, salt and pepper.

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CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

Rain, Dubuffet and the drip, drip, drip of life

"Read only your own life and from this understand the hieroglyphs of universal life."
— Nietzsche

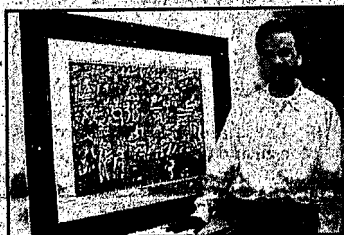
A few days before one of the most impressive exhibits in his gallery's four-year history, and David Klein can barely contain himself.

Although Klein — the youngest gallery owner in a district of fine-art spaces in Birmingham — always manages to demonstrate enthusiasm for exhibits, this time it's different. There's an audible anxiety.

In the intimate gallery space where an exhibit of Jean Dubuffet's art will hang, sheets of plastic covering are spread on the floor.

From above, drops of condensation fall into a bucket. A leaky roof? Hey, this is an art gallery. Call it a drum beat of the existential pull of time.

"I'm not even going to think about it," said Klein as he looks into the bucket collecting drops of water. There's an art to denial, too.



True grit: David Klein next to a work by Jean Dubuffet.

Unfortunately, the current exhibit isn't conceptual art, but a display of the intricate and gritty work of an artist who went back to first principles and reinvented art as a form of self-exploration.

Focused in

Dubuffet's work has been called primitive, simple and mindless doodling.

But watching Klein stand before Dubuffet's work, there's obviously another interpretation.

"They reveal, and they don't reveal. Beneath the grittiness there's a deepness."

He steps back, convinced that he's described the inherent paradox: Dubuffet makes the simple complex and the complex simple.

In Nietzschean terms, Dubuffet was among those post World War II artists who traveled

WHAT: Jean Dubuffet: Gouaches, Drawings and Prints
WHEN: Through Saturday, Oct. 31
WHERE: David Klein Gallery, 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700
HOURS: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday

inward to grasp the hieroglyphics of their own life.

In a century distinguished by unprecedented violence and inhumanity as well as profound scientific

innovations and unimaginable growth of personal wealth, Dubuffet set his sights on the target of 20th-century psychosis: the human psyche.

No ordinary view

Unlike many abstract artists, Dubuffet's work seldom forgets the human figure. Although distorted and usually beneath a web of lines and color, the basic form exists as a lost child.

The 13-piece Dubuffet, gathered mostly from local collectors, requires patience, and an historical understanding.

Dubuffet wasn't the typical, formally trained artist. He left his wine business in 1942 to begin a painting career. At the time, the German army was occupying his Paris home. And the Nazis were terrorizing Jews and Allied supporters.

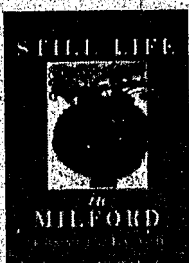
There were no ordinary views of life. People like Jean Paul Sartre examined the social crisis and moral imperative of the time.

Considered within that kaleido-

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OBSERVATIONS FROM AN EXISTENTIAL TOLL BOOTH

Pun: Lynch's title, "Still Life in Milford," isn't the obvious euphemism but a way to catch critics off guard.



Undertaker, acclaimed poet Thomas Lynch to give keynote address at OU conference

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Early October in Milford, and the reddish-orange of autumn begins to descend. Running along the path of historic brownstone homes, the Huron River provides a relentless reminder of the town's long, steady 166-year history.

Unlike the harried way of life in the more cluttered suburbs, time moves along a casual continuum in Milford.

And for the last 25 years, poet Thomas Lynch has had more than a casual bird's-eye view of the most profound day-to-day changes in a town that could be located on the literary landscape alongside Garrison Keillor's Lake Wobegon as a place that time forgot.

Beaming with a boyish curiosity, the mannerly Lynch is the consummate conversationalist, ready with a firm handshake and a piercing yet reassuring look that reveals he's on your side.

It's no wonder Lynch is the kind of person who many in Milford have called in the middle of the night when the question arises of what to do when a loved one has died.

When he's not managing a rhythmic line into a poetic verse, Lynch oversees the burial rites of the town folk as funeral director at Lynch & Sons, several blocks from Milford's business district.

Despite his recent meteoric rise in the international literary world since last year's publishing of "The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade," a National Book Award-nominated collection of essays about the funeral business, Lynch is quite explicit about his life's work.

"I could win the Nobel Prize (for literature), and it wouldn't matter if I didn't bury people the right way."

The way Lynch is going these days, he could accomplish both.

Homespun wisdom

This Saturday, Lynch will deliver the keynote address at the 37th Annual Writers Conference at Oakland University.

Lynch will join a host of the area's most recognized authors in a two-day series of lectures and workshops in what has become, arguably, the highest-profile writers' conference in

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STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOFFELD

Consummate conversationalist: Author Thomas Lynch's poems and essays have attracted critics and an international readership.

WHAT: 37th Annual Writers' Conference, a program of 36 presentations on writing, sponsored by Oakland University and the Detroit Women Writers

WHEN: 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16; 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: "Image and Utterance: The Traffic in Language" by Thomas Lynch, 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17

WHERE: Oakland Center, Oakland University, Rochester Hills

WORKSHOPS: Manuscript critiques, fiction, dramatic writing, working with an agent, freelance writing, children's literature, essay writing, desktop publishing and more.

FEES: \$38-\$75, depending on session and program; (248) 370-3125.

Books by Thomas Lynch

- "Skating with Heather Grace," a book of poems
- "Grimalkin & Other Poems"
- "The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade," a book of essays
- "Still Life in Milford," a book of poems

ART SHOW

'Our Town' exhibit — a summit for benefactors, artists



Oriental mirage: Barbara Abel's photograph, "Sinto Offering"

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Even in the local art scene, the Big Three are conducting a restructuring campaign.

Far from the heated competition of the auto industry, high-ranking execs from General Motors, Ford and Chrysler will go head-to-head-to-head.

But this time, they'll be on the same side.

In what sounds like a philanthropic monopoly, The Community House of Birmingham has assembled a stellar lineup of corporate celebrities to attract benefactors to the 13th annual "Our Town Art Exhibit & Sale," held Thursday through Sunday.

Newly named GM president and chief operating officer G. Richard Wagoner Jr. will join top Ford executive Ed Hagenlocker and Tom Stallkamp of Chrysler at a gala preview of the exhibit Wednesday.

The three executives and their spouses serve as co-chairs of the exhibition's

benefactors committee.

Over the last three years, the exhibit has increased benefactor support from 192 to 515 patrons this year. That translates into more money at the largest fund-raiser for the nonprofit organization, which provides a meeting place and a range of educational and "social enrichment" programs for local residents.

While the annual exhibit is expected to bring in \$130,000, the show has another purpose.

"Our mission is to be open to everyone, and for the public to see a diverse range of art," said Shelly Roberts, executive director of The Community House.

The emphasis of the exhibit, said Roberts, is on recognizing local artists and presenting mainstream art in an exhibit intended to deflate any elitist notions that "art" is restricted to galleries and museums.

There will be an assembly line of art hung in salon style along the walls, hallways, stairwells and ballrooms at

WHAT: "Our Town Art Exhibition & Sale," a show of Michigan artists

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Oct. 16-17; 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18

WHERE: The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham; (248) 644-5832. Admission: Open to the public

EVENTS:

- Gala Preview — 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14
- "Art and Jazz" — 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- "Artist demonstrations" — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17

the Williamsburg-colonial house just south of downtown Birmingham.

Artistic variety

As in year's past, the 13th annual "Our Town" exhibit is foremost an expression of artistic variety. Eclectic and esthetically pleasing, the 361-piece exhibit of Michigan artists presents a modest range of technical ability over

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STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOFFELD

Wheelchair painting: This abstract art work was created by using a roller device attached to a wheelchair.

Auction funds arts, sports for disabled

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Charlie Martin never saw the car coming the night he ran out of gas after rehearsing with Bob Seger's band. Five weeks later he awoke in the hospital to realize the driver with no lights had crushed the lower part of his body leaving him paralyzed.

Eighteen years later, Martin is making a comeback. He's traded in his drums for a keyboard and is busy preparing for one of the most important performances since the days he played drums with Seger — a gala evening and auction to benefit Very Special Arts Michigan and Special Olympics Michigan on Friday, Oct. 16, at the Roostertail Club in Detroit.

If you're looking for a piece of art for your home or sports memorabilia, the Art and Soul Auction is the place to be.

A bowl by Farmington potter John Glick, watercolors by William Bostick and Louis Redstone, photography by Jack Olds, a former Livonia Arts Commissioner and sculpture by Sergio De Giusti of Redford are just a few of the art items to go on the auction block.

The Elizabeth Stone Gallery in Birmingham is donating a print from H.A. Rey's "Curious George" children's book. There will also be art by children and emerging artists previously exhibited in a Very Special Arts exhibit that annually tours the state. For sports enthusiasts, there's a Detroit Pistons jersey autographed by Joe Dumars.

Detroit Red Wings' items, a weekend ski package at Treetops Resort, a two-night stay at the Hotel Iroquois on Mackinac Island, and a suite for a Pistons' game. Martin's donating a pair of

WHAT: Very Special Arts Michigan and Special Olympics Michigan host an art and sports memorabilia auction to benefit their organizations.
WHEN: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16
WHERE: Roostertail Club, 100 Marquette, Detroit
COST: \$50 per person, \$100 for patron. For more information, call (248) 423-1080 or (800) 644-6404.

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the region.

Participating authors include Elmore "Dutch" Leonard, Loren Eastlemen, Tom Sullivan, Carolyn Hall and Jane Briggs Bunting.

With his brand of Twain-like homespun wisdom and knack for endearingly quotable phrases, Lynch has been cited by literary critics for his precision and clarity. And, of course, his ability to "turn a phrase."

Apparently, in his OU speech, "The Traffic in Language," Lynch will seek to clarify for an audience of fledgling and professional writers the path to improved poetic communication.

"For me, writing is separate from an intellectual pursuit," said Lynch. "It's all about writing for the acoustic pleasure of rhyme and meter."

Learning to write, according to Lynch, is foremost an exercise in learning to listen.

"My mother said, 'You have two ears and one mouth. Listen twice as much as you talk.'"

It's advice, he confesses, that isn't always easy to follow. Lynch implicitly admits his love for blather. A hereditary condition, he said, handed down from generations of Irish storytellers.

Returning home

Raised in a house where "talk was the precious currency," Lynch easily recalls that contentedness was a linguistic game among his grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles. As if speaking in voices from past generations, Lynch's poetry combines his love for conversation with an inherent sense of music.

Not surprisingly, when pressed to explain the "acoustic pleasure" of writing, Lynch recites several verses from the

renowned Irish poet William Butler Yeats.

And, then, in a perfectly metered interpretation, Lynch invokes images of the northern lip of the county of Shannon in Ireland where his great grandfather emigrated in the late 1890s.

It's a place that he returns to for inspiration and for a poet's greatest tool — a sense of place.

In a small hut located on the land where his grandfather once farmed, Lynch worked on his current book of poems, "Still Life in Milford."

By the way, noted Lynch, the title is his dig at critics who can't get beyond the stereotype of undertakers. "Still Life," he said, isn't the obvious euphemism for a deceased body but a reference to an actual painting.

Lynch inherited the Ireland farm from his cousin, Nora Lynch. A place Lynch describes as: "A small house separated from the Middle Ages by two light sockets and a hot plate."

In late September, Lynch returned to Ireland to work on a book of poems in progress, tentatively entitled, "Bodies at Motion, and at Rest."

For many who have watched Lynch emerge as a poet since the early 1980s, there's no separating the bard from the expert organizer of ritual and liturgy for the dead.

"Even though many people are distancing themselves from their backgrounds, the fundamental obligation is to care for our dead," he said.

The obligatory voice resounds with poetic precision.

Front-row seat

Since 1948, the Lynch family has built an impeccable reputa-

tion as funeral directors. Lynch's father, a one-time Marine who "wanted to serve his community," opened a funeral home in Birmingham and Royal Oak.

Since then, the business has grown to Milford, Walled Lake, Clawson and Plymouth.

Lynch moved to Milford after completing his degree in mortuary science at Wayne State in the early 1970s.

When he speaks of his success as a poet, he never fails to note his primary responsibility.

"People who don't read poetry in Milford will go and plunk down \$20 (for a book) to support me," said Lynch. "Writing poetry for me isn't a hobby but my obligation as a funeral director."

On the type of gray Monday that gives the beginning of the week a bad name, Lynch looks down from his second-story office at Lynch & Sons.

From below, the roar and rumble of motorcycle engines can be heard, revving in unison for a fellow motorcyclist killed in a head-on collision.

"Yeah, you could say I have a front-row seat to human nature," Lynch said as he fell back in his high-back leather chair.

Sitting amid an office filled with books of literature and consoling words for the bereaved, he considers the relationship between directing funerals and arranging words on a page.

"Being a better funeral director makes me a better writer, and being a better writer has made me a better funeral director."

For Thomas Lynch, it's all about reclaiming a fundamental notion that through family, ritual and poetry, the meaning of life presents itself.

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scope, Dubuffet's work is more grounded than the abstract expressionists, and more substantive than the frivolous pop art chicanery.

Klein admires Dubuffet as a draftsman with an impeccable eye for composition. And as an artist who saw the relevance in exploring the possibilities of graffiti and the art of children, unaffected by the artifice of "civilized society."

From Dubuffet to the primitivism of Basquiat is a logical connection in the recent history of art. But how far has the 20th century evolved in the last five

decades?

Klein, whose gallery specializes in 20th-century American and European art, contends that he's had many important shows, but can't think of one exhibit that could compare.

When pressed to explain why Dubuffet has such an impact on him, he can only point to how it makes him feel.

"And that alone is too often overlooked in today's art. It's not just pretty pictures, escapism and entertainment. Art, as Dubuffet taught, is about authentic feeling."

In the days when Congress is

planning impeachment hearings about the president's sexual affair while the U.S. can't manage a coherent strategy to stop the slaughter in Kosovo, there seems to be a need to reexamine the message in Dubuffet's work.

You can almost hear the drip, drip, drip of coming to grips with the moral hollowiness of our times.

And for a moment, you might be struck by the notion that the practice of denial has gone on too long.

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artistic statements.

"Some artists might be apprehensive about entering other shows, but with 'Our Town' they're not as intimidated," said Danielle Bodine of Bloomfield Hills, a mixed-media artist who has two pieces in the show.

While many local galleries exhibit work of regional artists, the supply of artists simply overwhelms the supply of galleries. Few artists can afford to turn down an opportunity to exhibit and sale their work.

In the last several years, "Our Town" has taken on a paradoxical approach. It's encouraged students and nonprofessionals while convincing professional artists that entering the exhibit wouldn't devalue their work.

Generally, established artists stay away from art fairs because of the retail atmosphere and what they perceive as low standards.

"A lot of people who hesitate about going through a gallery will go through 'Our Town,'" said Nancy Thayer, one of the area's finest abstract painters, whose

work is featured in the latest issue of *American Painting*.

Actually, it was Thayer's idea to select Thomas Lingeman, chairman of the department of art at the University of Toledo, as juror of the exhibit. Lingeman is the first juror of "Our Town" from outside the area. Thayer also serves on the exhibit's executive council.

To make the show even more attractive to attract professional artists, Thayer persuaded Lingeman to offer a one-person show at the Toledo Art Museum featuring the top artist in "Our Town."

Ironically, Thayer's large-scale evocative paintings were not selected for the show. Several people associated with the selection process admitted to "being embarrassed" by the omission of Thayer's work. And rightly so.

Can an exhibit that purports to represent the "art of the community" achieve its objective when one of its best artist's work isn't presented?

Thayer remained philosophical about the conundrum.

"Regardless of the quality, it is art from our community," said Thayer.

Notable work

Since the exhibit was apparently judged in the name of diversity and affordability, it's extremely difficult to distinguish any stark themes in "Our Town."

But a few outstanding entries are worth noting.

■ Photography of Barbara Abel of West Bloomfield.

■ Watercolors of William Bostick of Bingham Farms and Susan Kell of Rochester Hills.

■ Oil paintings of Peter J. Gilleran of Birmingham and Joseph Maniscalco of Orchard Lake.

■ Mixed media of Marilyn Blinder of Southfield, Lenore Gimbert of Birmingham and Terri Melnick of West Bloomfield.

■ Sculpture of Susanna Linburg of Birmingham and Reba Phtzok of West Bloomfield.

■ Monotype of Joyce Countryman of Troy.

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autographed drum sticks from his days with Seger to raise funds for the state affiliates of organizations founded by the Kennedy family to help people with disabilities.

In addition to Martin and his band Jam.Pact, Boyz II Boyz will perform under the direction of Birmingham musical thespian Margaret Hull. Hull, weekly sessions with the duo, some of the Very Special Arts programs providing opportunities for children and adults with disabilities to grow through the arts. Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and competitions for people with mental or physical

tion.

Lora Frankel, Very Special Arts Michigan director hopes to build name recognition for the organization by associating it with Special Olympics. Although the group celebrates its 25th anniversary next year in Los Angeles, Frankel said when mentioning Very Special Arts, she still receives blank stares of non-comprehension. Proof is the auction, which is the third for Very Special Arts yet the last in 2000 raised only a few thousand dollars.

"What a very well kept secret," said Frankel. "Many people know about Special Olympics

but not Very Special Arts. We work quietly in the schools and provide mini-grants."

Frankel and Olds, former grants director for Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, have been hard at work securing items for the auction. According to Olds, donations are down because artists are tired of being the ones who are always asked to give so he's still looking for works anyone might want to donate. The money raised from the auction will support programs such as an exhibit by professional artists with disabilities set to tour the state beginning in March 1999.

Friday, October 16th
 Sat 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 17th
 Sat 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 18th
 Sat Noon

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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

Clarkston archer makes junior team

Adam Wheatcroft of Clarkston has earned a position on the 1998 Junior United States Archery Team, as announced by the National Archery Association. Wheatcroft, 16, is a junior at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

It's Wheatcroft's second stint on the USAT. He was first at the Junior World Championships, and a member of the gold medal team at the Junior World Championships that set junior world records for 2x9 Team Match (254) and 2x27 Finals Total (499).

Springfield tryouts

There will be spring baseball tryouts for a new travel league for Springfield Township boys aged 10-12 years. The tryouts will be conducted Oct. 10 at 1 p.m. at Karl Schultz Park, located in Davisburg off of Dilley Road.

For more information, call Rob Alkens, (248) 634-0603.

Pancake breakfast

The Clarkston Athletic Boosters will sponsor their annual Homecoming Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 10 from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at Clarkston Middle School.

Breakfast will be available to adults for \$5 and children older than 5 for \$3. Children 5 and younger eat for free.

Track help

The Oxford Wildcats are looking for community assistance to get over some hurdles.

The Wildcats would like to replace their hurdles before the 1999 track season starts next spring.

Most of the hurdles are the old, wood-and-iron kind with settings for two heights.

Most of the events high schools run now need four settings.

A full set consists of 120 hurdles, at a cost of \$90 per hurdle. The team is asking area businesses to help sponsor the new hurdles with donations.

Send donations to Oxford Wildcat Track Team Hurdle Fund, c/o Oxford High School, 1420 Lakeville Road, Oxford, MI 48371.

And then there was one

Clarkston gridgers fall to Troy in 1st loss of season

■ Clarkston and Troy locked up in a titanic Oakland Activities Association Division I showdown Friday, and the Colts sank the Wolves with a fourth-quarter touchdown.

BY JIM TOTH
STAFF WRITER

If you weren't at Clarkston Friday night you missed quite a show. If you were there, you're sure to carry the memories from another classic Troy-Clarkston confrontation with you for a long time to come.

The Oakland Activities Association Division I rivals combined to play 48 minutes of bone-crushing football that carried a great deal of weight in the chase for league supremacy and post-season status.

And it wasn't until that 48th minute ran out that the Colts could breathe a sigh of relief following their heart-stopping 7-6 triumph before an overflow crowd on Homecoming night at Clarkston.

"This was a great high school football game," informed Troy coach Gary Griffith while walking off the field following his team's sixth consecutive win to start the season. "We played hard and came back to win this game. We deserved it and I'm happy to be on the winning side."

Troy senior lineman Brian Ottney, who turned in another stellar performance on the front line opening holes for Troy ballcarriers and protecting quarterback Michael Clinton, felt likewise.

"This was the start of our real season," stressed the 6-6, 295-pound Ottney. "We didn't play the competition we did tonight, so we knew we had to play hard. We didn't really do that in the first half, but we went into the locker room at halftime, regrouped and came out in the second half and kept our composure and won the game. This win feels better than any I've ever had."

For Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson, the loss was difficult to take, but not totally deflating in terms of post-season play.

"It was a great high school football game and I'm proud of the way my kids played," said Richardson, whose club entered the game as the No. 1 team in Class AA Region 2. "All we ever do is



PHOTO BY JEFF KESSEL

ask our kids to go out and play hard and that's what they did. It was a great football game."

The Wolves (5-1, 2-1), who got field goals of 28 and 20 yards from senior Chris Himburg in the first half, held the lead for the better part of 41 minutes, thanks to a ball-control offense that kept the high-powered Troy offense off the field.

Himburg split the uprights to cap a 66-yard, 12-play drive that took five minutes off the clock in the opening quarter.

After watching the Colts come up empty following a lengthy drive of their own, the Wolves staged another impressive ground attack that took the ball to the Troy 2-yard line. Richardson promptly sent Himburg on for the sure three and a 6-0 lead.

The score stayed that way through a scoreless third quarter, but changed midway through the final frame when Clinton spearheaded a drive that featured enough big plays to fill a season. Three completions to favorite target

converted third and long situations pushed the ball deep into Clarkston territory.

But a Nick Upchurch sack of Clinton sent the Colts back on their heels facing a fourth-and-14 at the Wolves 17. Unfazed, Clinton calmly hooked up with senior wide out Mark Boehms over the middle for 16 yards and a first-and-goal situation at the one.

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Rochester too much for Clarkston cagers

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

With her team unexpectedly standing in the lower half of the Oakland Activities Association Division I girls basketball standings and struggling with consistency, Rochester's Paige Harris felt it was time to step it up.

On Thursday night, the 5-foot-10 junior guard did just that, and at Clarkston's expense.

Harris pumped in a career-high 26 points to go along with six rebounds and three assists as the Falcons upended the host Wolves 69-55 in a match that featured last year's Division I co-champions.

"That's her career high, she shot the lights out tonight," said Rochester veteran coach Tom Hawes. "We passed well and our shot selection was very good, and that's why we scored that many points."

While Harris, who shot 9-for-15 from the floor, had the Midas touch, sophomore guard Liz Moullis was definitely the Falcons' sparkplug. In only her second start, the peppy 5-4 Moullis also registered a career-high in points with 16 to go along with seven boards, six steals and five assists for Rochester (10-3, 3-2).

"She's a character; she really helps us get going," said Harris of Moullis. "Liz does a lot out there for us. She

■ 'We're still having a hard time putting together four solid quarters.'

Ann Lowney
—Clarkston coach

worked hard and created a lot of shots for everybody else."

Senior center Aryn McCumber added 15 points and eight rebounds, while sophomore forward Sara Potts supplied 10 points, 14 rebounds and three blocks for the Falcons.

"I can't say enough about Liz and how well she is playing," said Hawes. "She opens up the floor in the middle so much and she sees the open player so well. But Liz can also shoot pretty well and she proved that tonight."

Trailing 38-33 with 6:15 left in the third quarter, Moullis spearheaded a 13-2 Rochester run with a pair of steals and six points over the next four minutes. The Falcons never trailed again.

Rochester outscored Clarkston in three of four quarters, a problem that Clarkston coach Ann Lowney is trying to remedy.

"We're still having a hard time putting together four solid quarters," she said. "It seems that we can play 16 solid minutes in most games. We're having a hard time

playing a complete game."

Earlier this season against Bishop Foley, we played terrible in the first half and very good in the second half. We had a similar result against (Troy Athens) last week. Today, we played well in the second and third quarters, but we couldn't do anything in the first and fourth quarters. Our goal is to play all 32 minutes, but we haven't reached that goal in a while."

Rochester came out of the gate in a flurry, jumping to a 9-2 lead after the first 2:40 and cruising to a commanding 20-11 advantage after the first eight minutes.

Behind the play of senior guard Deana Kanipe, the Wolves (6-5, 1-3) fought back to knot the game at 33-33 by halftime.

The Wolves took only their second lead of the game on a lay-up by junior forward Rachel Uchman and a three-pointer by Kanipe that gave Clarkston a five-point advantage early in the third. But Rochester outscored the Wolves 36-17 the rest of the way to pull out the win.

"We're starting to play like we did earlier in the year," said Harris. "We needed to come together as a team again and I think we did that tonight. Don't count us out."

Uchman led Clarkston with

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Dragons bounce Maples

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

To have a successful football season, Lake Orion first-year coach Chris Bell knew his pass-happy offense would have to establish a solid running game.

He got that wish answered and much more Friday in an Oakland Activities Association crossover at Birmingham Seaholm.

Senior quarterback Darren Tooley was his usual self, going 13-of-16 passing for 148 yards and one touchdown, but the difference came from the Dragons' new-found ground assault, which helped Lake Orion post a 21-6 triumph over the Maples.

Senior Steve Seargeant carried the ball 35 times for 203 yards — both which are career-highs — and scored on a 23-yard TD sprint to lead the way for the Dragons, who ran the ball an uncharacteristic 43 times.

"The offensive line cleared the way and Steve Seargeant just played a great game," said Bell. "This game was won up front. Seaholm was playing the pass so we had to make the switch. Our (offensive line) really got our running game going."

Seargeant was delighted to inherit his new role in Lake

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High-flier Clarkston's Rachel Uchman had a great game Thursday, scoring 18 points, but it wasn't enough to prevent the Wolves' loss to Rochester.

On the mend



Under the knife: Former Lake Orion baseball standout Tom Stauffer underwent major shoulder surgery this past week in Toledo. The 1996 Lake Orion graduate is attending the University of Toledo and has played for the Rockets the past three years. Stauffer's surgery included major reconstruction, including repair work to the tendons, ligaments and rotator cuff. He injured the shoulder while pitching against the University of Nebraska last spring. Stauffer starred for the Dragons from 1992-95 and was named the Oakland Activities Association Player of the Year his senior season. While winning more than 20 games in his high school career, Stauffer was named to the All-District team three times and the all-regional team twice. Doctors said Stauffer should be ready to pitch next spring, following an intense rehabilitation.

Nature Preserves — Bottled in a Jar

Was the near-drowning an accident?

Or was it a case of attempted murder?

In my opinion the alleged perpetrator's statements were not entirely consistent with the facts. Perhaps it was just a peculiar combination of a big hand, a slippery tail, and the process of cleaning that let the tiny tadpole slip from its plastic frog habitat into the toilet bowl. Perhaps not, for a week earlier the same tadpole slipped — by mistake — into the garbage disposal. And before that, it flopped on the floor. Rescued both times.

Fact of the matter is moms and dads are overwhelmed by "Nature's Way In A Jar," tiny mail order creature. And I am beginning to feel a bit like the high guru of the Society For The Preservation of Tiny Mail Order Creatures.

Back to the aforementioned attempted homicide. I mean, the "Oops, I slipped" incident. The tadpole survived its mysterious trip to the porcelain bowl and was rescued — again — before a flush would have sent it on a one way journey to a tertiary treatment plant. And the little creature and his companion are both doing well, sprouting legs in their artificial tadpole habitat. My guess is they will make it to froghood, as long as the family cat is kept out of the room and Dad is closely monitored when he changes the water. I have not yet, however, ruled out innocent-appearing Mom as a conspirator in their near demise. I passed along nature facts to mediate.

A week passed. More questions. I asked — in a joking sense — if the mail order tadpoles came with instructions. Shouldn't have asked. Those squiggly little guys did. The tadpole-to-frog instruction book is 18 pages long! Wish I had the idea first. I could be sailing the Mediterranean today, instead of pounding a keyboard on a blustery day, wallowing in self-pity over how I missed out on pet rocks, trolls, sea-monkeys and, now, mail-order "Surf Frogs."

Nothing was left to chance in the surf frog manual. "Do not use mineral, distilled, carbonated, sparkling or seltzer water for raising your tadpole. Do not even think of using tap water. It's got stuff in it that can kill. Use only bottled spring water or bottled drinking water."

The manual goes on for three pages on how to safely remove your tadpole from the "tadpole tube" and transfer it to what is described as the "surf school." A factual nature lesson on that radical body transformation called metamorphosis is included. (On a side note, I think meta-

OAKLAND NATURALLY



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

Nature Notes: A Special Report

■ Mother Nature's Halloween Trail — Saturday, October 17th 4:30-10 p.m., Bay City State Recreation Area.

■ Take a guided walk along a pumpkin in Michigan Department of Natural Resources nature trail. Adventure awaits you in the form of Mother Nature's Halloween favorites — Nature's most misunderstood wildlife... bats, wolves, spiders, snakes, owl, vultures and more. Hear how each creature's frightening reputation evolved, why they have been misunderstood and how each creature benefits man. Special treat for children.

■ Come dressed in your Halloween best. Admission is free but State Park motor vehicle permit is required. At trail's end take an old fashioned, horse drawn hayride. \$1.00 per person for ride. Information: Saginaw Bay Visitor Center 517-667-0717

morphosis was the first nature word of more than four syllables I learned to spell correctly. Or was it Mississippi?

Chapter four preaches sensitivity. "Don't place the tadpole habitat near a TV, radio or stereo speaker either. Frogs are living creatures and should be treated with care and respect." However, I might contact the company and suggest that the manual include that the "surf school" habitat never be placed near any home plumbing openings. Flushing might be a sweet temptress. The tadpoles continue to grow. The cat remains banished. Peace and quiet?

The phone rang again. More tiny creatures! A new instruction guide. This one is only six pages long. Time for the "Ladybug Lodge" time. But the question and answer section makes me think I will be summoned soon. Question: "If I have dead ladybugs in the lodge, what should I do?" Answer: "We suggest leaving them in the lodge until you release all the live ones. If you remove the dead ones, your live ones may escape."

I wish all with tiny mail order creatures well. Just don't mix up your manuals. Nature's way is confusing enough when it comes bottled in a jar. Mix the manuals and you'll be waiting for tadpoles to fly. Long wait.

Jonathan Schechter is the park ranger/naturalist for West Bloomfield Parks and writes on nature's way for the Eccentric newspapers. Little Jonny caught his tadpoles in swamps. Write him care of this newspaper or contact him at oaknature@aol.com

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send E-mail to bpark@oe.homedcomm.net)

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLASSES/

CLINICS

MAP & COMPASS
Learn the basics of map and compass reading including how to read a topographic map, how to use a base plate compass and how to triangulate your position during this class, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at REI. REI is located at 17559 Haggerty Road, at Six Mile Road. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. Call (313) 532-0285 to pre-register.

CLUBS

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club

is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (313) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 691-0843.

FISHING BUDDYS
Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS
Oakland Bass Masters will hold a 50-boat open tournament on Sunday, Oct. 11, on Lake Orion. Registration is \$75, \$80 after Oct. 7. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 4-5, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

BEAR
Bear runs through Oct. 26 in designated bear management units.

DEER
The first half of the archery deer

season runs through Nov. 14. The firearms season opens statewide runs Nov. 15-30. The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 3. The muzzleloading season opens Dec. 4 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

DUCK
The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules will be Oct. 3 - Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 10 - Dec. 8 in the South Zone.

ELK
The late elk season will be held Dec. 8-14, by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

GOOSE
There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

GROUSE
Ruffed grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

RABBIT/HARE
Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

TURKEY
The fall wild turkey season runs through Nov. 8 in designated areas of the state by special permit only.

WOODCOCK
Woodcock season runs through Nov. 2 statewide.

QUAIL
Quail season runs Oct. 28-Nov. 11 in 22 counties throughout southern Michigan. Consult the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific openings.

SHOOTING RANGES

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

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

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

STATE PARKS

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

HAY RIDES
Maybury Farm will offer horse-drawn hay rides, 1-4 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through October.

BIRD IDENTIFICATION
A naturalist-led hike in search of birds of the season begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Maybury.

HARVEST FESTIVAL
The 8th annual Harvest Festival includes many hands-on activities and demonstrations including weaving and spinning, rope making, blacksmithing, cider pressing, grain milling and corn shelling. There will also be a hay maze, pumpkin decorating and fall harvest games for the children. This program will run noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at Maybury.

METROPARKS

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

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Five Ways to Join a Not-For-Profit Credit Union

Credit unions are for everyone, but the law places some limits on the people they may serve. A credit union's charter defines its "field of membership," which could be an employer, church, school, or community. Anyone working for an employer that sponsors a credit union, for example, is eligible to join that credit union.

Chances are good, that you are eligible to be a credit union member. If you don't belong, here's how to find a credit union to join:

1. Call the Michigan Credit Union League. A representative will tell you about credit unions in your area that you are eligible to join. The toll-free number is 1-800-474-JOIN.
2. Ask your boss. Your company may sponsor a credit union, or may be a select employee group (SEG) that has access to a credit union. Many employers offer direct deposit of payroll to your credit union.
3. Poll your family. Does your spouse's employer sponsor a

credit union? Most credit unions allow credit union members' families to join. Each credit union, however, may define "family" differently. At some, only members of your immediate family are eligible. At other credit unions, family may include extended family members, such as cousins, uncles, and aunts.

4. Quiz the neighbors. Some credit unions have a "community" field of membership, serving a region defined by geography rather than by employment or some other association. Ask friends in the community if they know of a credit union you may join.
5. Read the yellow pages. Some credit unions rarely advertise, so you might not know about them unless you look them up. A yellow pages display ad may state a credit union's field of membership. If not, at least you'll know what number to call to ask about membership eligibility.

Your Money Is Safe in a Credit Union

Credit unions are usually more modest institutions than banks, which can sometimes lead to confusion. Few credit unions have imposing granite pillars at their front door or costly oak paneled boardrooms where highly paid directors discuss billion-dollar transactions. Most credit unions are located in simple business offices.

Sometimes this makes people think that credit unions aren't as safe as banks.

In fact, credit unions are the safest, most stable financial institutions in America. First off, all deposits at a Michigan credit union are fully insured by the federal government up to \$100,000. What is of interest to the hard-pressed American taxpayer is that credit unions, unlike some other financial institutions, have always paid for their own insurance program and have never taken a penny of taxpayer's money.

Consumer Choice Restored with Passage of Credit Union membership Access Act

By LORI Z. BAHNMILLER

Consumers will soon have more choices in the financial services industry - options that, for many, can't come soon enough.

While it took more than two years of courtroom battles, a U.S. Supreme Court ruling, Congressional hearings, debates and votes to earn an invitation to the White House, the Credit Union Membership Access Act (H.R. 1151) has finally graduated from bill to law. The Act makes it possible for consumers to join credit unions as a low-cost financial service alternative to banks.

"This bill resolves uncertainty about the future of credit unions," said President Bill Clinton on August 7, 1998, after signing the measure into law. "It protects existing credit union members and makes it easier for credit unions to expand where appropriate. This bill also ensures that consumers continue to have a broad array of choices in financial services."

The law protects 74 million current credit union members - including four million Michigan members - and restores eligibility for 62 million small-business employees who want to join a credit union where they work.

"Millions of consumers who want the door open to low-cost credit union service are grateful for the bipartisan support that has moved our legislation through both houses of Congress and on to the President's desk for approval," said David Adams, president and chief executive officer for the Michigan Credit Union League.

"This is a significant victory for consumers brought about by the efforts of millions of credit union members in Michigan and across the country," Adams added. "It ensures we'll be able to continue to provide low-cost financial services to millions of Americans in the future."

Once the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA)

finalizes its new regulations, federal credit unions can once again reach out to new groups of members - including small businesses and low-income communities that had been locked out by a narrow Supreme Court ruling.

The President's signing of

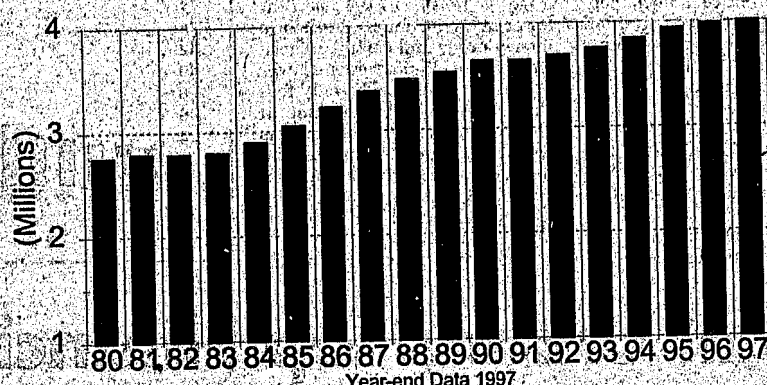
financial services and the impact of the court-imposed restrictions on the more than 62 million Americans who work for businesses too small to form their own credit unions.

The Congressional effort gained further momentum February 26, 1998, when the

Levin, D-Mich., and Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., quickly embraced the measure and committed their support.

On July 28, the Senate overwhelmingly passed H.R. 1151 by a vote of 92-6. Immediately following passage, Sen. Levin said he hoped the House would

Number of Members Michigan Credit Unions



H.R. 1151 marks the completion of a journey that began on March 20, 1997, when Reps. Steven LaTourette, R-Ohio, and Paul Kanjorski, D-Pa., first introduced the measure with 18 House cosponsors, including Reps. John Dingell, D-Monroe, and Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor. The bill was immediately met with fierce objection from the banking industry.

In the ensuing months, credit unions, united under the Campaign for Consumer Choice, worked in Washington and locally to build cosponsors. Major themes emphasized were freedom for consumers to choose credit unions for affordable

U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in favor of the banking industry in the landmark AT&T Family Federal Credit Union field-of-membership case. On April 1, the House, including the entire Michigan House delegation, passed H.R. 1151 by the huge margin of 411-8. The key provision overturned the Supreme Court decision by allowing credit unions to accept multiple groups.

After the House bill passed, Senate Banking Committee Chairman Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., quickly held hearings on the field-of-membership issue and put forward his own version of H.R. 1151. Senators Carl

accept the Senate version of the bill and avoid the need for dragging out deliberations in a joint conference. That proved to be the case, as the House approved the Senate version of the measure on August 4 in a voice vote.

Following the President's action this morning, the law moves to the NCUA. The NCUA must adopt rules and regulations before any of the provisions of H.R. 1151 can be exercised by credit unions - including the field-of-membership rule. The NCUA reports that it may take up to six months before new groups will be permitted to join credit unions under the new law.

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Banks Charge More Fees and Higher Fees than Credit Unions, Consumer Federation Study Reports

BY LORI Z. BAHNILLER

On most financial services products, banks charge more fees and higher fees than credit unions, according to survey data recently released by the Consumer Federation of America (CFA) and Credit Union National Association (CUNA).

"The difference in fees is significant and helps explain why consumers consistently rate credit unions more highly than banks," said Stephen Brobeck, CFA Executive Director.

"Credit unions charge fewer fees and lower fees because they are not-for-profit consumer cooperatives run for the benefit of all members," said David Adams, president and chief executive officer of the Michigan Credit Union League.

The CFA/CUNA data was gathered between 1994 and 1997 by Sheshunoff Information Services and CUNA.

For almost all services, fewer credit unions than banks charge

fees. These differences are especially striking for economy checking accounts, where far fewer credit unions than banks charge monthly fees (15 percent vs. 86 percent) and per-check fees (6 percent vs. 95 percent). The differences are also large for per-check fees on other checking accounts, fees for having a cashiers check or certified check written, and annual credit card fees.

Almost all fees surveyed were lower at credit unions than at banks, sometimes substantially so. Fees on checking (among those institutions that did have a fee) were about 30-40 percent lower at credit unions. Fees for a money order and certified check were about 55-65 percent lower at the non-profits. The only fees that were roughly the same at the two types of institutions were for a safe deposit box and for ATM transactions (on non-owned ATMs, and on owned ATMs when used by non-credit union members).

Over the past three years

(1994-97), most fees have risen less rapidly at credit unions than banks. In fact, at credit unions some fees — e.g., monthly and per-check fees on economy checking — declined during this period. The one major exception to this trend was fees for non-sufficient funds, overdrafts, and stop-payments, which increased more rapidly at

credit unions than banks.

Bank fee income on deposit accounts approximated \$18 billion in 1997, according to Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation data. "Apart from banking at a credit union, the two most important ways that consumers can lower check fees is to meet minimum balance requirements and avoid bounc-

ing checks," said Brobeck.

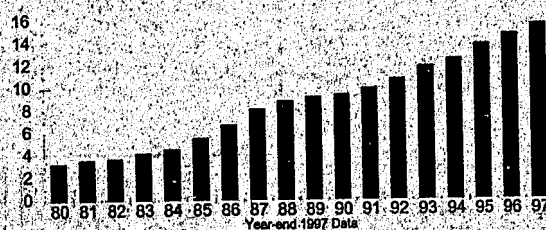
Sheshunoff Information Service bank fee data were collected in the summer of 1997 by sending out a survey form to all banks and savings & loans. The CUNA survey was conducted by its market Research Department and Credit Union Executive Magazine in the fall of 1997 based on a random sam-

ple of 2000 credit unions.

CFA is a non-profit association of some 240 pro-consumer groups that was founded in 1948 to advance the consumer interest through advocacy and education. CUNA serves more than 90% of America's 11,500 credit unions, which are owned by 72 million consumers.

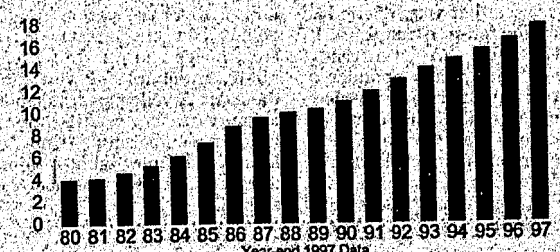
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Credit Unions Top Financial Services in Customer Satisfaction Survey

BY LORI Z. BAHNILLER

Credit union members continue to be more satisfied with their financial services than bank customers, reports the American Banker in its most recent Gallup Consumer Survey.

"Credit unions, the perennial service quality champs, rose to 73 percent from 69 percent (in customer satisfaction)," reports the American Banker. "They also far exceeded other organizations in their ability to keep improving: 36 percent of credit union members said they had a better feeling about their relationships this year than last. The comparable numbers were 20 percent for both banks and thrifts and 25 percent for other."

For more than 10 years, the American Banker Gallup Consumer Survey has consistently shown customer satisfaction is higher among credit

union members than bank customers.

Diana Nash, chairman of the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL) Board of Directors, attributes credit unions' success to the philosophy and volunteer organization that powers them.

"Credit unions are cooperatives, owned and managed by their members," Nash said. "There are no stockholders like you find at banks. Credit unions pay good dividends and at the same time extend credit more freely, and most often at a lower cost, than other sources of consumer financing. That's because credit unions know their borrowers."

More than 73 million people belong to nearly 11,500 credit unions across America. In Michigan alone, over four million people are credit union members — and as such, owners of not-for-profit cooperatives.

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SERVICES AVAILABLE

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How can you find a credit union? You can call the Michigan Credit Union League at 1-800-474-JOIN. And once a member, you're a member for life, even if you move or change jobs.

Policymakers Meet, Nash Elected to Head MCUL Board of Directors

The Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL) chairman's gavel has changed hands.

Diana Nash, president and chief executive officer at Steelcase Employees Credit Union in Grand Rapids, was elected as the MCUL's 27th chairman when the League Board of Directors gathered recently at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing. She is the first woman to hold the office in the League's 64-year history.

As chairman, Nash will take on the top policy-making position at MCUL, a not-for-profit trade association representing more than 90 percent of Michigan's credit unions.

Robert Huston, president and chief executive officer at Co-op Services Credit Union in Livonia, and former MCUL secretary/treasurer, succeeded

Nash as MCUL vice chairman. Robert Mackay, general manager at Berrien Teachers Credit Union in St. Joseph, succeeded Huston as the MCUL's new secretary/treasurer. All three were elected to one-year terms.

Nash, who has served on the MCUL Board since 1994, said she was "both humbled and excited to be entrusted with the chairman's gavel." She praised her predecessors, Paul Fredenburg and Allan Kemp McMorris, for the examples they set in the League's highest elected office.

In addition to the vote for MCUL officers, the policymakers meetings also included several other elections, including two posts on the CUCorp Board of Directors and a Michigan CU Foundation trustee.

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U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve Bank Introduce a New Twenty Dollar Bill

BY LORI BAHNM LEE

Jackson will soon be sporting a bolder, snazzier look.

Slated for unveiling this fall, an enlarged, off-center photo of the late president is among the noticeable changes embedded in the newly redesigned \$20 note. Other architectural changes include: the addition of a watermark; enhanced security thread that glows green when exposed to ultraviolet light; fine line printing patterns; and color-shifting ink.

The Series 1996 \$20 note is the third U.S. currency note to be redesigned to include such security features to deter coun-

terfeiting of U.S. currency. Lower denominations will follow.

The continuing introduction of redesigned notes is a critical component of the Federal government's anti-counterfeiting effort. The new series aims to maintain the security of the nation's currency as computerized reprographic technologies such as color copiers, scanners and printers become more sophisticated and more readily available. The \$20 note is the most frequently counterfeited note in the U.S., said Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin in a recent ceremony at the Treasury's Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington,

D.C.

"The new \$20 note will be an important tool against would-be counterfeiters," Rubin said. "The introduction provides us with an opportunity to educate cash-handlers and consumers about the importance of authenticating currency. These security features are effective only when they are used."

Like its predecessors, the \$20 note will replace older notes gradually. However, unlike the new \$50 and \$100 note introduction, old \$20 notes still in good condition will be recirculated. About \$88 billion worth of \$20 notes is currently in circulation, 80 percent of those in the U.S.

More than \$450 billion worth of U.S. currency circulates around the globe.

"We are most gratified with the successful introduction of the new \$100 and \$50 notes and look forward to the same success with the new \$20s," Rubin said. "Older notes will not be recalled or devalued. All existing notes will continue to be legal tender."

Many large retail companies have partnered with Treasury to help ensure a smooth transition to the new \$20 note, the first major redesign of the U.S. currency in almost 70 years. The retailers have agreed to educate their employees and customers by distributing posters to their

outlets, training cashiers, offering pamphlets to the public, and including information about the new note in advertising circulars.

The new \$20 bill also includes a capability that will allow the development of technology to help the blind ascertain the denomination of their currency; the new \$20 and \$50 notes also have a large numeral on the back that make the notes easier for millions of Americans with low vision to read.

Wal-Mart will include a promotional ad in its Sept/Oct. circular reaching 84 million households; post signage at its 100,000 cash registers; include

materials in its company-wide training; and host Treasury speakers at its August managers' convention. Domino's Pizza Inc. will train employees; and distribute information to all its franchisees.

Kroger Company, Inc. will display tent cards and posters; include a \$20 ad in their circular; play Treasury's radio announcement; host authentication seminars for their cashiers and send training CD-ROMs to its 155 stores; and enclose posters in all its employee paychecks. Ace Hardware will distribute posters, pamphlets and point-of-sale displays to all its stores.

Seven Ways to Invest Fifty Dollars or Less

Saving money - we all know that we're supposed to be doing it. And, once it's saved then we should be investing that money to make it grow. But how can we save (and then invest) when we can't seem to save more than a few bucks here and there?

It can be done. Consumer Reports magazine offered the tips below, which are proof positive that anyone is capable of saving and investing \$50.

1. Pay off your credit cards. This is a top priority for your \$50. If you pay off a debt balance carrying a 17.36% interest rate, that is as good as earning 17.36% on an investment. That's better than you'll do in most investments and it's a sure thing. Also, be sure to check the interest rate on your credit card. According to Diana Nash, Chairman of the Board, Michigan Credit Union League, the average bank issued credit card has an interest rate of 18.21%, while a credit union issued credit card has a much lower average interest rate at 13.14%. Using these rates as an example, you could save \$252 dollars a year on a \$5,000 balance by switching to a credit union issued credit card.

2. Invest where you work. Add that \$50, and as much more as you can to your employer's 401k or other retirement plan. Your contribution will help reduce next year's tax bill and your employer may match it.

3. Buy U.S. Savings bonds. Series EE bonds sell for half their face value, so your \$50 will get you a \$100 bond. Hold it less than five years, you are guaranteed a 4% interest rate; held longer, you get that guaranteed rate or a variable rate, whichever is higher. Savings bonds are among the safest investments going, even though their returns are not huge.

4. Invest in mutual funds. These are getting harder for small investors, but with some companies' mutual funds are still accessible. Look for "no-load" funds that ask for an initial investment of \$1,000 or less, with subsequent investments as low as \$50. Or, seek out a fund that will waive its minimum investment requirement if you commit to making regular deposits.

5. Buy stock directly. If you already own stock and partici-

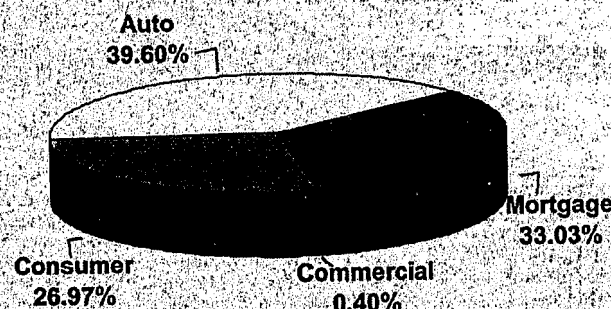
pate in a dividend reinvestment plan (where your dividends pay for new shares of stock), you might be able to send your \$50 as a contribution toward more stock purchases. A Standard & Poor's directory of companies offering dividend reinvestment plans is available in many libraries.

6. Join an investment club. These are like do-it-yourself mutual funds, in which members pick stocks and pool their funds to invest. The typical monthly investment is about \$25 per person.

7. Prepay your mortgage. Paying an additional \$50 per month on the principle of a 30-year, \$100,000 mortgage at 9 percent interest would save \$49,434 in interest and get the mortgage paid off six and a half years early! Pretty impressive. Do call your lender to check rules on prepayments and keep your canceled checks as proof of the extra payment.

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It never ceases to amaze me that so many people have a love affair with the automobile (pick-ups, sport utes, etc., included). Those of us in the Detroit area can recall truck loads of new autos being transported under wraps to new car dealers. Fall was the time to introduce the new models to the waiting public.

Nineteen ninety-nine promises some new excitement...Ford with the all new Windstar and Villager GM has a new line of trucks, and Chrysler is debuting the newly designed Jeep and LH series. Plus, with most manufacturers holding the line on price increases, indications are that next year will contin-

Art Cervi

ue to spur the economy.

As always you'll have your choice of buying or leasing. Many folks today like the idea of driving an automobile for two or three years, in most cases fully warranted, then turning it in and getting a new one. The small up-front cost is an attractive incentive. Conversely, we still have that large group of people who believe in owning (or eventually owning) their cars. Either way the choice is up to you and your lifestyle.

Each week in this column I'll try to answer your automotive questions...past, present, and future. Please keep your questions non-mechanical. On my radio program "Let's Talk Cars," by far the number one question is usually "What is my car worth?", especially if it's an older or antique model. The common sense approach is that a vehicle is

worth what another person is willing to pay for it. As always, it should be a win-win situation, with the seller and the buyer both happy with the transaction. There are many questions related to the Secretary of State's office and the sale of autos, new and used. Antiques have their own guidelines set by the state as to applying for a year of manufacture or antique plate. One is non-renewing for as long as you own the car and the other is renewed every 10 years. Each plate has a different up-front cost. Another common question is, "How do I go about selling (or buying) a car?" Gather your thoughts, drop us a note and we'll do our best to give you the right answer.

My favorite pastime is to talk automobiles and share stories with my fellow enthusiasts. It must have been in the water in this, the Motor

Capital of the World, that got us all hooked on these machines. Whether it's all go...all show...or a combination of both, we just for the automobile. Yet there are those who merely want to get from point A to point B and couldn't care less about what surrounds them. "Just give me basic transportation," and that's okay, because we know that sooner or later...we'll get to them!

I'm looking forward to having this feature each weekend. My clowning days at CKLW and TV-2 are behind me now, and the Bozomobile has long been sold, but my love for cars has not diminished. I'll make a bet you've got a favorite automobile hidden away in your thoughts that...maybe...some day...I just might own...

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New-look Concorde keeps it plain, and simple



By Anne Fracassa
Avanti NewsFeatures

Five years ago, when Chrysler first introduced the Concorde, the body work was a work of art. It represented a new dimension in style for Chrysler, something that would really stand out in the automotive world. Then Chrysler decided to redesign this popular vehicle. Although it's still a pretty car, I think the company did it a disservice. I liked the old Concorde better.

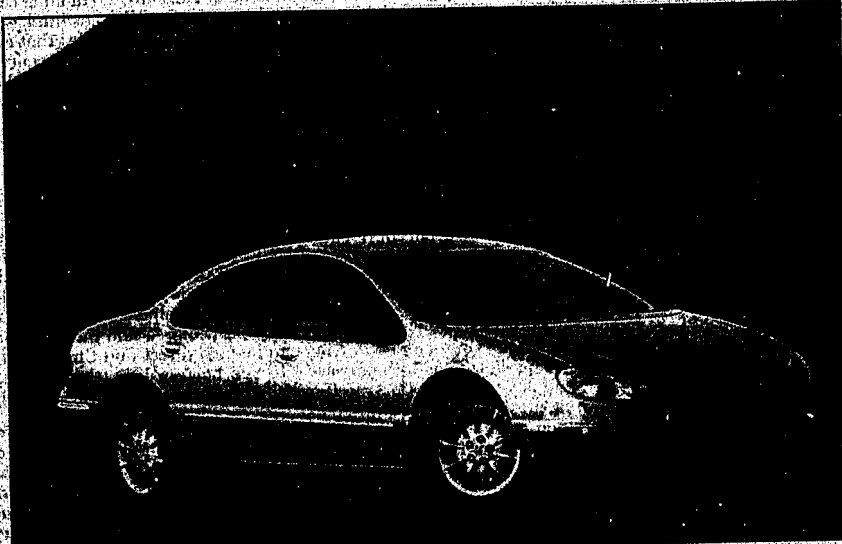
This new Concorde still has a lot of refinement about it and the Concorde is now a further departure for Chrysler. It's really different on the outside, yet plain and simple on the inside.

Maybe that's what the redesign was all about: Keep it simple, but make it different. If that was the intent, Chrysler has achieved that. I know one thing for sure, however: Chrysler is intent on giving its broadening younger buyer base a force to reckon with. More and more younger people are looking to Chrysler vehicles to own and love.

The Concorde was one of the first to build on the company's "cab forward" design ethic and that hasn't gone away. It's still there, very strong.

It's still roomy as ever inside and the cargo space is substantial as well. The Concorde is available as a five- or six-passenger sedan. While the interior has a lot of space to roam around in, the Concorde actually feels and acts like a sports car.

Powered by an all-aluminum 2.7-liter 24-valve V6 engine, the Concorde provides 200 horses under the hood. That's the highest horsepower-per-liter rating in its class. The Concorde LXI model affords you a 3.2-liter 24-valve V6 that provides 220 horses - power that performs.



The Concorde offers a comfort-driven ride mixed with sportiness and excitement.

The all-new sheet metal is different, to say the least. I thought the old model was more attractive. Not that the new Concorde looks like a dog, mind you, it's just that I preferred the older model's styling cues.

That aside, I have to tell you that I love the new interior. It's got a high level of comfort and convenience that's made Chrysler a household name. Placement of all interior controls and instrumentation is logical and easy to reach. Easy to operate, too.

The Concorde has more interior and trunk room than either its predecessor and the competition. The rear passenger area was enlarged by 2.5 inches, which gives back-seat passengers a new level of comfort. The front seat is a 50-50 split, which lends itself to easy six-passenger seating.

Adding more convenience is a pass-through compartment between the rear passenger and trunk area that allows you to access the trunk without exiting the vehicle. It also allows transport of larger

objects, like a pair of skis or floor molding, without much fuss.

The center armrest can hold CDs or cassettes and has a coin holder and cup holders. There are cup holders in the rear seat area as well.

Other changes: the remote trunk release is now located from the glove box to the left of the steering wheel, stereo and ventilation controls are now higher and closer to the driver, knobs are redesigned for easier accessibility and the steering wheel is softer with the horn in the center.

All the safety is incorporated into the vehicle, including next generation, or depowered, air bags, side-impact door beams, head-impact protection, rear impact-resistant front seats, a remote keyless entry system and a theft-alarm system.

One thing that's totally minor, but really makes a difference in my everyday existence, is the fuel-filler door location. On the Concorde, it's on the driver's side. That makes it so convenient when you

pull up to the gas pump.

The ride and handling characteristics of the Concorde are really dynamic. Much has been changed to improve the noise, vibration and harshness of the new Concorde, and it shows. And there's a new hydro-formed steel cradle that's used as a mounting point for the front suspension and the engine.

This new cradle acts as a catalyst to silence any excess noise or harshness associated with the characteristics of the road. It isolates much of the road noise, yet allows crisp and accurate handling. Some of the isolation techniques used in the Concorde reduce its overall weight, which allows for better mileage.

The Concorde comes equipped with all-new anti-lock brakes and a traction-control system that provides quieter operation and a reduction in pedal feedback when the systems are engaged.

Other nice touches include the radio antenna being mounted inside the rear window (eliminating wind noise), bolted-on wheel covers (to eliminate theft loss), a driver's foot rest, a lighted console shift gear indicator and a battery saver to eliminate battery run-down if you leave your interior or exterior lights on.

Now, will it make pancakes in the morning?

I wouldn't be surprised if one day it did. Seems like cars these days do everything except drive themselves. Hmmm.

The Concorde is a pleasant choice for the car buyer who demands versatility and uniqueness in a vehicle and wants a comfort-driven ride mixed with sportiness and excitement for the daily commute.

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Temporary Employment Can Help With A Career Move



GEORGE HAYES

Many job seekers ignore or avoid one of the largest and fastest growing segments of the job market: the temporary help industry. Too bad. Contract positions sometimes go unfilled as candidates hold out for direct employment. Apparently, many people have determined that it's better to watch their cash flow evaporate or continue working in jobs they hate instead of considering the contract option.

Even in a tight labor market, conventional employers sometimes define acceptable job qualifications very narrowly. Strong industry or discipline-specific biases, plus the tendency to fantasize about the (non-existent) ideal candidate, can make the process for direct employment an exercise in nit picking. Among temporary employers, however, the question is often "more or one?" Can the person do the job successfully? and not "Does the person's resume indicate an ideal match?" It's a matter of living together, not getting married. And because of the slightly different perspective, there are employment options for some people in the temp market that couldn't be found readily among conventional employers.

In addition to a more flexible attitude, employers seeking temp or contract workers often have a greater sense of urgency. Employers sometimes take a very deliberate or pro-active approach to recruiting for some conventional positions. Translated, this means slow. On the other hand, some employers don't call the contract firm until the house is burning down. Then, they don't care if a candidate graduated from M.I.T. or Stevenson High School. "Just get someone over here who can do the job-and hurry!"

Sure, the economy has been great the past few years and Bureau of Labor Statistics data have consistently pointed to a heightened demand for labor. However,

many people haven't felt the effects of the hot market on a personal level. We consistently run into outstanding candidates who are struggling to land good jobs. Some have work histories that employers reject as too closely tied to one industry or a unique field. Others have been with one company for a prolonged period of time, causing employers to question their adaptability. More official BLS openings haven't meant a wider range of opportunities for some people.

The flexibility and urgency associated with the temporary market, however, can morph statistics into bona fide interviews. Don't misunderstand skills and a good attitude count just as much in this arena. The emphasis, however, is a little less on pedigree and more on the ability to make a direct and timely contribution to the bottom line. Gee, maybe that's what all employment should be about.

Q. I haven't looked for a job in a long time. Is it possible to find employers who are willing to take family life and other interests into account? I'm willing to work other, sometimes and I'll do the occasional Saturday, but I don't want more than 40 hours on average. When would it be a good time to bring up this question?

A. I recently discussed this issue with Michael Cortese, a Detroit area psychologist specializing in organizational health and management issues. We both observed that some employers seem to have changed their attitudes about required hours within the last five or six years. In the early 90's, many companies seemed to be "hours happy." Salaried employees were simply expected to put in 70 to 80 hours a week. Anyone who didn't show up on the weekend was considered a slacker and not a team player. I worked for one firm where it was vitally important to be seen by the boss when working late hours or on weekends. In fact, it was more important than getting something done. Lots of people tried to score points by mentioning that they were "...in here last night until eleven o'clock."

Many manufacturing companies demanded extraordinary hours from their

supervisors. Seven ten-hour days, week after week, were considered "normal for this kind of operation." Complaining meant that you weren't a pro.

While most organizations don't really respond to the latest psychological research, perhaps it's more than a coincidence that things seemed to change when a popular study suggested that productivity drops and companies begin to lose money when employees average more than 54 hours per week. More importantly, some key people just got sick of it and insisted on a life outside of work. To be sure, a lot of companies still expect a pound of flesh, but I don't think there are quite as many.

You probably don't want to bring up the hours question during the first interview. Candidates who seem more concerned with hours (and money and benefits) than job tasks usually don't get hired. During the second interview, broach the subject within the context of other questions about general work practices. Make it sound like an afterthought, starting your

question with "By the way..." If you get an opportunity, talk to others in the position. You can even swing by the place on Saturday to see how full the parking lot is.

Employers are usually quick to discuss their expectations and are likely to ask about how many hours you are used to working. Most try to be candid about tough situations. Some are not, however, and high-energy, enthusiastic employees can find themselves in jobs that seem to require more and more of their time.

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Reducing Work you Dislike

To effectively cut down on work you don't enjoy, ask yourself:

- What do you like least about your job? Can you eliminate those tasks, delegate them or reduce them significantly?
- What outdated policies or procedures can you change? Is there any way to update or get rid of them?
- Do you refuse to challenge another department about onerous tasks because you don't want to get into a territorial squabble? Why don't you speak up?
- How many meetings do you attend every week? Tip: Keep

meetings to 45 minutes.

- How many approvals do you need to make a decision? In one organization, the sales manager had to get 13 approvals to bid for a government contract. He challenged the process and now needs only one.
- Do you write lengthy reports? Cut them in half and see what happens. Source: If it ain't broke...BREAK IT! and Other Unconventional Wisdom for a Changing Business World, by Robert J. Kriegel and Louis Patler, Warner Books, 666 5th Ave., New York, NY 10103.

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The Value Of Temporary Employment



JIM PAWLAK

In this tight labor market, companies of all sizes are scrambling to find good help and manage costs. Increasingly, these firms are turning to temporary staffing services to meet their needs. On an average day in 1997, temporary employment totaled 2.5 million workers. To put that employment figure in perspective, the largest employer in the world is Manpower, Inc., a Milwaukee-based global staffing firm.

When you think of temporary workers, the first image that comes to mind is that of clerical employees. It's time to change that thinking. While clerical

employees do comprise the majority of the temporary workforce, temporary and contract workers: help man customer service phone lines at EDS, can be found in financial analysis departments and working the assembly line at General Motors, design cars and trucks at Ford Motor and administer to patient needs at most hospitals.

The boom in this \$50 billion industry makes sense for the companies who use temporary workers and the workers alike. Companies have turned to staffing firms that specialize in recruitment, screening, testing and training of workers with specific skills. When employing temporary and contract staff, the employer gets a worker who can hit the ground running. That's money in the bank for them. Firms are, in effect, outsourcing

pieces of their HR departments in an effort to work smarter. From the standpoint of the temporary worker, the growth in the staffing industry shouts long-term career opportunity. The 1997 National Association of Temporary and Staffing Services (NATSS) survey of temporary workers found the following:

- Nearly seventy-five percent said that the experience has made them more employable, increased their skills and enhanced their resumes. Manpower, Inc. validates these responses by pointing out that forty percent of its workforce ultimately finds permanent employment.
- The mean pay rate of \$10.11 per hour far exceeds the minimum wage. In fact, that pay rate has increased by one-third 1994-1997, while that of the overall

workforce increased about ten percent over the same period. Younger workers find temporary work in commercial and industrial firms more appealing than lower-paying retail and service jobs.

- Forty-one percent of the temporary workforce had completed at least two years of college and nineteen percent were attending school while maintaining their temporary employment.

Staffing services are offering better fringe benefits. A Snelling Personnel franchisee with a number of contract workers at General Motors offers these employees medical and dental benefits, life and disability insurance, vacation and a 401-k plan.

What types of workers seek temporary employment? There are four types: 1. Those who want to work part time, 2. People view-

ing temporary work as their full-time job, 3. Inexperienced workers looking to learn skills and enhance their resumes and 4. Older, experienced workers finding it difficult to land permanent positions. Let's look at each type. As mentioned, people trying to juggle school and work schedules appreciate the flexibility of temporary employment. Mothers with kids in school also find that they can work part time. Often, people wanting to supplement their incomes with weekend work turn to temporary agencies.

On a full-time basis, there is a large body of workers who enjoy variety in assignments because that keeps them energized. They get to learn a lot about different types of businesses and apply that knowledge. They have employment security.

Workers lacking experience

and disabled workers often find it difficult to get a foot in the employment door. Working through a temporary agency is the quickest way to employment. Manpower, Inc. reports that ninety percent of its temporary workers with disabilities were working within ten days of applying and sixty percent of the disabled workers it uses moved from no employment to permanent employment.

Temporary agencies value older workers because of their skills and experience.

Send your comments or questions to Jim Pawlak, Career Moves, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, P.O. Box 2881, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. He can be contacted by e-mail to: careermoves@hotmail.com

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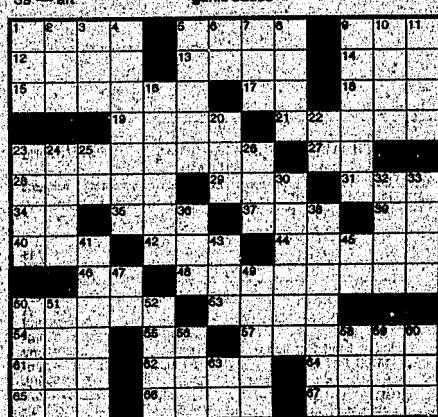
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Q: I am building a new home and was told that my septic system needs to use a seepage pit rather than a leaching field. Can you explain what a seepage pit is and why it's necessary?

A: A seepage pit is used instead of a leaching field in residential sewage disposal when the lot the house is on is too steeply sloped to allow building a field. The pit allows effluent to percolate into the ground the way a leaching field does, but it takes up less surface area. Sewage leaving a house settles in a septic tank before it flows into the pit.

The pit's bottom should be filled with 6 to 12 inches of coarse gravel, and the space between the pit liner and the surrounding soil with 3 to 6 inches of coarse gravel. The specific amount of gravel depends on local codes.

Q: My TV and VCR are plugged into an outlet that my kids can reach. Although it has a child-proof cover, would I gain additional protection from a ground fault circuit interrupter outlet? Are there disadvantages, other than cost, of having a GFCI breaker in the panel box vs. one in an outlet?

A: A GFCI outlet receptacle certainly provides additional protection against a shock hazard. To do this, the circuit in a GFCI monitors the current in the "hot" and "neutral" lines.

Under normal conditions, these two currents are always equal. If the circuit detects a difference between them as little as 5 milliamperes, it interrupts the power in as little as 1/40th of a second.

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40 homes will share rural location

The location in a rural area near Brighton and Howell with easy, direct freeway access to major job centers recommends Hartland Estates, detached condominiums on the site of a former dairy farm.

Forty lots are included in the first phase of development off M-59, just west of U.S. 23 in Hartland Township.

"When I look at property, I look for somewhere where I'd like to live," said Joe Rotondo, the developer who's also building on 10 lots there.

"I like something close to the freeway, something close to shopping. Hartland is centrally located between Flint, Ann Arbor, Lansing and Detroit. I always look for good schools. Hartland is a good system."

"The property has a lot of topography, which I like," Rotondo said. "I like that it's going to be a gated community, safe, secure. It's kind of private, and that has some prestige."

Rotondo plans to include a baseball field and a couple of tennis courts in the development for the enjoyment of residents there.

Builders Robert Schwartz of United Homes and Robert Betrus of Betrus Homes each have 15 lots in Hartland Estates.

"Two main things attracted me - Hartland schools... and the Hartland Estates community - the park, the heavily landscaped entrance," Schwartz said. "It's on a main corridor. It's good value out here."

"We've been attracted to this area for some time," Betrus added. "This sub has a great deal of amenities."

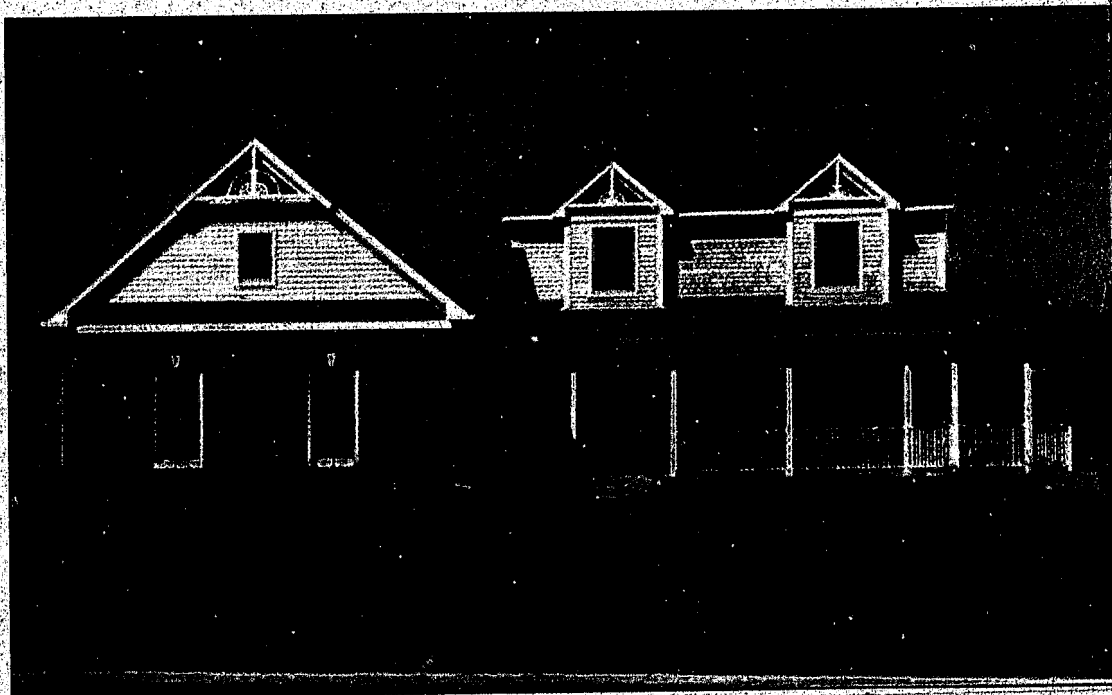
Tony Farrugia is the sales rep for Rotondo and Schwartz.

"I expect we'll get a lot of families," he said. "Floor plans will offer any lifestyle - ranches for empty nesters to Cape Cod and colonial."

All of the builders provide several floor plans, and all have constructed or are erecting a model. All provide the same amenities at base price including fireplace, two-car garage, first-floor laundry, basement and dishwasher.

Rotondo offers a ranch of 2,036 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths at a base price of \$239,900; a two-story of 2,390 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths, \$241,900; and a story-and-a-half of 2,454 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths, \$261,900.

His model, the two story, includes a formal dining room, kitchen/nook with



Buyer's choices: Joe Rotondo, who built this model, and two other builders offer buyers a total of nine floor plans at Hartland Estates.

island, great room and half bath with rounded walls.

The master with cathedral ceiling has a separate tub and shower, dual-sink vanity and walk-in closet. Three other bedrooms plus a full bath with dual-sink vanity and compartmentalized tub and toilet are also up.

Schwartz also offers three plans.

His ranch, 1,900 square feet with three bedrooms and two baths, has a base price of \$234,900; story-and-a-half of 2,200 square feet with four bedrooms or three bedrooms and a loft plus 2-1/2 baths, \$241,900; and colonial, 2,425 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths, \$239,900.

His model, the story-and-a-half under construction, features volume ceilings throughout. The first floor contains a dining room, great room, kitchen/nook and master suite with separate tub and shower and walk-in closet.

Two bedrooms, a loft and full bath are upstairs.

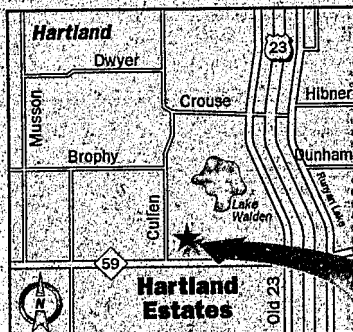
Betrus also presents three plans. All are two story with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths. The design with 2,287 square feet carries a base price of \$253,900; 2,408 square feet, \$259,900; and 2,583 square feet, \$274,900.

The model, the largest plan under construction, showcases a den, living room, dining room, kitchen nook and family room on the first floor.

The master, with pan ceiling, separate tub and shower, two-sink vanity and compartmentalized commode, is up, as are three other bedrooms and a full bath.

Hartland Estates is serviced by individual water wells and septic tanks. It's within the Hartland school boundaries. There will be sidewalks.

The property tax rate currently is \$42.36 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$240,000 home would pay nearly \$5,100 the first year. The annual association fee is now \$150.



Some of the builders are offering introductory specials. Ask.

Rotondo and Schwartz's models, (517) 548-4693, are open 1-5 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays. Betrus' model, (517) 552-1111, is open 1-6 p.m. daily, closed Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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Further highlights include: a spacious circular foyer, a warm, inviting dining room (16x14), an elegant living room with floor to the ceiling windows; a 2-way fireplace between the living room and family room which is huge (26x20), yet comfortable with bleached oak walls; and a master suite with its own balcony. The 4th bedroom, with its own private bath, could be used in a

variety of ways: office (its current use), au pair suite, mother-in-law's suite, or a 2nd master private form the other 3 bedrooms.

The kitchen is sure to take the breath away from an aspiring chef or just your casual cook. Completely redone in 1997 complete with granite countertops, Maple framed vintage lip cabinets with an Antique White distressed finish, Pratt and Larson Ceramic Relief Tile in earth tones, warming drawer, and a professional Thermador built-in wok surrounded by a "Butcher Block" surface. Other top of the line appliances include Thermador double ovens and five burner gas cooktop with retractable exhaust, Sub-zero refrigerator and Maytag dishwasher. Recessed ceiling lights, cabinet lights and a sunny eating area adds to the ambiance of this delightful kitchen.

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There is nothing carved in stone about the position of interior walls in your home. These partitions were built where they are either to perform some structural duties that would have been too costly to accomplish another way or to suit the interior design fashions of the day. But, as times change, tastes also change, and building methods change, too. What was considered convenient and attractive in the 1950s — to say nothing of the 1850s — is often cumbersome when matched with present-day lifestyles.

In the last 20 years, one of the most notable design shifts has been the move toward opening up greater interior space in a home. The clearest example of this is seen in the Great Room concept, where a designer extends the boundaries of a particular room so it becomes multifunctional. The most popular candidate has been the kitchen, where home buyers seem to feel that bigger is not only better, it's essential. They want plenty of room for food preparation as well as dining and entertaining.

While this is all well and good for new home buyers, owners of older homes can achieve similar results. Frequently, all that's required is the removal of an interior wall, or at least part of one. And, depending on the situation, the job can be a good deal easier than many people would think.

In fact, the flat archway installed for this story was in an older home. Built in the early 1900s, its kitchen had a large adjoining pantry that had a big

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window with a pleasant view. This room provided a great deal of storage space, but it was terribly inconvenient. The homeowners were willing to sacrifice the storage space to get a comfortable eating area inside the kitchen and to enjoy the light and view from the window. So, the wall was removed. It took just two days for two people to tear out the old wall, install a new header and patch the plaster. Painting, wallpapering and laying a new floor took longer, but they always do.

This may sound a little too simple, and in some ways it is. It's true that any wall can be moved or removed. The real issue is how many problems you are willing to overcome, and this usually means how much money you are willing to spend.

To decide, you have to discover a couple of things. The first is what, if any, structural purpose the wall serves. The second is what, if any, mechanical systems (plumbing, heating, electrical wiring) run through the wall. Solving the structural problem is usually much easier than rerouting plumbing, heating, and electrical systems.

To figure the wall's structural duties, you'll have to go exploring. This is best done by removing a 16-inch square section of ceiling next to the wall. It can be repaired later. Shine a flashlight into this access hole to see how the ceiling joists above the wall are positioned. If they run parallel to the top plate of the wall, then the wall you want to remove bears no weight on its own. It can be removed without disturbing the structure of the house. If, however, the joists are perpendicular to the wall, you have a load-bearing wall and must replace the support provided by its studs with a new header. Some walls may not be load-bearing even if the joists do run across them, mostly short walls defining closet spaces. If you can feel or see the end of a joist resting on top of the wall, you know it's a load-bearing wall.

If you must install a header, you have two options: A dropped header can be installed by a competent do-it-yourselfer but a flush header is a contractor's job. A dropped header spans the width of the opening and is supported on both ends by jack studs like the headers over windows or doors.

Mechanical systems inside the wall usually show on the surfaces in the form of light switches, radiators or registers, and faucets or drains. If there are none visible, you could still have lines leading upstairs. Electrical changes are easier than plumbing or heating. You can take a peek by removing the trim baseboard and wallboard behind it. Use care on quality trim so it can be reused. If you find plumbing or ductwork, call in a con-

tractor for an estimate. If you find nothing but dust and dead air, you can remove it without problems.

Drywall makes less dust and debris, but lath and plaster construction calls for sealing off the room to protect the rest of the house. Use polyethylene sheets and masking tape to seal all doors. Wear gloves and a respirator. Carry out the debris and vacuum up the mess as you go.

You can install a doubled 2-by-10-inch header with a one-half-inch plywood spacer to span a 10-foot gap without building temporary support walls. Simply turn the studs 90 degrees which leaves room for one header. When it's in place on the jack studs, remove the wall and install the spacer and the doubler. A 12-foot opening calls for doubled 2-by-12s with a similar spacer. A bathroom or heavy furnishings like a piano or wall-size bookcases above mean you should consult a contractor.

Look along your header stock to spot the crown — slight upward curve — of the 2-by-10. Mark both pieces so this can be installed facing up which reduces a tendency to sag when the load comes on it. If the header is hard to pry in place on the second jack stud, you can wedge it up with a stud cut one-half-inch longer than header height. Lay a shingle on the floor under the stud and drive it sideways at the bottom until the header slips in place.

Once it's set, add the plywood spacer and the second half of the header. Toenail the assembly into the framing. Cover it, patch the walls and ceiling with drywall or plaster to finish the job.

The Weekly Do-It-Yourselfer



Garage with loft

You can increase the value of your home and add additional storage space at the same time by adding this two- or three-car garage. The loft workshop is something that most homeowners would be thrilled to have. The space can be used for whatever purpose suits your needs.

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framing instructions. Two complete sets of the plans are included: one for you or your builder and one for the building department. Plans include clearly labeled, detailed drawings along with full framing instructions. Illustrations are drawn three dimensionally with full elevations and cross sectional diagrams. Step-by-step comprehensive instructions are included to aid you in construction. A full materials list will make your trip to a local lumberyard for building materials another easy step toward the completion of your new project.

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of a second. However, childproof covers on an outlet are effective, and it shouldn't be necessary to install a GFCI outlet.

A GFCI receptacle has one advantage over a GFCI installed in a circuit breaker. The GFCI circuit breaker monitors the branch circuit. With it, there is a greater chance of nuisance tripping caused by a buildup of leaking currents due to deteriorated or damaged sections of insulation, multiple splices and moisture accumulation.

When a GFCI breaker trips, the entire branch circuit goes out. Whereas when a GFCI receptacle trips, it de-energizes just itself, or the rest of the branch that follows it, depending on how the electrician has it installed.

Q: How do you drill into bathroom wall tiles? I would like to put rails in the shower area.

A: One method is to place a finish nail on the tile and tap it with a hammer to score the glazing. Bore on the scored mark with a masonry bit.

The second method is simply to buy a carbide- or diamond-tipped drill to bore the hole. Using these bits eliminates the need to score the glazing. The diamond-tipped drill is more expensive but preferable to the carbide-tipped bit.

Both bits are available at hardware stores and industrial suppliers. Use a variable-speed drill when using these bits so that you can drill at a slow speed.

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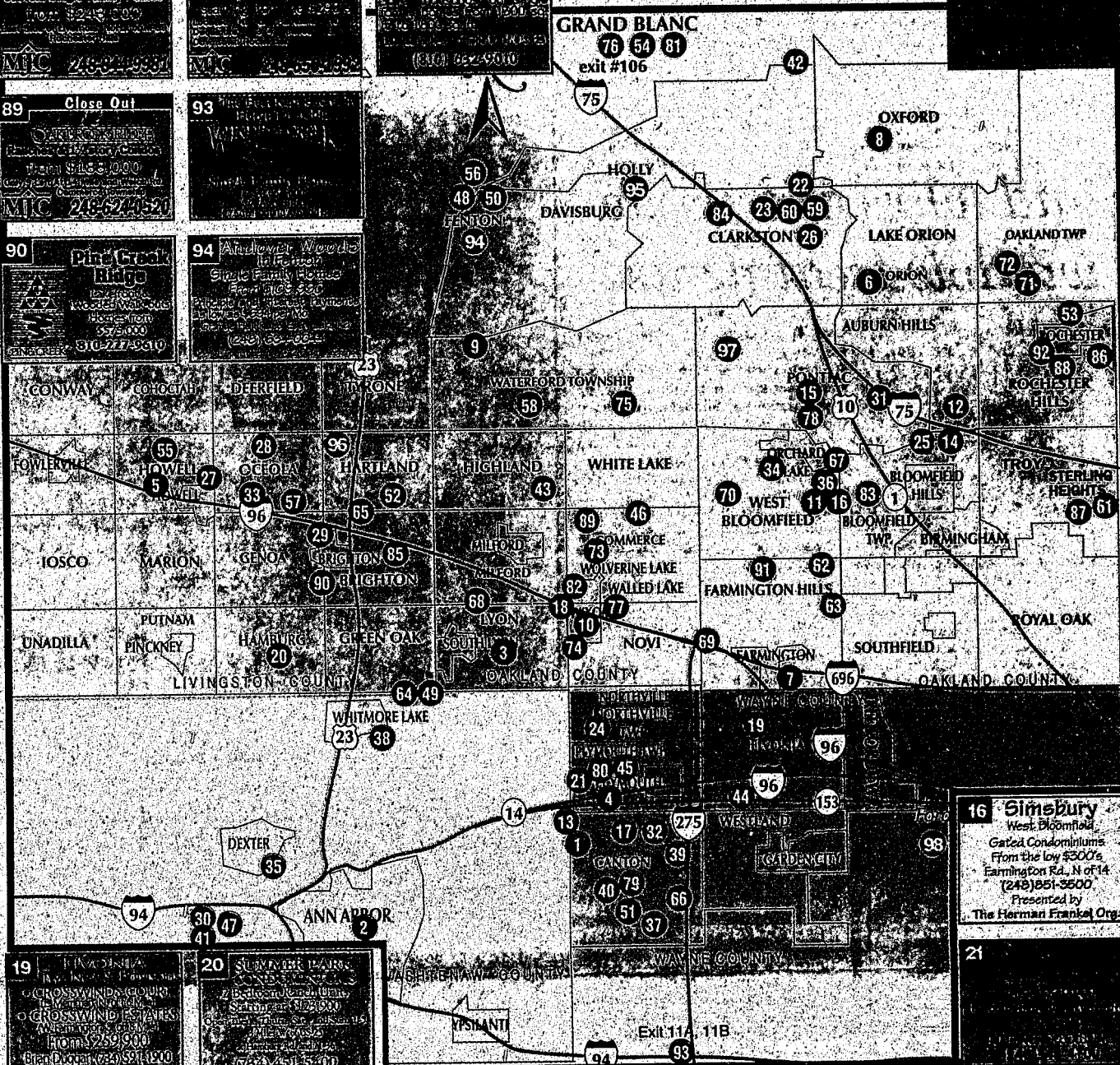
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311 Dearborn

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314 Farmington Hills

FARMINGTON HILLS - Open Sun. Noon-4. Holy Hill Farm subdivision - 28625 Sugar Spring, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. \$205,000. (248) 962-4866

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11 MILE & Orchard Lake - Open Sun. 1-5, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, updated colonial w/ deck on large wooded lot, den w/fireplace, beautiful kitchen w/ sub-zero, must see. \$235,000. (248) 478-7988

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323 Howell

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325 Livonia

BY OWNER - Charming bungalow, 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, large country kitchen, large master bedroom, 1800 sq. ft. Lot: 150x135. \$137,000. Preapproved. By appt. 28734 Eaton NW Livonia. 248-473-5505

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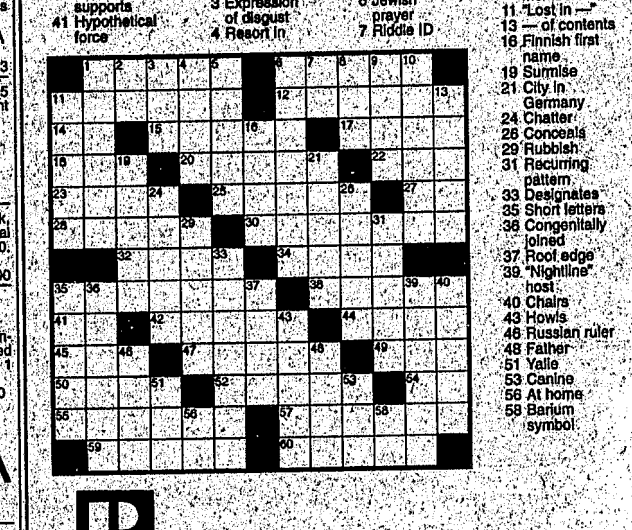
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GENTLEMAN

DWF, 44, blonde/blue, size 14, enjoys music, movies, romantic dinners, dancing and camping. Seeking DWM, professional male, 35-55, N/S, like small dogs, with similar interests, for friendship/LTR. #9468

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE

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TWILIGHT

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CHAMPAGNE AND CAVIAR

SBF, 47, attractive, likes jazz, travel, cars, dining, seeking SM, sense of humor, financially secure, honest, race unimportant. #9820

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FUN-LOVING

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SOMEONE SPECIAL

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SOMEONE SPECIAL

SWF, 43, 5'8", medium build, smoker, social drinker, enjoys movies, quiet dinners, dancing, antiques. Seeking honest, romantic, financially secure, sensitive man, 48-55, tall stature. #9507

PARTNER IN ADVENTURE

Attractive, articulate, green-eyed sales professional, gregarious, 52, 5'4", 120lbs, loves dancing, theater, sailing, flying, nature, people. If you think the future looks bright, let's discuss the possibilities. #9514

HARD-WORKER

SF, 57, 175lbs, brown/blond, likes fishing, bowling, movies, camping. Seeking an honest, sincere, romantic gentleman, for a LTR. #9515

THICK AND HEALTHY

Cute SBF, 24, 5'6", 225lbs, brown skin, no kids, employed college student, seeks nice-looking SBM, 20-29, with no kids, N/S, for friendship and dating. #9462

LOVES BEETHOVEN

SWF, 37, attractive, petite single mother, loves classical music, theater, gardening, camping. Seeking single male, 30-45, with similar interests especially in classical music. #9454

NO GAMES PLEASE!

Attractive, church-going, career-minded SBF, 37, working on BA degree, seeks tall, attractive, clean-cut, single, 35-40, N/S, who enjoys sports, jazz, concerts, and dining. #9452

PRETTY BROWN-EYED ITALIAN

Outgoing single mom, 38, brown, 120lbs, seeks companion and friendship with man of same age group. Loves animals, long walks/drives, dining in/out, movies and shows. Would like to meet for coffee, conversation. #9275

ONE IN A MILLION

Attractive, college-educated, petite, fit SWF, 37, long brunet hair, great smile, fun-loving attitude, seeks sweet, smart, sexy SWM, for friendship, possibly LTR. #9450

CLASSY LADY

Blonde-haired, blue-eyed, petite SWF, 43, honest, sincere, enjoys dancing, traveling, dining, walks, for romantic evenings at home, seeks gentleman, 30-50. #9409

ATTRACTIVE BLACK FEMALE

SBF, 43, 5'5", medium build, enjoys travel, movies, and the beach. Seeking honest, sincere, financially secure SM, 5'8"-5'11", with similar interests, for friendship first. #9368

BLACK, BRITISH, CLASSY

BF, 42, British, classy, lady of principles, 5'4", 120lbs, new to Michigan, seeks friendship with a gentleman, 40-50, of good moral standards and principles. #9362

LIGHT MY FIRE

Passionate, pretty DWF, 40, with medium build, seeks SM, 35-50, N/S, N/D, for dating, mating, and relating. Will you spark my interest? #9366

DELTA BURKE'S SISTER

Southern born, professional nanny, 50 year-old lady, full-figured, enjoys walking, church activities, family-oriented, cooking, gardening, short trips. N/S. Seeking companion for same. #9360

ARE YOU READY

For the next chapter? So am I. God was kind to me in the looks department, inside, fun-loving, compassionate, sensual woman. So, if you're holding out for the best, you may have found her. #9352

R.S.V.P.

An invitation to meet this attractive DWF, 44, if you are an attractive SDWM, 38+, N/S, smart, sincere, fun, no games guy. Let the party begin! #9354

SPECIAL REQUEST

Petite SBF, 46, redheaded, young in attitude and appearance. If you're honest, stable, no game playing gentleman, 40-55, good sense of humor, with a love of life. Looking for friendship and companionship. Northern Oakland County. #9347

52 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, successful, giving, loving, looking for her soulmate. Any sincere, successful Caucasian, 45-70, please apply. #9201

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE LADY

European-born, refined, giving, loving, educated, young 60ish, 5'5", good figured, N/S, many interests, seeks gentleman, 55-75, with sense of humor, caring, intelligent, secure, N/S, for lasting relationship. #9349

YOUR SEARCH IS OVER

Attractive DWF, who's intelligent, honest, with just about the right amount of wit and charm, seeks SDWM/40-51, who's honest, caring, and has strong moral values. Serious replies only. Rochester area. #9172

WISH UPON A STAR

SWF, 44, 5'7", brown/hazel, N/S, enjoys sports, jazz, C&W, quiet nights at home. Seeking romantic, honest, family-oriented SDWM, 38-54, 5'7"-5'11", N/S. All calls will be answered. #9188

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

Attractive DWF, young 49, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #9199

PAINTER SEEKS SAME

Young-at-heart, one-man-woman SBF, 50, artist/composer, likes country/western/folk music, antique/classic cars. Seek SM, 50s, #9359

BRAD PITT TYPE

Handsome SWM, 34, 6'2", 195lbs, blue/blond, well-proportioned, fun, confident, intelligent. Seeking timeless moments with selective, slender SWF, 55-5'8", for more than just a guest appearance. #9634

NICE GUY

Attractive SWM, 35, 6', 195lbs, brown/blue, N/S, professionally employed, Garden City homeowner, seeks an attractive SWF, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. #9361

ALWAYS AND FOREVER

Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves late activities, skiing, movies and quality times together. Seeking SF, 40-50, petite, medium, for friendship, possible long-term monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. #9118

ADVENTURE MEMORIES

Sincere, caring, fit, active SWM, 6', 170lbs, N/S, college graduate, former parent, enjoys outdoor activities, travel, culture, humor, and good conversation. Seeking retired SWF, 50s, for LTR, to share life and adventures. #1014

WORTH THE CALL

Kind, caring, affectionate, easygoing SWM, 31, 5'8", medium build, dark brown/blue, N/S, social drinker, whose interests include: bowling, boating, cooking, and snowmobiling. Seeks female, 18-35. #1015

ATHLETIC

Easygoing SWM, 28, 5'7", 155lbs, seeks mature SWF, 24-32, who enjoys movies, music, the outdoors, quiet evenings, sporting events, and is not afraid of commitment. #9975

PICK ME PICK ME!

Handsome, fun, clean-cut, old-fashioned, financially secure, independent SWM, 38, 6'4", 220lbs, seeks a LTR with the right lady. #1063

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SBF, 25, enjoys movies, concerts, bowling. Seeking professional male, 25-30. If you're out there, give me a call. #9915

SEEKING GOOD MAN

DWF, 35, enjoys being herself, watching movies, dining, shopping, cooking. Seeking a mature SBM, #9783

CHANGE MY MIND

Petite DWF, 33, brunet, seeks honest, sincere, fun-loving, responsible guy, who isn't afraid of a challenge. #9965

SEEKING SENSE OF HUMOR

DWF, 43, medium build, N/S, seeks a SDWM, 43-50, N/S, employed, who likes children, outdoor sports, for a possible LTR. #1000

INTERESTING GEMINI

SWPF, 60s, N/S, N/D, no dependents, sense of humor, spiritual/spontaneous, easygoing, seeks tall, polished gentleman, 58-65, intelligent, honest. Must be interesting. #9971

SHORT AND SWEET

Classy, petite DWF, red/tan, N/S, social drinker, loves country music, bowling, boating, gambling, traveling, cooking for someone special. If you are humorous, thoughtful, and romantic, 55-60, under 6', I'm for you. #9822

PRETTY NATURE LOVER

SWF, 43, 5'7", 127lbs, studying alternative medicine, into self growth, woods walking, singing, natural health, laughing, speaking truth, life. I'm spunky, unique, loving. Seeking N/S, soul connection SWM, 38-48. #9723

GREEN EYES...

and a great smile too! Full-figured SWF, enjoys rollerblading, alternative rock, and dancing. Looking for a sincere, hardworking, down-to-earth SDWM, 28-36, white/blue collar, with a sense of humor. #9443

GARDEN CITY

SWF, 22, 5'6", curly, short brown hair, seeking for SDWM, 18-27, who's not into playing games. #9315

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE

WF, young 62, Farmington Hills area, seeks companion and friendship with man of same age group. Loves animals, long walks/drives, dining in/out, movies and shows. Would like to meet for coffee, conversation. #9275

PETITE ATTRACTIVE 53

DWF, very active, enjoys water, outdoors, casual, social fun. Social drinker, enjoys quiet times, sense of humor, seeking emotionally, financially secure, soulmate, companion for LTR. #9254

SEEKING CHEMISTRY

Very attractive, fun SFW, 40, 5'6", blonde/blue, great catch, single parent, traditional/good values, seeks family-oriented, clean-cut, handsome SM, executive type, for LTR. #9170

NO NONSENSE AD

DWF, 46, intelligent, attractive, with diversified interests, N/S, D/Drugs, seeks same in WPM, 45-55, for a relationship with a committed future. No nonsense please. #9210

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

Thoughtful, considerate SWF, 65, 6'3", enjoys animals, gardening, movies and cooking. Seeking SWM, 50-65, N/D, smoker ok, for friendship first. #9205

SPARKLING, SPUNKY, STYLISH

Sensuous, gorgeous, fit, 40, 5'7", 130lbs, MA, degreed, outgoing, reading, antique, jogging. Seeking SWM, N/S, degreed, fit, outgoing guy. #9203

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