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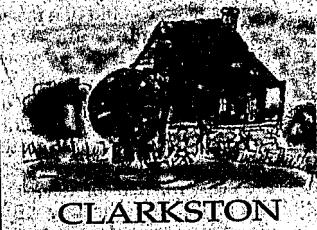
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High atop Clarkston

Do you know where Clarkston's highest pumpkin is perched? Check out the top of the Clarkston Union Bar and Grill on Main Street. Getting the lit pumpkin atop the former church steeple took two sets of hands and "was a little tricky," according to inside sources.

Hero helps men escape

Nadine Dzalo of Clarkston happened to be driving down Main Street in time to witness a heroic feat.

On Oct. 8 at about 6 p.m., she watched as another vehicle near her unexpectedly caught on fire, and a man she does not know ran to help out.

"I heard a loud noise and the engine caught on fire. The flames were coming up," she described.

Dzalo saw a man walk over to the car, open the side door, and help the driver to safety. Then, she said, the passenger side door wouldn't open, so he pulled the man out and carried him over his shoulder, until they were both safe across the street.

"There's just no heroes anymore," he said to Dzalo, before leaving the scene.

"I don't know who the guy was," she said. "It was kind of nice that somebody stepped up and did something."

She recalled hearing loud popping noises before the fire. Traffic was bumper-to-bumper.

"We were all just sitting there like a movie," she said. "Nobody moved."

"It was heroic for that man to do that. It sends a positive message. Maybe the community of Clarkston has to get more involved."



Redistricting hearing gets heated



■ A public hearing on a proposal attendance reconfiguration plan produced a storm of protest from parents who don't want their children to change schools.

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Rumors flew. Accusations surfaced. Faces reddened. Parents talked out of turn. And a fire alarm went off at one point — a false alarm, as it turned out.

Though Clarkston school officials predicted that the second public hearing at Clarkston High School on the

newly proposed district boundary map would be a ho-hum affair, it wasn't.

Some parents from Clarkston Elementary led the vocal charge Tuesday night against a preliminary attendance reconfiguration plan, one day after the city of Clarkston unanimously passed a resolution opposing the same proposal.

Then, the redistricting web became even more entangled.

On Wednesday night, when the

boundary realignment committee met for three hours to re-examine the community's concerns from the Oct. 20 and Oct. 27 public hearings, it couldn't reach a final recommendation to pass on to the Clarkston Board of Education.

According to Deputy Superintendent Dr. Mike LaBay, the district's administrative liaison who attended the Wednesday evening committee session, "there was just too much information to go over in one night," LaBay said; however, that the committee decided to reconvene Nov. 10, hoping to leave that meeting with a final boundary plan.

The group, composed mostly of par-

ents from the district's elementary and middle schools, has been meeting once a week for the past six months to redraw the district's attendance lines. The new boundary map will include an attendance area for a new elementary school of 600 students. Scheduled to open in the fall of 1999, the facility will be located at Hubbard Road and M-15.

At Tuesday's public hearing, however, parental disenchantment about neighborhood boundary shifts that will create the new school's population seemed to have snowballed from the first hearing one week earlier.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Bird caretaker: Warren Kennedy walks among his pheasants within the gigantic cage behind his Independence Township home.

Birds of a feather

Local pheasant breeder gives back to nature

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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The pheasants that Warren Kennedy raises in the backyard of his Independence Township backyard, like the buffalo killed by the American Indians for subsistence, get put to lots of use.

Giving back to the environment — and not just taking — is another principle Kennedy embraces.

"If everybody did something — not just a handful — to make a small difference, the problems would just stop," said Kennedy, who has been breeding and raising pheasants in his backyard for about five years.

Some of Kennedy's birds are eaten. A handful are sold to conscientious hunters and the rest are returned to the wild.

Some of the birds' feathers are given to a neighbor's daughter, who uses them to make an American Indian craft object called a "dream catcher."

Kennedy's brother has also used

the feathers to make a headband.

And Kennedy's daughters — as well as their classmates at school — get an opportunity to observe baby pheasants emerge from their eggs every year.

Calling his pheasant breeding enterprise "Circle K Farm," Kennedy annually drops off a batch of "just-about-to-hatch" eggs at the school

where his 11- and 12-year-old girls attend classes.

This year, the 40-year-old General Motors worker has released 100 birds into the countryside near his home on Pine Knob Road in hopes of giving the area's pheasant population a fighting chance.

"It's a good feeling ... like watching your kids fly away," he said. "That's

what I raised them for — to release them."

While pheasant are indigenous to Michigan south of Grayling and were often spotted in Independence Township only a few years ago, development has diminished the birds' ability to survive and reduced their population, Kennedy said.

Pheasants were brought to the United States from China more than 200 years ago, he said.

By breeding the birds and returning some into the surrounding countryside, Kennedy said he'll be boosting their chances for long-term survival in the area.

In fact, Kennedy has purchased several Manchurian ring neck pheasant, a breed that has not been available in the United States until this year. By mating the imported pheasant with indigenous birds, Kennedy hopes to strengthen the township's current pheasant population.

Kennedy is also very selective about which birds he releases, free-



Nature's beauty: Under the light, every color in the rainbow is visible on the feathers of a male pheasant, Kennedy says.

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Voters face full slate of issues, hopefults on election day

Geoffrey Fieger and John Engler aren't the only ones whose political fate will be determined on Tuesdays.

As Clarkston area residents head to the polls Nov. 3 to cast their votes in the 1998 general election, there are a few other names to remember. Here's a recap of the races and issues most likely to impact local residents:

■ Clarkston City Council — With four available positions, including that of the mayor, three incumbent candidates have chosen to run for re-election. All are unopposed.

Mayor Sharron Catallo, along with trustees Karen Sanderson and Anne Clifton, are campaigning for another term. Trustee Doug Roeser will not run for re-election. But Michael Kelley, a member of the planning commission, is running for Roeser's vacant seat on the council.

■ The Clarkston City Council will have much the same look following the Nov. 3 vote, but the candidates say a lot of issues and challenges lie ahead. See story, page A3.

■ Oakland County Commission, District 2 — Encompassing Springfield Township and the northern half of Independence Township, District 2 will belong to one of two candidates after Tuesday's election.

Republican David Galloway, a term-limited state representative, is competing against Democrat Michael Kohut. Galloway won the primary election against incumbent Commissioner Donna Huntoon.

■ State Representative, 46th District — As Tom Middleton reaches term limits in the state House, three individuals will compete for his position.

Republican Ruth Johnson, Democrat Roxanne LaMontaine and Libertarian Mark R. Carney each hope to represent the district, which includes all of Independence and Springfield townships and the city of Clarkston.

■ State Senator, 16th district — In a district that also includes Independence and Springfield townships and the city of Clarkston, incumbent Republican candidate Mat Dunaskiss is opposing Democrat Michael Odette.

■ U.S. Representative, 9th district — Republican Tom McMillin will vie against Democratic incumbent Dale Kilde. Kilde has held the seat since 1992. The district encompasses Independence and Springfield townships and the city of Clarkston.

■ Springfield Township Board of Trustees —

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POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships Oct. 25-29.

Springfield Police

Home Invasion

On Oct. 26, approximately 1,000 baseball cards, jewelry and two swords were reported stolen from a residence on Big Lake Road. About \$350 in damage was done to the front door during forcible entry.

Thefts

On Oct. 26, a camera, binoculars, compact discs a radar detector, and boxes of shotgun shells were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Springfield Circle.

On Oct. 26, about 40 pieces of plywood were reported stolen from a construction site on Shore Side.

Independence Police

Thefts

On Oct. 25, an automobile was reported stolen from Willow

Park Drive. The green 1991 Chevrolet Camaro was taken from the parking lot of the apartment complex where the owner lives.

On Oct. 27 the license plate from a woman's car was reported stolen while she was at work at a grocery store on Sashabaw Road.

On Oct. 27, three coils of wire were reported stolen from a construction site on Dartmouth.

Trespassing

On Oct. 26, a 37-year-old Clarkston man was given a citation for trespassing and disorderly conduct at a bar on Dixie Highway near Waterford Road. Police reports indicated that the man was attempting to start a barfight.

Independence Fire

Between Oct. 25-29, firefighters responded to 22 calls. Among them were 17 medical calls, three personal injury accidents, and one vehicle fire.

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Approximately 20 Clarkston Elementary parents sat among about 50 of their concerned counterparts from Bailey Lake, Pine Knob and Springfield Plains elementary schools and most of those faces were new.

The village people

Patty Baetz, a Clarkston Elementary parent, told 15 members of the boundary realignment committee she felt she was being forced out of that school.

"I live in the Deer Lake Farms subdivision and it's farther for me to go to Springfield Plains, but that's where I'm being pushed," Baetz said. "The Deer Lake Farms subdivision is a big chunk of our village ... and you're basically separating us. I might as well move to California. I don't know anybody who lives beyond I-75 at Springfield Plains."

Nancy Rogers, another Clarkston Elementary parent, informed the committee that she

holds a degree in psychology and a master's in education from Harvard University. Rogers suggested that the proposed redistricting of Clarkston Elementary students was an intentional attempt by the redistricting committee to break up the city of Clarkston.

"The concerns that I share with you involve the psychological ramifications of redistricting on our community — especially the community within Clarkston Elementary," Rogers said. "Our village is the heart of our community. Families love Clarkston, in part, because we offer a place in which our children can go to school together, see each other at church and walk or ride a short distance to one another's homes."

"At Clarkston Elementary, we worked hard to establish a sense of community spirit ... Children thrive on a foundation of consistency. They grow better and they learn better. The newly proposed boundary lines for Clarkston Schools literally cut our village

into pieces.

"It is the redistricting committee's intention that students should attend the closest school and students within a neighborhood should attend the same school. If this is so, why is the village of Clarkston — a small, 1-square-mile portion of the overall district — intentionally divided into three separate areas? This type of division ... appears to have been made intentionally."

According to the committee's preliminary boundary map, some students who live in the village area would remain at Clarkston Elementary, while others would be shifted to Springfield Plains or the new elementary school.

More village voices

Sue Wiley, another Clarkston Elementary parent, told Dale Goby, the Oakland Schools' facilitator who led the redistricting committee, she had heard that one committee member told others in the community that the redistricting recommendation was already set in stone, regardless of parental input at two public forums. Wiley asked Goby if the redistricting hearings would, indeed, influence the committee's final recommendation to the Clarkston Board of Education.

"I don't know what you've heard," Goby said in a measured tone, "but one committee member doesn't make decisions for the group. This (the hearing process) is not a sham." Goby told Wiley that the committee intended to revisit all concerns that were brought up at the hearings. And if the citizen's group was not ready to make a final boundary recommendation after its meeting Oct. 28, it would continue to meet.

However, Leif Gruenberg, a Clarkston Elementary parent, voiced his concerns about the "different interests" of those involved in the redistricting process. He then asked the committee, "If you could identify a no-growth area where the majority of the students walk (to school), would you choose to leave that alone?"

Committee members shook their heads affirmatively.

Gruenberg suggested that the committee keep the village student population at Clarkston Elementary and move a projected new development on Dixie Highway and White Lake Road — slated to be bused to Clarkston Elementary — to Andersonville Elementary instead.

(According to the proposed redistricting plan, however, Andersonville would not have the space to accommodate those future students unless it dropped a neighborhood somewhere else in its current attendance area.)

Interspersed among the commentaries about Clarkston Elementary were more testimonies from Bailey Lake, Pine Knob and Springfield Plains parents.

A plea for diversity

Lesley Banyky, a former Clarkston Elementary parent and a Pine Knob teacher, commented that the strength of Pine Knob's diverse student population was due to the school's current attendance lines. Banyky asked the committee to keep the Village of Lake Waldon subdivision at Pine Knob, instead of sending it to Clarkston Elementary. She suggested that the committee make shifts somewhere else within the school's boundaries to preserve Pine Knob's cultural and socio-economic diversity.

"While my children spent their time at Clarkston Elementary, they had no opportunity to experience diversity," Banyky said. "... Having been a teacher in this district since 1978, I know there is socio-economic diversity within this community. My children did not experience that at Clarkston Elementary. My high school daughter is just beginning to meet children who have different social-economic conditions than hers. Right now at Pine Knob, I am very proud to say that we have a very diverse population."

Don't move us either

Claudia Keglowitz, a Springfield Plains parent and Clarkston Middle School teacher, asked the committee to keep her Autumnglow neighborhood in the Springfield Plains attendance area. That neighborhood is slated to go to the new elementary school, three miles away.

Brian Gatley, a Bailey Lake parent who lives on Cedar Grove north of Whipple Lake Road, said he, too, wanted his neighborhood to remain in its current attendance area. Gatley's neighborhood is also slated to go into the new elementary school under the preliminary plan.

Beyond that, he pointed to concerns in the redistricting process itself.

"I don't envy your position," Gatley said. "You've got a job to do and you've got to do something. But the way this is going, I would like to ask the committee to reconsider the way this process happens. Right now, there are a lot of concerned people here. And if this goes the way that it's going — and we all come up here and voice our concerns — and then all of a sudden we find out that it's going to the board (for final approval) — that board's going to have a heck of a night on its hands."

"We'd like an opportunity to get some feedback from you to know what you've done with our suggestions. I would like to see if we could understand where you're coming from after this (hearing) process."

Clarkston school Superintendent Al Roberts told the audience that when the committee's final recommendation goes to the school board for discussion and a vote, that meeting will be open to the public.

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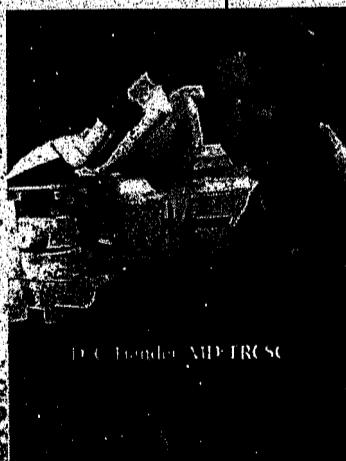
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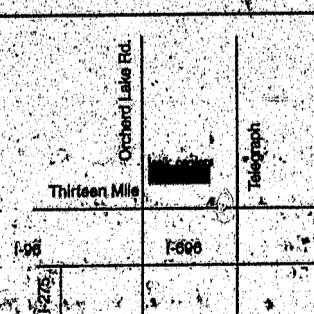
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Chamber prepares for annual business Expo

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Once each year the Clarkston business community and the public take time to become acquainted with one another in a purely social setting.

That time has come again.

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce will present the 1998 Clarkston Community Expo 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the Clarkston Creek Golf Club, 6060' Maybee Road. A business social hour for members of the chamber will be held before the event is open to the public, from 5-6 p.m.

Carroll Cantor, who has acted as chairwoman of the event for the past

four years, called it a "great social event in Clarkston."

"We're ready to show Clarkston what the small businesses have to offer," said Cantor, who is also the owner of Carroll's Flowers and Gardens.

The chamber is an organization made up of area business owners. The annual event, now in its 12th year, gives businesses a chance to introduce and promote themselves to the public. Organizers expect the event will draw more than 1,000 people and feature more than 88 informational exhibits. The well-attended activity showcases community support of local businesses.

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Parks and Recreation Department will offer a shuttle service. The Octagon Club will assist businesses with setting up and taking down displays, while also helping with parking. Clarkston Creek Golf Club donates the use of its facility. And Entertainment Production Co. donates the services of a disc jockey to spin popular rock, country and oldies.

"It's a real community effort," said

Cantor.

If last year's Expo is any indication of what's to come, guests can expect to leave with goodie-bags full of gifts and prizes. Penny Shanks, administrative assistant for the chamber, said NBD Bank is expected to again display its

"money grab machine," where people enter and grab as much cash as they can — to keep.

Waterford Hills Florist, Shanks said, provided a "gorgeous display" last year, showing a full table setting for six with fresh flowers. Door prizes are donated by each business and raffled out to guests.

"It's a chance to meet the people behind the (business) names," said Shanks.

Admission will be \$1 at the door this year. The entrance fee covers the cost of raffle tickets for guests, and is mostly used for corporate sponsorship. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar is planned. Shuttle parking will be available from the Knights of Columbus, 5660 Maybee Road. Look for the well-lit sign.

For more information, contact the chamber at 625-8055.

Little change expected from Clarkston election

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Call it predictable, but in a small community like Clarkston election time still brings a sense of transition.

As the Clarkston City Council elections approach, only four candidates are running for four positions. The election is expected to go rather smoothly for trustees Karen L. Sanderson and Anne N. Clifton and Mayor Sharron Catallo, all of whom are running for re-election.

Newcomer Michael Kelley is running unopposed for the trustee seat currently occupied by Douglas Roeser. A Clarkston resident for two years, Kelley intends to impact the council with fresh views on issues facing the city. Roeser has decided not run for another term.

Finishing her third term as mayor, Catallo has said she intends to stay for as long as she feels she's an asset to the community.

"I really like working for this community," she said. "It continues to be interesting."

Part of her motivation for staying, she said, is to preserve some measure of stability on the council.

City Manager Art Pappas has announced he will retire on Jan. 1. Pappas also works as the city's clerk and treasurer. By staying where she is, Catallo said the transition will be a smoother one.

If re-elected, Catallo will face issues closely related to the area's expanded growth.

"That is the number one issue that has made all the rest of the things happen," she said. "We're doing what we can to help maintain the pedestrian atmosphere of our downtown and our residential (areas). We're not particularly a destination. We have to do things to make it more interesting for people (to come downtown)."

Downtown revitalization has been an ongoing concern for council members. As the Clarkston State Bank prepares to open, bringing a financial institution back to the downtown area, council members, like Trustee David Savage, see it as a step in the right direction.

But Catallo is looking even further ahead. She said there needs to be a willingness on the part of retail businesses to come to Clarkston. In a downtown area that reflects tremendous growth with a wide selection of real estate agencies, Catallo would like to "get back to more retail kinds of businesses." To do so, she said, cooperation from building owners is crucial.

"You can obviously charge more rent for office (space) than with retail (space)," she said. "And you probably don't have some of the problems."

Catallo also mentioned down-

■ We're doing what we can to help maintain the pedestrian atmosphere of our downtown and our residential (areas).

Sharron Catallo
Clarkston mayor

"He really is someone who comes to a lot of meetings," she said. "Because Mike has been on the planning commission, he comes in knowing pretty much where we're at."

Kelley proved that statement when confronted with the issues he regards as most important for Clarkston. Like current council members, Kelley sees the city hall addition as a large, but necessary, obstacle. In addition, he would address concerns pertaining to roads and water.

"We need to look at our city storm sewers," said Kelley. "They are very old."

Kelley said the sewers may need to be rebuilt in the near future. He is also interested in the Depot Road parking lot project.

Discussion regarding the repairing of sidewalks and improvements to the lot has continued, and Kelley would like to see that project through. As with most objectives, the council would have to secure the funds to pay for such improvements, a question he considers routine.

"As with most of the issues, how are we going to pay for these projects?" he asked.

Kelley does not favor raising taxes, but he does see a need to find funds in the budget to do the necessary work.

As a trustee, Kelley said, he would bring a fresh face and new perspective to the council.

"I think it's time we got some

Ballot

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Republican Richard Miller is running unopposed for one seat on the board this November. He was appointed to the board to fill the vacancy left by Trustee Charles Oaks. He won the August primary election against Wanda Rothermel.

■ Springfield Township bond proposition — Voters have an opportunity to decide whether to approve the sale of \$4.5 million in revenue bonds to build a new civic center. The center would include a library and governmental offices.

■ Independence Township police millage renewal — Voters will determine whether to renew 2.7264 mills for another four years of police services.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. On the ballot, voters may cast a vote for all candidates of one party, or may split the ticket by choosing candidates from different parties.

new faces, to take a different look at some things we need to deal with," Kelley said.

While Clifton may not be new to the council, she has initiated a number of projects that will impact the city — and she wants to see those goals become a reality.

Clifton mentioned the city hall expansion as another important project in the works.

"We know what we need, but we don't know what we can afford," she said, referring to the issue of funding.

Clifton was also optimistic about the future of Clarkston's roads.

"We took a stand last week with the new truck ordinances," she commented. "We still have some issues of control of local roads."

Clifton would like to see truck traffic regulated on the roads, particularly those that were not built to withstand heavy loads. The issue has affected her personally as a Main Street resident whose house shakes every night from the sound of heavy, speeding truck traffic.

"With these old foundations, I'm sure there is structural damage."

She said that all of the issues she mentioned are tied into maintaining the integrity of the village, a pursuit she takes seriously.

Fellow trustee candidate Sanderson was unavailable for comment.

Though Catallo doesn't anticipate the council will be altered much after Tuesday's election, she did say that council members will miss Doug Roeser. Roeser's interest in parks and recreation, as well as his concerns with the budget, have been valuable assets to the council, she said.

"He's very good at what he does," Catallo said. "We are going to miss him."

Interested parties had until 4 p.m. Friday to register as writers in candidates. As of press time, none had.

Breeder

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ing those that are highly aggressive, and therefore best equipped to survive in the wild.

"Some will die," he said, exposing the realist behind the idealist. Kennedy may not like it — pheasants have many predators in the area, including owls, raccoons and eagles — but that is nature's way, he said.

Occasionally, though, a symbolic visitor will pay its respects to Kennedy, one of the male pheasants that has been released will return to "roost" on top of the gigantic cage in his backyard.

"I am glad to see that he is surviving," said Kennedy, describing pheasant behavior as territorial and similar to "kids on a playground."

Pheasant are prone to nasty fights over small things, like a place to perch or sleep, he said.

Members of the peacock family, they are, most certainly, beautiful birds.

Under the sunlight, their feathers reveal every color in



the rainbow, Kennedy added. "People watch fish in a fishbowl and they relax. This is my fishbowl."

But Kennedy's relationship with the birds isn't exclusively one of altruism and admiration.

Kennedy and his family will kill, butcher and eat many of

the birds this winter — a hard fact that Kennedy is as open about discussing as his crusade to ensure the birds' survival in the area.

"They understand it's part of the cycle of life," he said. "They see birth, they see death, they see dinner."

Warren Kennedy
pheasant breeder

AGENDAS

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7:30 p.m. Wednesday,
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21, 1998, Oct. 7, 1998
Approval of Agenda
Public Comment: Items Not
On Agenda
Public Hearing

Old Business

1. Regulating Bed and Breakfast Accommodations

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1. Highlights of Statewide Land Use Planning Conference

Other Business

Adjournment

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Good Thinking

Church to celebrate arrival of new pastor

The people of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Clarkston, invite the community to celebrate the installation of Pastor Jonathan Heierman at 8:30 and 11 a.m. today, Sunday, Nov. 1.

Bishop Robert Rimbo of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA will preside at the special

worship celebrations. A reception will follow each service.

Pastor Heierman comes to Calvary from Joy of Christ Lutheran Church, Pearl City, Hawaii, where he served for nine years. Originally from Chillicothe, Ohio, Heierman attended Indiana University with a major in anthropology and geology. He

graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus in 1988 with a master of divinity degree.

Pastor Heierman is married to Debbie and together they have two sons, Adam, 9, and Nathan, 2.

For more information call (248) 625-3288.

LETTERS

Library is desperately needed in Springfield

I am writing to urge all voters of Springfield Township to vote yes for the library/civic center bond proposal on Nov. 3.

As a Springfield Township librarian I know first-hand of the desperate state of our library. The current building is an 1800s one-room schoolhouse. There is one Internet computer and one library catalog. The children's room is in the basement.

Last year we experienced a flood which destroyed a large number of our children's materials. There is no quiet reading area for adults or children. Among other problems:

■ Overcrowding forces us to continuously put books in storage. Nearly one-third of our collection is in a rented storage facility.

■ Our children's programs are held when the library is closed due to space problems and registration is very limited. We always have a waiting list for our storytimes. Group activities for the popular Summer Reading Program had to be held at the parks and recreation center.

■ Our Friends of the Library

president stores all of our book sale items in her own home due to lack of storage space in the library.

The need for a new facility is obvious to all who use our library. We try to provide the best possible service under extremely difficult conditions. A new library would be a valuable asset to our community for many years. Besides our continued high level of service, the new library would provide:

- Room for the entire book collection plus space to grow.
- Reading areas for adults and children, including a quiet room.
- A full-time story room for children which enables the story times to be held while the library is open; parents can browse for books while children are in programs.

- Expanded technology with several Internet computers as well as computers with word processing, cd-rom stations and more library catalogs.
- The bond also provides for the purchase of new library materials.
- A large meeting room for a variety of library and community events.

The library/civic center bond proposal is for 0.85 mil. This is an estimated cost of \$35 for a home selling for \$100,000 — less than the cost of a dinner out. After five years the cost decreases.

The library provides services for everyone. A yes vote on this proposal is an investment in our community.

Kathryn Kraepel,
Librarian-Technical
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Springfield Township
Library

**Support library —
vote yes**

There are certain events which last a lifetime. One of mine was as a child, getting my first library card. I couldn't believe it when the kindly lady behind the desk handed me back a magical passport to people and exotic lands. Each book I took home was like finding buried treasure. In later years I would marvel at the gold found within the pages of Twain, Stevenson, Poe and others.

The library was not just a place to go for entertainment but also for answers — academic

and personal. I can't think of anything that opens as many doors as a library card. And you can go use it as often as you want. For free.

Maybe you have used our local library just to thumb through a magazine, borrow a videotape, a video or a compact disc. Or to seek out that incredible novel you heard about. Perhaps your children have utilized it to improve their performance in school or "surf" the Internet.

Maybe you know a neighbor or friend who found some inspiration or comfort on its shelves. If you haven't been there recently, do stop by. One visit will convince even the most cynical that the Springfield Township Library's present cramped space is woefully inadequate — by any standard. Nearly a third of its collection sits in storage. Storytelling programs for children, our most valuable resource, are so limited some have been turned away and put on waiting lists.

What a waste. Our township deserves better. Our children deserve better.

On Nov. 3, township residents have a unique opportunity to improve the quality of their lives forever by simply voting "Yes" on the library/civic center bond issue. If you find out you are terminally ill, this proposal requires government, strangers and red tape to be put in the center of your life at a time when God and family should be.

imize these important resources to a strategically located area. For these reasons cited above, it seems a prudent course of action to support this bond issue.

Mike Martindale
Davisburg

Civic center bond is prudent measure

This past summer our family benefited greatly from the level of services the library's staff provided. It became obvious, though, that certain limitations in the library structure/system reduced the opportunity to assist others effectively in the growing Springfield-Davisburg area.

The building itself needs vast improvement and upgrade to meet technology requirements and space needs for future generations. However, when looking at the limited land for expansion and parking along with the age of the building, one sees that the proposed bond issue is the best alternative in the long run.

Proposing a joint civic center/library is a great idea which would centralize and maximize the use of the building.

was struck by the Oct. 26 Detroit News article on Proposal B that used "David" to represent those in favor of assisted suicide and "Goliath" as the wealthy against it. Whose side do you think the Lord is on?

I am voting no on Proposal B because I believe life is a gift from God, not a freedom of choice. Many in our society have turned to the rights given us by our forefathers to guide their lives — the rights to happiness and freedom over faith and morality. Society has forgotten that the founders of our country believed in God. Our money states "In God We Trust" and we begin sessions of Congress with prayer. They did not separate God from government from interfering with your faith. Should you find out you are terminally ill, this proposal requires government, strangers and red tape to be put in the center of your life at a time when God and family should be.

Life is a gift, even life that is dying. Don't let human fear of pain or being a burden to others outweigh doing what is right according to God. Pain can be controlled and you won't be a burden to people you have loved. It is my opinion, which is the "David" in this issue, and it is the Lord driving the fight against our "Goliath" society that honors and justifies whatever feels good.

Barbara Timm
Clarkston

Don't compromise life

People who truly care about people and about family values should vote "no" on Proposal B and be prepared to fight this and any similar proposals that follow. Our motto should be "Do What's Right." Having doctors kill someone is not right! Think about this exactly in these terms. Killing people is wrong — morally and legally no matter what the conditions happen to be. If we as a people allow proposal "B" to pass, then what will follow it?

And you can be assured that something more liberal will follow it such as instead of having this apply to terminally older Americans, it could be applied to infants and children with parents' consent.

Please understand that what makes this country stand out from all others is our ability to cherish and value life. Let's not compromise what we and our parents have worked to obtain.

Vote "no" on B, please.

Douglas J. Calaman
Clarkston

Shocked by endorsement

It was a shock to see the Eccentric's endorsement of Proposal B — "The Final Solution." Are the lessons of Nazi Germany's "health care" and "pain management" so soon forgotten?

Lee Albin
Troy

Offices to close for Veteran's Day

The offices of the Independence Township government will be closed Friday, Nov. 13, in observance of Veteran's Day.

SEARS

In our November 1st insert we inadvertently switched the item descriptions and pricing for the two table saws on page 9. Item A should have been described as the 10" Contractor's table #29941

priced at \$329.88. Item B should have been described as the 10" table saw #29921 priced at \$279.88. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our customers.

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THE SPORTS AUTHORITY

County weighs benefits of televising commission meetings

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

A pilot project to televise meetings of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners is likely to be unveiled later this month. But the debate already has Republicans and Democrats generally taking sides.

Democrats generally favor televising meets as a good way to inform voters about how commissioners conduct the public's business. "To many people, county government is almost a ghost government," said commissioner Vincent Gregory, D-Southfield. "Television would be a good vehicle for informing people about commissioners' responsibilities and the role they play in local government."

Republicans see the advantage of televising meetings and informing the public. But they wince at the cost.

"Televising the meetings would be great, particularly after people got accustomed to the idea and (presumably) no longer played to the cameras," said commissioner Lawrence A. Obrecht, R-Lake Orion. But the cost is a factor, he said.

Over the last three years, Democrats have twice introduced proposals to televise county board meetings as well as committee sessions. Until recently, however, the proposals haven't garnered much support.

When the board's General Government Committee meets on Nov. 9, however, commissioners will get a preliminary look at a proposal to test the feasibility of televising regular county board sessions in addition to committee meetings.

"Reception from cable companies has been enthusiastic," said Sheryl L. Mitchell, the board's administrative analyst who prepared the pilot proposal. Companies are receptive to the idea that people might be interested in what their county commissioners are doing, she said.

Tentative plans call for a camera crew to tape the regular, twice-a-month county board sessions and committee



Frustrated Democrats push for televised meetings

While arguments about televising meetings of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners focus on the cost/benefits ratio, outnumbered — and frequently ignored — Democrats see yet another advantage: a direct channel to voters.

"We know we have to work harder, and we do," said commissioner Jeff Kingzett, a Democrat who represents Auburn Hills and part of Pontiac. Televising meetings would inform the public about the issues, he said, "and voters could see for themselves."

Kingzett insisted Democratic pressure for televised meetings is consistent with his party's philosophy. "As a political party, we always want more open government," he said.

Republicans say they want open government. But at what cost?

They also worry that giving commissioners a televised forum would turn routine meetings into marathon sessions, "with podiums becoming soapboxes."

When the cameras roll, it's human nature for commissioners, as well as visitors, to play to the cameras, rather than sticking to the issues, said commissioner John P. Garfield, "especially in an election year."

Garfield, who is vice chair of the General Government Committee, speculated Democrats — rather than he and his GOP colleagues — would be more inclined to use televised meetings as an inexpensive way to reach voters.

That view, however, is disputed by commissioner Gilda Z. Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods, who introduced the most recent resolution to televise county board meetings. She's also chair of the Democratic caucus.

"It's frustrating to be the minority party," said Jacobs, who with her Democratic colleagues is outnumbered 18 to 7. "And sometimes it's difficult to get our message out."

"But there's no good reason for not televising county board meetings," she insisted. "So what if much of the work is done in committee? It's still a way to educate the public."

— BY PAT MURPHY

meetings, Mitchell said. Tapes of those meetings would then be made available for broadcast on public access channels. The municipal channels could then broadcast those meetings as their respective schedules allowed. Mitchell said the costs would depend on a number of factors. "Do you have one person with a camera?" she asked, "or do you have a production crew?"

Estimates vary. Mitchell said the pilot project will likely cost around \$2,000. But some commissioners fear actual costs would be much higher. "I've heard estimates as high as \$200,000," said commissioner John P. Garfield, R-Rochester Hills. "I think the money could be better spent elsewhere."

Televising city, village or township meetings give viewers a more representative view of what actually takes place, Douglas said. County board meetings, in contrast, are often cut and dry because much of the work — and debate — is done in committee.

Maybe so, said commissioner Jeff Kingzett. But commissioners should do something to make county government more visible. "People don't know what we do," he said. "Televising meetings might not be the perfect solution, but it's a step in the right direction."

**Lawrence Obrecht
County commissioner**

■ **'Televising the meetings would be great, particularly after people got accustomed to the idea and (presumably) no longer played to the cameras.'**

PROPOSAL B IS BAD PUBLIC POLICY

Lost amid all of the heated debate on the moral issues raised with Assisted Suicide is any reasoned, civilized analysis of Proposal B. The specific issue before the voters is whether Proposal B should be adopted, and that is where our focus should be as we approach November 3.

We, the undersigned, believe that **Proposal B is bad public policy for Michigan**. No matter how one feels about Assisted Suicide, we urge Michigan voters to **VOTE NO ON PROPOSAL B** for the following reasons:

- A. This is a **BADLY WRITTEN** piece of legislation that requires state health officials to regulate an 11-page, 12,000 word suicide law, with oversight regulated by a committee "who is not opposed to...(assisted suicide)" and ...not open to inspection, and are not subject to the Open Meetings Act...or the Freedom of Information Act..."
- B. This bill allows the out-of-state relatives of any Michigan resident to make use of our access to assisted suicide. Do we want Michigan to become the "SUICIDE CAPITAL?"
- C. We must protect our uninsured, disabled, elderly, and minorities from being made to feel a "DUTY TO DIE" instead of a "Right to Die".
- D. **PAIN IS CONTROLLABLE.** We need to continue to ENCOURAGE the development and use of pain medication and therapy to relieve the pain of the suffering.
- E. We do not want to give HMO's or Medicaid a new way to cut cost by ENCOURAGING DEATH over costly treatments or pain medication as Oregon Medicaid has already done.
- F. We already have the **RIGHT TO REFUSE** any extraordinary MEDICAL TREATMENT. We have the right to receive maximum pain management. Proposal B adds nothing to our right to control medical care, except, of course, the right to kill.
- G. We do want to become like Holland, a country the size of Michigan, where euthanasia is quasi-legal they EUTHENIZE OVER 11,000 PERSONS PER YEAR, of which fully 1/3 are non-voluntary. The legal definition in the Netherlands has been expanded to include such things as mental illness, permanent disability, and even simple old age.
- H. In the United States legalizing "voluntary active euthanasia" (assisted suicide) means **LEGALIZING NONVOLUNTARY** euthanasia. State courts have ruled time and again that if competent people have a right, the EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE of the United States Constitution's Fourteenth Amendment requires that incompetent people be "given" the same "right".
- I. **YOU DON'T SOLVE PROBLEMS BY GETTING RID OF THE PEOPLE TO WHOM THE PROBLEM HAPPENS.** The more difficult but humane solution to human suffering is to address the problems.

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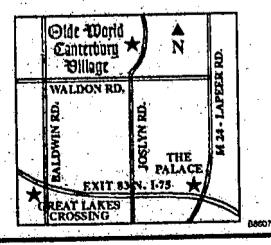
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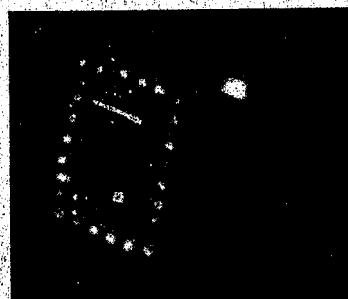
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The Jewelry Lady polishes your gem queries

The Jewelry Lady returns to this space to answer your pressing bauble and bangle questions. She is an expert on all aspects of fine jewelry — diamonds and fine gems, colored gemstones, gold, silver, platinum, fashion trends, suitability, insurance, care and cleaning, birthstones, anniversary gems, history, legend, lore and more.

The Jewelry Lady gained her wealth of knowledge by growing up in a family of jewelers, working the counter, cleaning customers' rings, designing remounts, buying from vendors and continuing on to a more formal education through correspondence courses with the Gemological Institute of America and the American Gem Society. She keeps her ring finger on the pulse of what is happening in the world, jewelry-wise. She shares her wisdom, expertise and opinions with you in this guest column.

Dear Jewelry Lady (J.L.),
I just purchased a strand of pearls and the jewelers told me that I need to restrung them once a year. Is this true?

Cultured, but Confused in Rochester Hills

Dear Cultured,
Did you ever notice how much toothpaste supposedly normal adults put on their toothbrushes on TV commercials? (No, the Jewelry Lady is not losing her grip. This is the beginning of your answer.) Most people don't use that much toothpaste unless they like decorating their sink and floor with it. The same principal holds true with pearl restringing. (Ah, here is the connection.) Unless you are in the habit of wearing your pearls daily, twisting them in knots while you speak, and pulling on them as you liberally apply hairspray and cosmetics, chances are you can restrung your cultured lovelies every few years or so. If your pearls feel at all loose on their cord, if the cord looks a bit discolored or frayed, don't look back. Run to your nearest jeweler for restrung.

Dear J.L.,
I've heard my jeweler use the term "girdle" when discussing my diamond. What was he talking about?

Squeezed in Troy

Dear Squeezed,
Before we get into the nitty gritty of girdles and all the other important facets of diamonds, the Jewelry Lady has to say that it is an absolute blessing that women of our generation are not expected to wear those torture devices our mothers endured for generations. We even wear comfortable shoes without hearing snickers. (It's a great time to be alive!)

But about your diamond's girdle, be assured that your jeweler wasn't making any snide comments about your diamond's weight — or yours. He was referring to the outermost edge of the stone. When you look down at a cut diamond, the outline of the stone is the girdle. Diamond cutters get headaches when cutting this part of a rough diamond. Too thick, the diamond looks klutzy. Too thin, and this "forever" gem can crack at a most inconvenient time. A girdle that is just right increases the value of the stone, as it should. So loosen your belt, and enjoy your next visit to your jeweler.

The Jewelry Lady is available to answer all your urgent jewelry questions. You may reach her at fax number (248) 582-9229, or at rodgers@mich.com.



Byers aware: The Belsnickle, a Byers' Choice caroler. Below: John Hardy's silver ball ornament at Neiman Marcus.

BY LINDA BACHRACK
STAFF WRITER

Twenty years ago, a former fashion designer named Joyce Byers sat at her kitchen table in a small Pennsylvania village and meticulously crafted Christmas carolers out of clothing hangers, tissue and papier mache. Her first figurines were characters from Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, complete with Victorian-inspired clothing. O-shaped mouths and hand-painted faces. Byers' "Christmas pin money" hobby gradually evolved into a manufacturing empire that produces more than 500,000 holiday carolers annually.

But the Byers keep the spirit of old St. Nick alive year-round by caring about their employees, their community and those less fortunate. They established a foundation in 1986 that donates about 20 percent of the company's annual profits to charities and nonprofit cultural organizations. Benefactors include The Salvation Army and Meals-on-Wheels. The Salvation Army has received over \$320,000 from the Byers since 1992. "We're glad to share with as many people as we can," says Joyce. For the Byers, Joyce and her husband Bob, charitable acts seem as essential as a healthy bottom line.

Sandy Barr, owner of The Village Barn in Franklin, caters to Byers' Choice caroler collectors with a special event on Saturday, Nov. 7. "A representative will informally discuss past and present carolers," says Barr. She will exhibit the new carolers, including The Belsnickle, a 20th anniversary commemorative Santa,

as well as retired favorites.

INSPIRED ORNAMENTS

Though it's easy to be blinded by the glitter and tinsel that dominate store shelves this season, there are several other holiday collectible manufacturers who give back to charitable organizations. You may already be familiar with these philanthropic designers. If not, you may want to consider adding their creations to your tree or mantel.

Christopher Radko is world renowned for his mouth-blown glass ornaments. This year, he has designed four limited-edition collector pieces that directly benefit the charities for which they were created. "Sugar Holiday" was inspired by Elizabeth Taylor's Maltese named Sugar. Profits from sales will be used by the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation to support other organizations in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Radko's "Elfin Magic" was created exclusively to benefit foundations across his country, Poland, that support the fight against pediatric cancer. The little purple elf is reminiscent of an old-world European story book character. Feline lovers will purr over "Felina's Heart," Radko's contribution to the cause of breast cancer. All of the profits from this ornament will be divided among organizations

Deck the halls with holiday spirit of giving



Heartfelt haven: Department 56 contributes millions to Ronald McDonald Houses across the country.

that further breast cancer research. "Cozykins" is the first in a three-part bear series that benefits the international Christopher Radko Foundation for Children. "Cozykins" awaits Christmas morning tucked into a glittery red stocking.

All of the Radko ornaments can be found at The Village Barn and can be viewed, along with scores of new and retired Radko creations, at a special event at the store on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 1-4 p.m. The shop has its own Collectors Club.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Those folks who transform their homes into entire Christmas villages are intimately familiar with Department 56. The holiday decor manufacturer makes finely crafted lighted villages, collectibles and trim. Dept. 56 offers seven village series within

The Original Snow Village and The Heritage Village collections. Each is handcrafted of ceramic or porcelain.

Collectors may not be aware, however, of the Department 56 commitment to Ronald McDonald House. For the past three years, Ronald McDonald House locations across the country have been the recipients of over \$2 million from Department 56's Homes for the Holidays fund-raisers. Last year, Dept. 56 was the holiday decorator for Ronald McDonald House interiors. This year, the com-

pany will provide ornaments to families staying at the houses. The House that Heart Built is limited to 5,600 created nationally. Participating merchants include the Canterbury Village Always Christmas store, English Gardens garden centers, Hudson's, Plain and Fancy in Rochester and M.T. Hunter in Birmingham and Northville.

ALTRUISTIC DESIGNS

Accessories designer John Hardy, known for his sterling silver jewelry, has created a limited-edition holiday ornament exclusively for the NM Foundation, an organization established by Neiman Marcus to award a deserving, under-funded nonprofit group with significant funds to dramatically affect its operation. The Hardy ornament is a 4-inch silver-plated ball pierced in intricate shapes by an Indonesian cutwork technique. The effect is dazzling, giving it a reflective quality. The ornament retails for \$55 at Neiman Marcus in the Somerset Collection.

A special Pink Ribbon Ornament to benefit the American Cancer Society's breast cancer programs, services and research is available at English Gardens for \$5.98. The handcrafted glass wreath is topped by a matte pink ribbon. Also at English Gardens, look for a white ball ornament with red and green lettering. The garden centers teamed with WNIC radio to create this ornament to benefit Toys for Tots.



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, NOVEMBER 1

MORE BEANIES

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

HOLIDAY CRAFTS

The Global Gifts and Crafts Shop and the UNICEF Card Shop, both non-profit holiday stores, open today in the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, corner of Willits and Bates streets. The Shops are open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. All profits go to third-world craftspeople who make the products. Both stores remain open through Dec. 18.



ADDED ATTRACTIONS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

IN FINE FASHION

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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ZANY CELEBRATION

ZYZYX celebrates its first anniversary with chances to win shopping sprees, jewelry and dolls. Hot cider and candy will be served. ZYZYX features arts, crafts and jewelry for the holiday season. Event continues on Saturday, The Boardwalk, 6885 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

NATIVE CRAFTS

Woodlands Indians Trading Co. presents an Indian Corn Necklace Workshop hosted by Joyce Tin-kham, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. \$5. 26161 West Six Mile Road, Redford; (313) 387-5930.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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The Fuller Brush number is 1-800-522-0499, and at Professional Sanitary Supply in Pontiac (248) 253-0820, or Home Trends catalog 1-800-810-2340.

Stores that buy old records include Solo Records, (14 Mile/Woodward); Flipside (14 Mile near Main, Clawson); Car City (Harper north of Eight Mile, Detroit). Or order the James Marshall catalog (\$89) for the going prices of old records: 1-800-230-6813.

Barbara found "Sun Ripen Raspberry" lotion by Bath & Body Shop at Sears around Christmas.

Button necklaces can be found at the Great Midwestern Antique emporium on Dixie Highway in Drayton Plains, Bldth 4, open Tuesday-Sunday. Found Santa Bears, old Avon bottles, Pot Belly stove, a mangle, an aluminum Christmas tree.

"Wisteria" by Corelle and a flavor meat injector were seen at

the Kensington outlet mall off of I-96, Exit 183, at the Corning Revere Clearance Store.

Patty found a "Buttoniere" at Bed Bath & Beyond in Walled Lake and at Joanne Fabrics.

The fragrance "Replique" was seen at Fragrance Unlimited on 4836 Washtenaw A-7 in Ann Arbor, (313) 434-0692.

F&M in Westland will special order "Gee Your Hair Smells Terrific" and Mennen products if they are on their list.

We're Still Looking For:

Looking for the store in the Birmingham area that repairs laundry bag zippers and other zippers.

For Mrs. D, Velvet pastry flour in the 5 pound size.

John is looking for old episodes of "Welcome Back Kotter."

Janice is looking for ceramic address numbers trimmed in wood.

Linda wants the game "Rubick Race" by Ideal.

Virginia is looking for two puzzles from the Be Puzzled Company from the impossible line, "Return To Sender" and "Who's On First?"

Joan wants a copy of James Patterson's "Virgin".

Pamela wants to know where to purchase or someone to knit children's clothing.

Mary Beth is looking for the 1955 edition of "365 Bedtime Stories" published by Whitman Publishing.

Marni is looking for the "1997 David Winter Christmas cottage."

Joyce wants to sell her Avon cars, plates and bottles.

Henrietta is looking for a 1995

Avon Mother's Day Plate and Gilchrist & Soames Cleansing Bar Oatmeal soap.

Tracy is looking for the Hallmark 1986 Christmas Candy Shop ornaments and nostalgic houses shop collectors series.

Nancy wants to sell her 10-year-old Kirby vacuum cleaner and attachments (best offer).

Claire is looking for "Vera Bradley" purses, placements and luggage.

Jocelyn is looking for "Schroeder" dresses.

Judy is looking for a flat brass Christmas ornament by Biedermann made in Germany in 1970.

Kathleen of Birmingham is looking for someone to read Hungarian. She has old family letters, post cards and pictures.

Michelle of Bloomfield Township is looking for a children's Wooden Barn set.

Joan is looking for a hockey crochet pattern.

Irene wants to sell her collection of "Emmett Kelly" dolls.

Beverly wants "Libby Cobalt Blue" stemmed glasses (7-1/2 inches high and 2 inches across the top); they're discontinued.

Barbara is looking for "Diorissimo Eau Toilette" by Christian Dior.

Jan wants men's white sweat socks with no elastic on the top.

Rita wants the perfume "Uninhibited" by Cher.

Nancy of Troy is looking for all back issues of the "Martha Stewart Wedding" magazines.

Olivia has a used "Bric Train" table.

Compiled by Sandi Jarachas

CONTINENTAL COLLECTION

EuropeDirect WareHouse, the Midwest's largest importer of handcrafted European furniture, reproductions and accessories, rolls out the welcome mat on Tuesday, Nov. 3 in Ferndale. EDW imports its wares direct to the newly renovated 9,000-square-foot showroom at 927 Hilton Road. Find unique and affordable one-of-a-kind collectibles.

DESERVING DUO

Cheryl and Karen Daskas, sisters and co-owners of Tender in downtown Birmingham, are the recipients of the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce "Business Person of the Year" award. It will be presented during the BBCC 50th annual dinner on Nov. 4 at Forest Lake Country Club. The award honors the Daskases for their success in business, their devotion to the community and integrity to their business and professional relationships. Tender is a sophisticated ladies boutique that carries simple, understated and modern fashions by young European and American designers.

FRANKLY FABULOUS

Saks Fifth Avenue will be the exclusive retailer for Frank McIntosh Home, a renowned gift and home accessories innovator. McIntosh is a pioneer of the concept of home accessories as functional art. In keeping with that

philosophy, home entertaining and its accompanying needs are a strong focus of the collection. Serving trays, martini shakers and canape plates are examples. The collection also includes Pashmina cashmere lap throws, enamel and stone picture frames, Anna Weatherley's hand-painted bone china and Lesley Roy dinnerware.

ANTIQUE JEWELS

Detroit native Bernard Cohen introduces his collection of English, Continental and American antique jewelry at Saks Fifth Avenue in the Somerset Collection, Monday-Wednesday, Nov. 2-4.

The photographer/antique jewelry importer will personally assist

clients from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. in the fine jewelry department. Many of the pieces are signed by such famous names as Guillo and Castellani, Van Cleef and Arpels, Tiffany & Co., Julius Cohen and Marina B.

SYMPHONY CELEBRATION

The

Volunteer Council of Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall presents its annual Nutcracker Luncheon and Holiday Bouquet event on Thursday, Nov. 12 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. More than 25 specialty boutiques participate in the holiday shopping spree from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Participants include Mary Beattie of Beverly Hills, Festivities of Birmingham, Klassics by



CLARKSTON BAND BOOSTERS FRUIT SALE!

It's time again for the Annual Clarkston Band Boosters Fruit Sale for 1998. Orders can be taken by Clarkston Band members starting October 26 through November 20. Delivery of fruit to be on December 12, 1998 at the old High School Football Field. Oranges and Grapefruit available for \$21.00 for a full case and \$12.00 per 1/2 case.

Contact Blaine or Jean Aldrich 625-0179 or Marla McKee at 625-7067 for more information

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FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Affordable French wines can be found

Are prices of top French wines scaring you? For the first time in many years, the over-fueled prices of 1996 classified Bordeaux wines kept us out of this market.

Because top-ranked Bordeaux chateaux get all the hype and lots of wine magazine ink, you may think that's what Bordeaux is all about. Not true. The top classified Bordeaux chateaux produce less than 5 percent of the wine. However, in dollars, depending on the vintage, they can make up to 15 percent of sales.

What about 95 percent of the wine that's not from classified Bordeaux chateaux? It often comes from what are referred to as petits chateaux. It can also be produced in "satellite" regions surrounding the top-ranked vineyards.

Expensive land

With modern grape farming methods and state-of-the-art winemaking equipment, petite chateaux are turning out some dynamite wines. Many of these properties have been family-owned for generations and land costs are low. The problem with California's north coast vineyards is that they are, in the main, recent land acquisitions at very high prices.

Land costs have driven up the price of California wines. Add to this the cost of replanting due to the recent phylloxera devastation, short crops in 1995 and 1996 and you can understand why your favorite under \$10 California brand is now at \$15 and more.

However, with a little search, you can find great French wines to drink and even some that will age in the \$8-15 range. In general, these wines are from the 1994, 1995 and 1996 vintages, all considered above average, with 1995 ranking highest of the three.

In a September wine column, we mentioned the following petite chateaux, all imported by Seagram Chateau & Estates, and we recommend them highly again: 1995 Chateau Bel Air \$14, 1995 Chateau Plagmac Greysac \$16, 1995

\$15, 1995 Chateau La Cardonne \$16 and 1995 Chateau Larose-Trintaudon \$18.

Bargains

Since then, we've been on the hunt and have found some more bargains from Bordeaux and other regions of France. We believe that the importer's reputation plays a significant role in finding the best quality to price ratio.

Please see WINES, B2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

■ Unique

■ Main Dish Miracle



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Holiday fare: A ready-made vegetarian dinner roast (left) is one of the items to be featured at the 11th annual Holiday Tasting Extravaganza on Nov. 15.

Below: Jeanie Weaver enjoys introducing participants to the many delicious meatless dishes that can be prepared for the holidays including the festive roast (lower left) surrounded by noodles.

Festive holiday meals... without meat

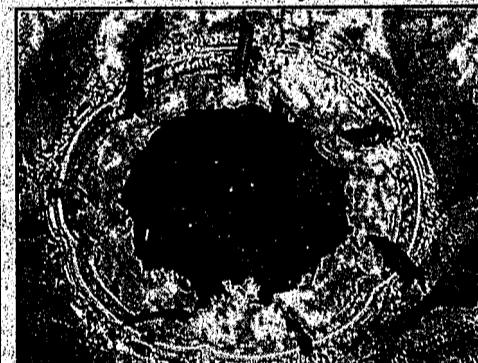
BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY • SPECIAL WRITER

What? No big juicy bird for the center of the holiday dinner table? How can anyone possibly celebrate without this traditional food fare? For a growing number of individuals, meatless meals are a way of life, not only everyday, but also on holidays.

That's the case for Jeanie Weaver and her family. Weaver is the chairperson of annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting at Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist School in Plymouth, and has been for the 11 years since its inception.

The granddaughter of a beef cattle rancher became a vegetarian in high school due partly to her religious convictions but primarily because of the health benefits that come from eating a diet of fruits, vegetables and plant-based protein.

"I went to a church-sponsored boarding school, and little by little I moved toward a vegetarian lifestyle," she said. Her interest in a healthy, nutritional way of life grew into a career as a certified physical education and fitness instructor. "And the more I studied, the more I learned that eliminating meat from my diet was definitely the healthiest way



to go."

Weaver not only shares her recipes and healthy beliefs with church and community members, but also with her three children, Justin, 15, Jeremy, 12 and Jessica, 10. Her husband, Robert, is lifelong vegetarian.

"I don't believe in pushing my beliefs on anyone, including my children," she said. "Following a vegetarian lifestyle is a personal choice. God has

respected us enough to let us do what we want to do.

I respect others' opinions. However, if someone asks why I'm a vegetarian, I am happy to share how

scientific research is discovering more and more that eliminating meat and poultry from the diet and adding more fruits, vegetables, seeds and nuts is

the better choice for healthy living.

"Everyone knows how animal fat clogs arteries and can lead to heart disease," she said. "What many people do not know is that meat proteins take a very long time to digest, thereby causing an extra burden on the body."

In addition, according to Weaver, a vegetarian

11th Annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza

When: 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15. Choice of three sessions 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty Road (just north of Five Mile Road), Plymouth

Cost: \$8 adults, \$3 children (ages 6-12). Tickets required, call (734) 495-0702 for information.

Highlights:

- Over 50 vegetarian creations to taste. Choose from dairy, non-dairy, and prepared meat substitute entrees.
- Holiday garnishing ideas
- Registered dietitian on hand for informal questions.
- Holiday caroling presented for your enjoyment.

All Vegetarians are Not Equal

There are three types of vegetarians. All three eat fruits, nuts, grains, seeds, and vegetables. This diet is total vegetarian.

Lacto-ovo vegetarians also eat eggs and milk products. Lacto-vegetarians eat milk products but no eggs.



diet helps partakers stay trim, healthy and full of energy.

"Those individuals interested in converting to a vegetarian lifestyle — and these days the movement has become increasingly popular — would do best to make changes gradually, such as choosing two meatless meals a week. Little by little meatless meals can replace all meat-centered meals."

She explained that it is often hard to replace the taste and texture in meats all at once. "For many this is a shock. However, making the change little by little guarantees success. Gradually your taste buds will change."

"Many people think there is little taste and excitement in a vegetarian menu, especially when it comes to special meals such as a holiday fare. It was this common attitude that led to the Holiday Tasting Extravaganza. Vegetarian cooks prepare wonderful and extremely tasty dishes to share with the hundreds who flock to this popular event."

Lorraine Lane of Livonia is one of those cooks who, for a number of years, has introduced Holiday Tasting Extravaganza participants to her tasty creations suitable for the holidays.

Her Thanksgiving table at home looks similar to those found across America — there's corn, cranber-

Please see HOLIDAY, B2

Count your blessings for good health on Thanksgiving

LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY



BEVERLY PRICE

Up until the Spring of 1988, I considered myself phenomenally healthy. I ran three to five miles daily, bench pressed half my weight, led an active social life, and was budding into my career as a dietitian. My health, however, took a turn for the worst at age 27 when "strange things" started happening to my body. I remember going from "good" to "bad" in a matter of 24 hours.

In the late fall of 1988, I had a routine blood test at my physician's office. The results indicated an early detection of an autoimmune disorder. At that point, I thought that I'd better pursue medical help as I was planning a trip to Moscow and Leningrad to present my nutrition study at the Soviet-American Nutrition Conference. Needless to say, my physician canceled the trip, and relinquished me to no work and no exercise for eight weeks. My Thanksgiving was spent pondering the future.

Diagnosis

After a few years of trial and error with medications and diagnoses, I was officially diagnosed with scleroderma and polymyositis in 1991. Scleroderma literally means "hard skin." It is an autoimmune disorder which causes hardening of the skin and multiple organs. When too much collagen is deposited in the skin or other organs such as the esophagus, kidneys, lungs, intestines, or heart, the result is damage to the involved organ. Scleroderma can range from a minor lesion to a debilitating and fatal disease.

Polymyositis is an inflammation of the muscle which can cause damage.

Autoimmune conditions cross many different medical specialties such as rheumatology, endocrinology, neurology, cardiology, gastroenterology, and dermatology. They affect women 75 percent of the time and tend to strike in early to mid-adulthood. Autoimmune conditions also include lupus, fibromyalgia, and multiple sclerosis to name a few.

Getting a proper diagnosis is very difficult as many individuals are sent from specialist to specialist and forced to undergo a battery of tests before a correct diagnosis can be made. This can take years and individuals with autoimmune diseases, in most cases, appear to be healthy on the surface.

Healer

So, although initially I was treated by a medical doctor for my condition, I went one step further and consulted a well known (and the only) naturopath in the area, Dr. Joel Casman. What Dr. Casman did for me, I cannot put into words. He is in the true sense a "healer." As a naturopath, he recommended a vegan diet (no meat, dairy or eggs), exercise, herbs, vitamins, minerals, homeopathic remedies, yoga, and a positive attitude. My condition has been stable since I began initiating this therapy from Dr. Casman.

In addition to a vegetarian diet, my daily regimen consists of aerobic exercise for 30-45 minutes. I take multi-vitamin/mineral supplements, two homeopathic remedies, a Chinese herbal formula consisting of over 20 herbs, specific to my condition, and a minimal amount of medication prescribed by my rheumatologist.

Recently, my mother-in-law, Esther Price, heard

Dr. David Trentham, a rheumatologist at Harvard Medical School, on the Gabe Mirkin talk show. Dr. Trentham's theory is that many autoimmune conditions are caused by a virus or infection in childhood that lies dormant, resurfaces later in life, and affects the immune system. He has reportedly cured six Scleroderma patients using minocycline, an antibiotic. My naturopath was aware of this and encouraged me to pursue minocycline treatment with my rheumatologist. I have been on the minocycline for over one month and have noticed an improvement in my skin and have even more energy. As I finish this article, I am preparing for a one-day trip to Boston to see Dr. Trentham in person. After ten years, I am very excited and anxious to put this condition behind me.

Taking control

The direction your health takes is your decision. Our body is a delicate ecosystem. You can help keep it balanced by eating healthy food and practicing healthy behaviors. It is important to know your body, ask your medical professionals questions, and seek options that you think will work best for you. You are your own best advocate. I am thankful for the choices I have made, and have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. She is the co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," Tall Tree Publishing Company. Visit her website at www.nutritionsecrets.com. Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste. See recipes inside.

Enjoy a 'Vegetarian Extravaganza'

See related Vegetarian Extravaganza story on Taste front.

NAKED PUMPKIN PIE

Vegetable oil spray
Egg substitute equal to 4 eggs or (4 to 5 ounces) tofu, processed smooth
1 can (29 ounces) pumpkin, solid packed
1 can (14 ounce by weight) sweetened condensed milk (fat free could be used)
1 can (12 ounces fluid) undiluted evaporated milk
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground ginger
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

With vegetable oil, generously spray 9 by 13-inch baking dish. In bowl, mix all ingredients together in order given. Beat well.

Pour ingredients into prepared baking dish. Bake for 15 minutes at 450°F. Reduce temperature to 350°F and continue baking for 40-50 minutes until knife inserted into center comes out clean.

Cool for 10 minutes and serve with toppings such as Cool Whip, or a fruit sauce (raspberry is good). Serves 8-12.

Recipe compliments of Justin Weaver

FESTIVE ROAST

1 medium onion, chopped
2 celery stalks, chopped
1/2 to 3/4 cup green bell pepper, chopped
1/4 to 1/2 cup margarine
3 slices whole wheat bread, cubed
1 can (19 ounces) Worthington veggieburger
4 eggs or equal amount egg substitute
2 cups Cheddar or Colby cheese, grated
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon sage
Vegetable oil spray
Ketchup
Brown sugar

Sauté onion, celery and green pepper in margarine. Remove to bowl. Add bread cubes and mix well. Add other ingredients (except oil spray, ketchup and brown sugar) and mix well.

Spray loaf pan with vegetable oil. Cover bottom of pan with ketchup 1/8-inch thick. Sprinkle generously with brown sugar. Spoon roast mix into pan.

Bake at 350°F for 70 minutes. Let stand 15 minutes before serving. Turn over on platter to serve. Serves 8.

Recipe by Jill Tait from "10th

Holiday Extravaganza Cookbook*

Cook's notes: Look for Worthington veggieburger at Meijer and health food stores. You can substitute a round pan or mold for a loaf pan as illustrated in the photo on the front of Taste.

JEANIE'S VEGETARIAN (VEGAN) CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

1 to 2 garlic cloves
1/2 cup leeks or scallions, chopped
1 to 2 tablespoons canola or olive oil
1 container firm tofu (mashed)
1-2 tablespoons chicken flavor seasoning
(McKey Vegetarian Chicken Seasoning)
1 (4.5 ounce) can green chilies, chopped
Dash of cumin
Salt to taste
Sauce
1/2 cup flour
1 tablespoon olive oil
Dash of pepper and/or salt
2-3 tablespoons chicken flavor seasoning (dissolved in 2 cups water) to make broth

Heat in 350°F oven for approximately 20 minutes. Makes 8 enchiladas.

8 (4-6-inch) tortillas or lawash whole wheat flat bread

Sauté garlic cloves, leeks or scallops in oil until tender. Add tofu, chicken seasoning, chilies, cumin and salt. Cook until warm.

For sauce: combine all ingredients (except tortillas or lawash) in small pan and cook until thickened.

Place equal portions of tofu mixture in center of each tortilla or flat bread. Roll up and place in oblong baking dish. Cover with sauce.

Heat in 350°F oven for approximately 20 minutes. Makes 8 enchiladas.

Note: You can use other vegetarian broth or gravy such as Loma Linda Gravy Quik, Vegetarian Chicken Style, Bill's Best Vegetarian, or Chile Nish Seasoning. These items will be available at Tasting Extravaganza for purchase or through mail order. You can also find many of these items at health food stores.

Recipe submitted by Jeanie Weaver

Holiday from page B1

ries and mashed potatoes, etc. However, a "roast" made with nuts or meat analogues (commercially prepared vegetable protein, usually made from soy or wheat) and flavored with onions and garlic fills the honored center place on the table.

"My husband, Richard, our three grown children, and our grandchildren look forward to Thanksgiving dinner at grandma's with as much enthusiasm as other families who serve turkey. The only difference is there's no carving at our house - just a little slicing!"

Weaver's three children also look forward to holiday meals. "In fact, they often help with food preparation. In fact, teenage Justin has been known to make the crustless (not a vegetarian necessity, but a healthy choice) pumpkin pie."

"This year we'll be traveling to Arkansas - the heart of 'meat country' - for Thanksgiving with my family. My father and others in my family eat meat. That's their choice. However, family members always look forward to the vegetarian dishes I bring. We all have a great meal!"

You'll want to pass these festive dishes

PUMPKIN-APRICOT QUICK BREAD

13/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom
1/4 teaspoon ground coriander
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup coarsely chopped dried apricots
15 ounce can pumpkin puree
2 eggs
1/3 cup orange juice
1 tablespoon grated orange zest

Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease and flour a 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan. In a large bowl, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, ginger, cardamom, coriander, sugar, and apricots; mix thoroughly.

In another bowl, whisk together pumpkin puree, eggs, orange juice, and zest. Pour pumpkin mixture over dry ingredients; stir until well blended. Transfer to pan; bake 55-60 minutes.

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CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

From aristocracy to the masses: The glimmer of Tiffany

Step inside the Meadow Brook Gallery and discover the rarefied air of early 20th-century American aristocracy emanating from the exhibit "Tiffany: Essence of Light." By all indications, the exhibit has been a popular and critical success. Taking a cue from Robin Leach, the masses have turned out to gaze at what you get when you can pay any price.

According to Meadow Brook Hall Curator Ann Friedman, attendance for the exhibit has exceeded expectations, and more than a few art critics have written rave reviews.

Apparently, the first-ever collaboration between Meadow Brook Hall and Meadow Brook Gallery has been an unqualified success.

Friedman expects that this is the beginning of a mutually rewarding partnership, although she isn't certain exactly when or what the next collaborative exhibit will be. The display of glass vases, lighting shades and lamps created by Louis Tiffany, and purchased by Matilda Dodge Wilson for her Grosse Pointe Tudor-style mansion, offers a view of where the decorative arts merge with fine art. (Dodge commissioned the building of Meadow Brook Hall in the mid-1920s.)

But there's something more lurking behind the glass surface of stained and slender sculptured glass. Call it the prism of history.

Organic forms

Friedman, who arrived to her post in August from the Getty Museum, called Tiffany a "transitional artist."

In 1882, Tiffany was one of a handful of artists selected to redecorate the White House for President Chester Arthur. (Yes, his father owned Tiffany & Co., the famous jewelry and silver firm, which he later took over.)

As the prevailing late-Victorian ornamental style grew ornate, Tiffany searched for a more simple expression. A style, he explained, that reflected the organic forms of nature.

Trained as a painter, Tiffany decided to work with glass because of what he recognized as the potential impact for the emerging medium.

With the invention of Impressionism, photography in its infancy and mass electrical lines yet to be installed, Tiffany realized that glass was the ideal material to reflect the fleeting qualities of light and movement that was captivating the world.

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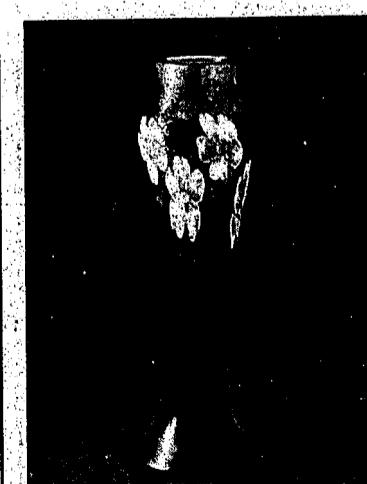


PHOTO BY TM THAYER
Refined: A slender floral vase is among the 35 pieces in the exhibit of Louis Tiffany's glass artistry.

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Sidekicks on a mission



Taking Inventory: Andi Wolfe, (left) and Sylvia Gotlib are co-chairs of this year's Jewish Book Fair, which features 50 national and 20 local authors, and more than 12,000 titles.

47th Annual Jewish Book Fair creates a literary community

BY FRANK PROVENZANO • STAFF WRITER

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What: 47th Annual Jewish Book Fair
When: Saturday, Nov. 7 to Sunday, Nov. 15
Where: Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 681-1000
Where: Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 18100 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park; (248) 967-4030

Events at Jewish Community Center unless noted.

Pre-events:

■ 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4 — Dr. Henry Greenspan, author of "On Listening to Holocaust Survivors"

■ 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5 — Author Frederic Brenner, author of "Jews/America/Representation" and author Ron Agam, author of "At the Wall," Janice Charchat Epstein Museum/Gallery Book Fair Events

■ 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 — Diane Von Furstenberg, author of "Diane: A Signature Life"

■ Sunday, Nov. 8 — 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Local Authors Fair; 1 p.m. Miriam Weiner; 2 p.m. Dr. Steven Parker

■ Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 3 p.m. Katherine Wysa Goldman; 4 p.m. Gemini Concerto Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building; 6:30 p.m. Jeffrey Weiss; 8 p.m. Rabbi Bradley Bleedell Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building; 8 p.m. Naomi Ragen

■ Monday, Nov. 9 — 10 a.m. Jewish Community Center; 1 p.m. Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building-Vitta Halberstam; 1:30 p.m. Susan Isaacs

■ 6:30 p.m. Rich Cohen; 8 p.m. Robert Rockaway Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building; 8 p.m. Thomas Cahill

■ Wednesday, Nov. 11 — 10 a.m. Marisa Weiss; 1 p.m. Max Apple

■ 6:30 p.m. Anita Elkanian; 8 p.m. Brad Meltzer; 8 p.m. Sandy Schreier Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building

■ Thursday, Nov. 12 — 10 a.m. Jewish Community Center & 1 p.m. Pearl Abramson; 12 p.m. Norman Cantor; 6:30 p.m. Howard Blum; 8 p.m. Rebekah Esther Jungreis; 8 p.m. U.S. Rep. John Lewis

■ Friday, Nov. 13 — 10 a.m. Gil Marks

■ Saturday, Nov. 14 — 8 p.m. Wendy Wasserstein

■ Sunday, Nov. 15 — 11 a.m. Jewish Community Center & 1 p.m. Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building

■ Stephen Dubner; 1 p.m. Corinne Stavish; 3 p.m. Michael Lowenthal; 6:30 p.m. Naomi Levy; 8 p.m. Michael Medved

Note: Children & family programs held on Nov. 8, 12 & 15.

In the half-moment after hearing that she'll have her photo taken for a news-paper article, Andi Wolfe reaches instinctively for her lip gloss, then puckers for the camera.

Without missing a beat, Wolfe's partner, Sylvia Gotlib, poses a self-deprecating challenge: "OK, we'll have to pick my best side. Do I have one?"

Then, Wolfe and Gotlib do what they do every chance they get — laugh long and hard. Quips roll out so fast that a high-speed stenographer would have to ask them to slow down.

Try if you dare to get them to shift to a lower gear, but there's really no chance. They begin, finish and interrupt each other's sentences with an incessant giggle. Sidekicks on a mission.

Wolfe and Gotlib, co-chairs of this

week's 47th Annual Jewish Book Fair, aren't your typical comedy team, although apparently, a healthy dose of humor is central to everything they do.

We're not talking Lucy and Ethel, Nyet to a Wilma and Betty comparison. And there's not the slightest resemblance to misfits Laverne and Shirley.

With Wolfe and Gotlib, we're talking the hand-and-glove team of efficiency and high-energy Word and page. Book and binding.

"Sylvia reads books and I collect them," said Wolfe, who first volunteered as a typist for the book fair, and, as she explained, couldn't say "No" all the way to becoming chair of the event five years ago.

A few days before the book fair opened, Wolfe and Gotlib were calling publishers

who still hadn't sent books, precessing orders, organizing book cases — borrowed from Borders — and training two dozen volunteers in the high art of customer service.

"Book sellers aren't threatened by us," said Gotlib. "During the book fair (some local sellers) might lose some revenue. But everyone benefits when you promote literacy."

The book fair requires year-long planning. If anyone was noticing overtime kicked in about a month ago. Neither Wolfe and Gotlib, both of whom are full-time volunteers, flinch at the long hours and endless details to present the oldest and largest Jewish book fair in the country.

"It's a paper-trail nightmare," said

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Local authors grapple with time

BY FRANK PROVENZANO

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Steven Weiss has gotten pretty good at looking for creative loopholes.

Indeed, he spends his days pondering legal positions at the Bloomfield Hills law offices of Hertz, Schram & Saretsky, or arguing his client's case in court.

As a litigation attorney, however, the holes he discovers have nothing to do with lawyer-like legerdemain.

The "creative loopholes" that Weiss finds have to do with pinpointing writing

Holding on:

Author:

Steven Weiss has held on to a dream of becoming a novelist.

His first book, "The Farewell Principle," was published in August.

Slow down: Dr. Stephen Bertman's book, "Hyperculture: The Human Cost of Speed," is among the most compelling at this year's book fair.

time" in an excruciatingly busy schedule which led to finishing his novel, "The Farewell Principle," published in August by Sterling House.

Weiss of West Bloomfield is among the 20 local authors spotlighted in this year's Jewish Book Fair. Weiss will give a formal talk on his book at the Jewish Communi-

ty Center on Monday, Nov. 9.

Another attorney turned novelist comes to mind when reading Weiss' crime-fiction page-turner.

"I hope the book is a Grisham-type with a soulful message," said Weiss, who pointed to the book's theme of racial tolerance.

Actually, it took a great deal of tolerance, and especially, discipline for Weiss to pull himself to the word processor after his four sons (ages 2, 6, 8 and 10) went to bed, and his wife wanted a companion to watch "ER," said Weiss.

The drive to "create a story and send your message" without being confined by legal technicalities and a client's contentions is nothing short of liberating, said Weiss.

"Right now, I can't give up my day job," he said. "Writing fiction enables me to write creatively and about what I want to write about."

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Local authors and their new books

■ Dr. Stephen Bertman, "Hyperculture: The Human Cost of Speed"

■ Edith Coveney, "Poetics"

■ Berl Fabeck, "A Matter of Precedents"

■ Linda Grakin, "Lost and Found: The Sense of Direction Book"

■ Ronald D. Hongman, "University Secrets: Your Guide to Surviving a College Education"

■ Lori Kilsman Ellis, "Laughing While Learning"

■ Robert Levin, "The Lizard and the Fly"

■ Celia Levine, "The Bud That Stays: Poetry, Prose and Drawings"

■ Kary Moss, "The Rights of Women and Girls: Handbook for Young Americans"

■ Tih Penfill, "An Artist... What to do with it?"

■ Jerry Tobias, "Imma Child Protector"

■ Ken Wachsberger, "Banned Books"

■ Steve J. Weiss, "The Farewell Principle"

■ Ronald M. Yolles and Murray Yolles, "You're Retired, Now What? Money Skills for a Comfortable Retirement"

ART

Artists fill 'Empty Bowls' to fight hunger

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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John Hartom believes as strongly today as he did in 1990 that an empty bowl is a powerful metaphor for hunger.

An art teacher at Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School, Hartom held the first Empty Bowls event to fight hunger eight years ago after the school district instituted a community service requirement for students. That first year Hartom and his students made 120 bowls. Encouraged by the \$600 raised in one lunch period at Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Hartom and his wife Lisa Blackburn, manager of the education studio at the Detroit Institute of Arts, decided to make it a national event.

"The school food drive was looking at ways to make money so I spoke with my wife about making some bowls and serving soup and bread," said Hartom. "We asked them to keep the bowls as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world."

In 1991, Hartom and Blackburn began a

grassroots movement to involve potters in an effort to alleviate hunger by sending packets of information to friends and family nationwide. Hartom and Blackburn chose World Food Day, Oct. 16, an annual commemoration of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization, by which to raise one million dollars to feed the hungry.

"We began sending letters and telling everyone one we knew and thought it would be one day and one year," said Hartom, a former Franklin resident now living in Oxford. "We didn't raise a million but that first year there was more than \$200,000 to \$300,000 raised. Everyone can be involved with the fight for justice. Hunger really is an issue of justice. Everyone can vote for leaders who've demonstrated they're dedicated to bringing about an end to hunger."

That same year then Pewabic executive director Ron Streitz initiated Empty Bowls at the historic pottery to benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank. On Friday, Nov. 6, 400 bowls will be available for a donation.

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PHOTO BY ROSE HOLCOMB
Spinning away: Diana Faris works on a bowl at Pewabic Pottery. She led an effort by volunteers to create more than 125 bowls for a fund-raiser to benefit the hungry.

"Empty Bowls"

What: A fund-raiser where guests

purchase a ceramic bowl for \$10, \$15

or \$20 and are served a meal of soup

and bread. Proceeds go to Gleaners

Community Food Bank in Detroit,

which serves area agencies feeding

the hungry. Participating restaurants

are the Beverly Hills Grill, Sindbad's,

Sparky Herbert's, and Tom's Oyster

Bar.

When: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6.

Where: Pewabic Pottery, 10125 East

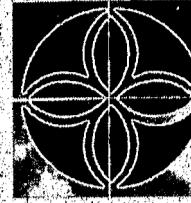
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TAKE NOTE

Professional SWF, 28, 5'6", slender, is looking to share interests and a long-term relationship with an adventurous, level-headed SWM, 24-31. Ad# 3656

THE MARRYING KIND

SWCF, 35, 5'9", who enjoys dining out, movies, concerts, traveling and church activities, is seeking a SWCM, 30-45, for friendship first, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 2436

GIVE LOVE A CHANCE

SWF, 35, enjoys gardening, animals and spectator sports. She would like to meet a SWM, N/S, who likes meaningful conversations. Hopefully, at a serious relationship will develop. Ad# 3693

FAMILY-ORIENTED

Catholic DWF, 49, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out and the outdoors, seeks an honest, sincere, Catholic D/WWWM, 45-55, N/S. Ad# 5689

IS THAT YOU?

Secure Catholic DWF, 48, 5'1", who enjoys long walks and weekend getaways, is seeking a warm, compassionate SWM, 46-54, who enjoys life. Ad# 2223

DO YOU QUALIFY?

Caring, petite SWF, 70, who enjoys playing cards, dancing, bowling, traveling and dining out, wants to meet a happy SWM, 68-72, N/S, to spend time with. Ad# 7127

SIMPLY MARVELOUS

Down-to-earth, Born-Again DWCF, 44, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, N/S, enjoys bicycling, Bible studies, dancing and more. She is seeking a compatible Born-Again DWCM, 35-50. Ad# 4240

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Professional and spontaneous DWF, 41, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking a SWM, 38-48, who enjoys dining out, music and movies, the outdoors and more. Ad# 2375

TOO MUCH TO LIST

DWF, 39, 5'1", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys camping, fishing, bowling, dancing and sports, is seeking a SWM under 50, to spend time with. Ad# 6345

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL

This Born-Again SWCF, 30, 5'6", 125lbs, with blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys Bible study, is hoping to get together with a SWM, 25-45, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4956

THE POWER OF LOVE

This SWF, 57, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, traveling, movies, long walks and more, is looking for a sincere, compassionate SWM, 52-62, Ad# 7141

AMAZING GRACE

Pretty WWWCF, 50, 5'3", slender with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys dancing, movies, bowling, country drives. She seeks a tall, handsome DWCM, 45-50, 5'10"+, without kids at home. Ad# 2130

HOPES & DREAMS

Soft-spoken DWF, 21, 5'2", with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys the outdoors, theater, music and more. She is looking for a romantic SWM, 20-33, who likes children. Ad# 5253

SHARE HER DREAMS

Energetic, educated DWF, 27, 5'8", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bicycling, working out, swimming and horseback riding, seeks a SWCM, age unimportant. Ad# 3919

STRESS FREE LIVING

Professional SWCF, 32, 5'3", who enjoys dining out, movies, traveling, music, cooking and gardening, is seeking a SWCM, 40-45, to share life with. Ad# 7286

FIT AND TRIM

Professional, educated SWCF, 34, 5'1", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, church functions and dining out, is seeking a SWCM, 30-45. Ad# 2164

EXTRA NICE

Pleasant, and employed WWWCF, 63, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who loves walking, cooking, country music, and is active in Bible study. She is looking for a WWWCM, 56-65, with similar interests. Ad# 3824

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MAKE THE CONNECTION

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DIVERSE INTERESTS

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REFLECTIVE AT TIMES

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SPECIAL LADY

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MY SPECIAL SOMEONE?

Professional, brown-eyed WWWF, 51, 5'3", who enjoys traveling, the outdoors and quiet evenings at home. She seeks a caring, romantic SWM, under 58, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4641

TRUE BLUE

She's an outgoing, attractive SBCF, 45, 5'4", 135lbs., who enjoys personal growth, traveling, reading and is in search of a spiritual, educated SBCM, 40-53, with similar interests. Ad# 1652

RESCUE MY HEART

She's a SBF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys going to church, jazz concerts, dining out and is in search of a kind, gentle SM, 55-62, for friendship first. Ad# 1221

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FAMILY-ORIENTED

I'm a full-figured, 34, 5'1", SW mom of one, with blonde hair and green eyes. I enjoy animals, outdoor sports, horseback riding and country music. If you are open-minded and honest D/SWM, then give me a call. Ad# 5564

ALL IN TIME

Outgoing, professional SWF, 34, 5'9", who enjoys outdoor activities and good conversation, is in search of a SF, under 40, who enjoys life. Ad# 1478

IN A COMPLICATED WORLD

In a complicated world what are the secrets that make dating and relationships work? Read "Dating and the Pursuit of Happiness" and find out.

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DEDICATION OF LOVE

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CALL SOON

Professional, upbeat SWM, 48, 5'11", N/S, enjoys keeping fit, traveling, fine dining and the theatre. He hopes to meet an attractive SWF, 38-52, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 7612

LOVE & LAUGHTER

Professional SWM, 28, 5'8", 155lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, N/S, who enjoys biking, weight training, target shooting and music, seeks a Catholic SWF, 22-31, N/S, without children at home, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4475

ENHANCE MY LIFE

Tall, dark, handsome SWM, 40, 5'10", enjoys sports and physical activities, looking to share interests and a meaningful friendship with an outgoing, sincere, attractive SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 3931

YOU COULD BE THE ONE

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NEVER-MARRIED, CHILDLESS

Born-Again SWCM, 35, 5'10", 165lbs, blond with blue eyes, is a drug/alcohol-free N/S. His interests are Bible study, working out and rollerblading. He's searching for a physically fit, open, caring SWF, 29-35, who truly loves God. Ad# 6335

SENSE OF HUMOR INCLUDED

Energetic, professional DWCM, 42, 5'11", enjoys social activities, traveling to Las Vegas, antiques and dining out, looking to meet an honest, sincere SCF, who has similar interests, age unimportant. Ad# 9009

OLD-FASHIONED

Friendly DBC dad of two, 47, 6'4", who enjoys singing in church choir, Bible study, sports and cooking, seeks a family-oriented, honest SBCF, 36-48, who puts God first. Ad# 1115

NEVER-MARRIED, CHILDLESS

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LIGHT UP MY LIFE

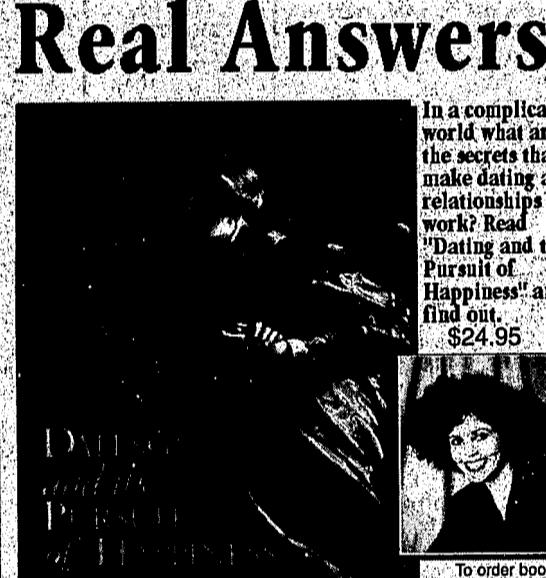
Get together with this Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1". He's looking for a family-oriented, petite, romantic, sincere DW mom, 18-38. Ad# 4111

TRUE BLUE

Adventurous Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", hoping to meet a spontaneous, romantic and slender SWF, age unimportant, for friendship first. Ad# 2539

THE BEST KEPT SECRET

Open-minded, caring SWM, 22, 5'11", looking to share friendship and to develop a relationship with a SWF, under 25. Ad# 3323



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CHARMING

Here's a friendly DWC mom, 44, who wants to find a humorous N/S, non-drinker DWM, of any age. She's 5'1" and enjoys art, music and the outdoors. Ad# 2840

WAITING IN BELLEVILLE

This open-minded, exuberant 45-year-old SBCM, 5'11", 185lbs., N/S, drug-free, never-married, is in search of an attractive, sincere, slender to medium-built SCF, 21-45, for a possible serious relationship. Ad# 2730

SHARE MY WORLD

This friendly SWM, 48, 6', 195lbs., brown hair, green eyes, would like to meet a slender SWF, 50-65, who's interested in a long-term relationship. Ad# 1546

STILL LOOKING

This friendly SWM, 20, 6', who likes basketball, is seeking a compatible SBCF, 22-40, preferably never married, with children. Ad# 1470

BORN AGAIN

Outgoing and friendly, he's a professional DBC dad of two, 42, 6'2", 182lbs., who enjoys Bible study, travel, golf, music and seeks an attractive, fit, mature SCF, 28-40, without children, for fellowship which may lead to more. Ad# 1204

NO HASSLES

He's an outgoing, hardworking SWM, 27, 5'9", who enjoys making people laugh, going to church, family activities and is in search of an honest SWF, 18-30, who enjoys life. Ad# 2160

BACK TO BASICS

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telligent, tall, articulate, classy, confi-

dante, get along well, 35-45, N/S, with

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special man, 35+, to be friend, lover,

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RU SELECTIVE?

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LO to share. Seeking tall, intelligent,

romantic, quality male, 55+, with high

standards, who enjoys various activi-

ties. **221285**

COULD CONNECT

with tall, HW proportionate, secure,

affectionate, nice-looking guy, 47+, with

Pretty, dark-haired SWPF, 40-45, N/S,

with good looks, great heart,

and good conversation. **221278**

LOOKING FOR A WALK...

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I'm physically fit, 37, 5'6", long, dark

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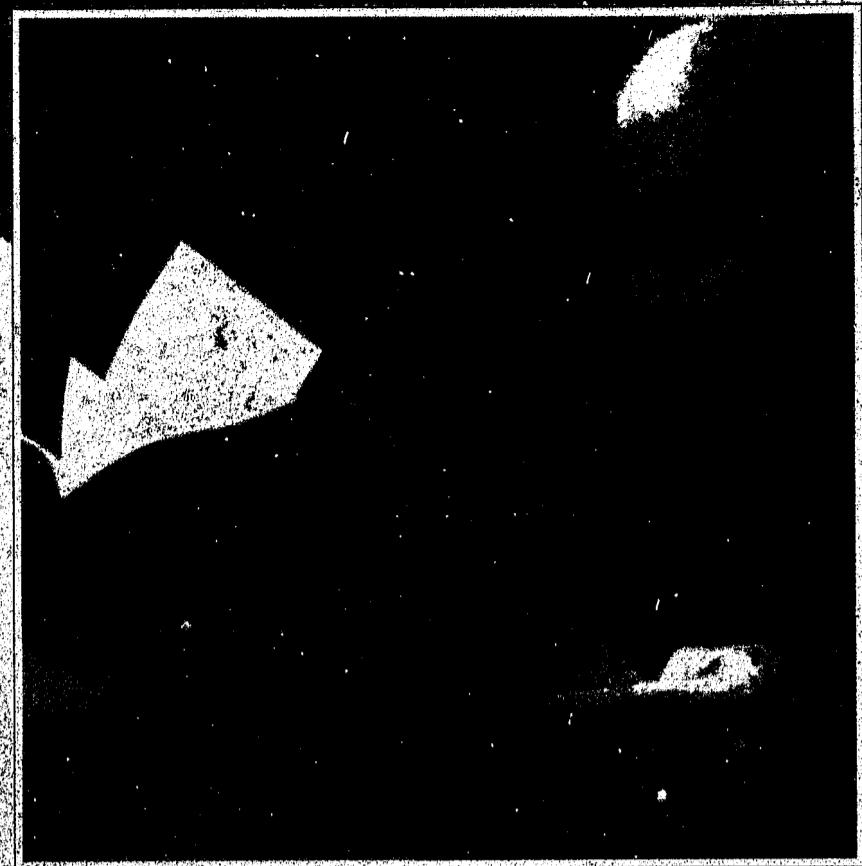
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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

Call for All-League

Space permitting, the Eccentric sports department will publish copies of all-league, all-district, all-region and all-state teams for fall prep sports involving teams from our coverage areas.

Coaches and athletic directors can fax this information to Dan Stickhardt at our Lake Orion office at (248) 693-9716.

Indoor training

The Oakland Developmental Soccer League, a division of the Oakland Youth Soccer League, is accepting registration for indoor training sessions. The ODSL provides children the opportunity to compete at a level above recreational soccer.

The ODSL employs experienced trainers for each age group, who are committed to providing the highest level of training in the north Oakland County area.

The indoor soccer training sessions will be held in Rochester Hills at Avondale Middle School, located off Auburn Road between Crooks and Livernois beginning Nov. 6.

There will be six 90-minute sessions focusing on ball skill development, speed, running and tactical development through small-sided games.

Registration runs through Nov. 4. To register, call (248) 652-9909, Ext. 1.

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. When the new hurdles are purchased, a plaque will be placed on individual hurdles naming the business that made donations.

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

Select soccer

The Clarkston Select Soccer Club board, in cooperation with Independence Township Parks and Recreation, will present an in-depth discussion of what it entails to participate on a select travel team.

Items on the agenda include goals of the program, a review of the just-completed season, review of the try-out/selection process, discussion of typical costs of the program and the required coaching licensing process, what coaching/managing a team entails and a question-answer period.

Select soccer begins with the U-10 select teams and continues through U-19.

The meeting is Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Independence Township Hall Annex on Main St.

Ram tryouts

The Michigan Lake Area Rams Amateur Athletic Federation Travel Baseball Organization will conduct a try-out camp for the upcoming 1999 baseball season.

The Rams have teams in all age groups.

For information on each team, call the following:

■ **Willie Mays (9-10)** — Managers Mark Falvo, (313) 537-3449 and Jack Falvo, (248) 471-1748.

■ **Greg Kampe (11-12)** — Greg Kampe, (248) 656-2065 and George Lilley, (248) 853-7082.

■ **Sandy Koufax (13-14)** — Kevin Wilkinson, (313) 274-5405.

■ **Mickey Mantle (15-16)** — Jerry Kwiatkowski, (734) 379-4464, or Mike Ossey, (313) 278-3835.

■ **Connie Mack (17-18)** — Bob Radu, (734) 479-4955.

Specialized indoor training is set to start in February.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Got it: Clarkston wide receiver Erich Poley (right) comes down with a catch despite the best efforts of Lake Orion defensive back Tim Clouse in the Dragons' 19-8 win over Clarkston Friday night.

Wolves miss playoffs with loss

Clarkston struggles with Lake Orion defense in 19-8 loss in season finale

■ After struggling for 48 minutes with Lake Orion's defense Friday, the Clarkston Wolves walked off the football field with something they hadn't gotten from the Dragons in eight years: a loss.

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Earlier in the week, Clarkston football coach Kurt Richardson was extolling the virtues of the Lake Orion defense in preparation for the prep football clash between his Wolves and the Dragons.

On Friday night, the Dragons made him look prophetic.

Lake Orion's defense bottled up the Clarkston running game, consistently giving its own offense good field position, and the visiting Dragons used it to beat the Wolves, 19-8, in the regular-season finale for both teams.

The win lifted Lake Orion to 8-1 and clinched a share of the Oakland Activities Association Division I championship. The Dragons tied with Troy, which beat Troy Athens Friday, and Rochester Adams, 25-21 winners over

Rochester. All three teams finished 8-1 overall. 4-1 in the OAA-I. Clarkston finishes 6-3 for the second straight year.

The Dragon defense was everywhere, holding Clarkston's Chris Mitchell to 45 yards on 15 carries. Tim Loveless did rush for 105 yards, but 70 of them came on one run for Clarkston's lone score. Aside from that, Loveless rushed 11 times for 35 yards.

The Dragon defense consistently gave the offense excellent field position. Lake Orion's worst starting field position in the first half was its own 31; four times the Dragons started outside their own 40, including once at the Clarkston 33 yard line.

"You have to give credit to their

defense," Richardson said afterward. "They gave (the offense) half the field to work with all night. Their defense is very good."

The offense wasn't bad either, building a 19-0 lead by halftime on the arm of quarterback Darren Tooley, the legs of running back Steve Seargeant, and the foot of kicker Mike Crawford. Crawford booted field goals of 37 and 42 yards and Tooley threw a pair of touchdowns to account for the lead.

The biggest might have been just before halftime. Under heavy pressure from the Clarkston front, Tooley rolled out and spotted senior wideout Adam Eldridge in the end zone and heaved;

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Late turnovers doom Wolves in loss to Adams

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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Sitting on the sidelines for seven games with a knee injury, Rochester Adams senior Kim Benedict watched and waited patiently for her chance to return to the Highlanders' lineup. That time came this week was anything but rusty.

In her second game back on Thursday, the 5-foot-8 Benedict connected on a career-best 6-of-10 three-pointers and finished with a game-high 19 points as Adams captured its first Oakland Activities Association Division I victory of the season with a 44-40 triumph over visiting Clarkston.

The win moved the Highlanders (6-1, 1-7) into a sixth-place tie with Clarkston (7-9, 1-7).

"She's a good player; she's a senior and leader for them and we shouldn't have let her get open," said Clarkston coach Anne Lowney. "A player like that can hurt you."

Benedict was so surprised about her performance that she wasn't sure how many triples she made.

"I made six? I only thought it was five," said Benedict.

Benedict came out of the gate on fire as she connected on 3-of-4 attempts in the game's first five minutes.

"It felt good to be out there again," she continued. "My teammates set some good screens which gave me plenty of good looks at the basket."

The Highlanders, who were missing their two key post players in 6-foot senior Keightie Flanagan and 5-11 senior Honor Gedda, shot 9-19 from behind the arc to make up the difference.

The most notable was a wide-open triple from junior guard Tracy Danielson that put Adams up for good at 41-38 with 1:09 to play.

"I told (Tracy) that she had to shoot one of those threes if she was open," said Adams coach Fran Scislowicz.

"They were really guarding Kim Benedict tight in the second half and they were leaving her open. Tracy came up big with that shot."

Adams led 30-24 heading into the fourth, but Clarkston slowly made up the difference from the foul line.

Senior Deana Kanipe, who suffered through a 1-14 shooting performance from the field, was red hot from the charity stripe as she nailed 5-of-7 foul shots in the fourth quarter, including one with 1:33 to play that knotted the score at 38-38. But the Wolves turned the ball over twice down the stretch and could only manage a layup from junior guard Candace Morgan with two seconds left.

"We did a better job tonight than we have been, but we did turn the ball over at crucial times," said Lowney.

"We worked hard to come back but we just fell apart at the end. It seems that we have one player that messes up and

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minute after Pyzik scored off a breakaway, but had several opportunities to bite into the lead.

However, senior Rob Allyn missed a penalty kick and Clarkston also failed to convert on three other scoring chances within the Chargers' penalty area down the stretch, including one shot off the crossbar and another off the goal post.

"We settled down after they led 3-0, but just struggled up front and couldn't get the lucky bounce," said Fitzgerald. "If we could have got one or two goals of our chances, then who knows? We could have made the last 10-15 minutes interesting."

Dow scored first in the fifth minute when Appleby, a state Dream Team candidate, was in the right place at the right time, knocking in a loose ball following an attempted clear that deflected off a teammate.

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Dow crashes on Wolves' kickers

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Top-ranked Eagles reach MACS finals

By DAN STICKRAFT

STAFF WRITER

Holley Vanaman simply has Ypsilanti Calvary Christian's number.

Vanaman, a 5-foot-10 sophomore forward from Clarkston Springfield Christian, matched her career-high with 19 points to go along with 10 rebounds as the Eagles demolished Calvary 59-33 in the semifinals of the Michigan Association of Christian Schools state tournament at Warren Antioch Baptist.

The last time these two teams met, Vanaman scored eight points in the fourth quarter and four more in overtime en route to 19 points as Springfield rallied for a 48-41 triumph. But Vanaman and the Eagles didn't leave room for any suspense this time around.

"Holley stepped up and did it again," said Springfield veteran coach Vicki Slayton. "She really got us going and the rest of the team really came though."

The win moved top-ranked Springfield (17-0) into the MACS

Division I state finals for the fifth time in 12 years. The Eagles will meet fourth-ranked Kalamazoo Heritage Christian — a 38-32 upset winner over second-ranked Davison Faith Baptist in Tuesday's other semifinal at Antioch — in Saturday's 3 p.m. final at Perry High School. Calvary finished 12-5, with four losses coming against Springfield.

"Calvary has kind of become our rival this season," said Springfield senior point guard Missie Bowen, who had a fine floor-game with six points, eight rebounds, seven assists and five steals. "They played us really tough the last two times we played them, so we knew that we had to stop them up top."

In the last meeting, Calvary sophomore guard Becky Gorham connected on six triples. On Tuesday, Gorham was held to just one free throw, and back-court mate Caty Wiedman, Calvary's leading scorer, was kept in check as she had just 15 points, most coming after halftime where the Eagles already

held a large advantage.

"We couldn't double-team (their guards), because they also have a good (post) player inside and she hurt us the last time, but we couldn't leave them open up top because they can shoot," said Slayton. "I told them that we had to play solid defense and see what happens. We couldn't give them any easy opportunities like the last time we played them."

While Bowen and senior guard Debi Hibbs kept Gorham and Wiedman in check, 5-11 senior center Aleah Foster teamed with Vanaman to take Calvary 5-10 post player Amy Burke out of her game. Most of Burke's 17 points and seven rebounds came in the second half with the outcome already decided.

"Our defense was very good, this was one of our better defensive games," said Slayton. "And our bench gave us a big lift."

With the score knotted at 4-4 midway through the first quarter, Slayton called time-out to give her players some advice. Apparently, the Eagles took her

speech to heart.

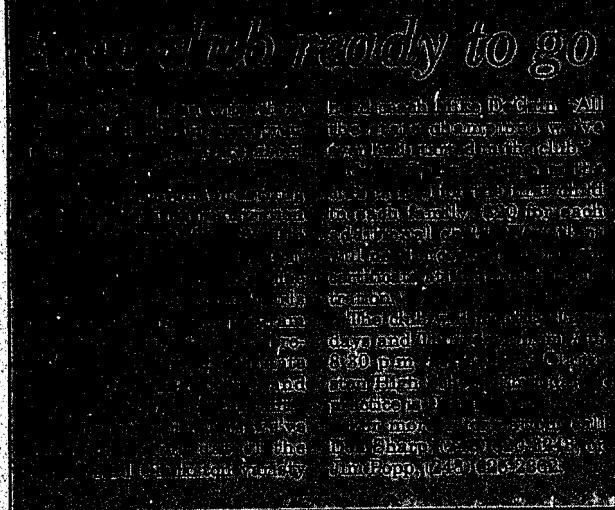
Springfield, which forced 30 turnovers, closed out the quarter with a 4-0 run and led 26-9 by halftime.

"I had to call time-out to settle them down because they were really starting to freak out on me," said Slayton. "I told them just to settle down and play our game. If we could do that, we would be all right."

Springfield continued to widen its gap in the third period as they increased their lead to 39-20 heading into the fourth quarter, where the Eagles emptied their bench but still managed a 20-13 run.

Hibbs also reached double figures for Springfield with 10 points and four assists, while freshman forward Mandy Vanaman had eight points and Foster six points and nine rebounds for the Eagles, whose last loss came in last year's state finals to Cadillac Heritage Christian.

"It's great to get back (to the finals)," said Bowen. "It's been our goal all season long."



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effects the other four on the floor."

Clarkston was actually able to go up 20-17 with 7:27 left in the third on a putback by senior forward Corinne McIntyre and a pair of free throws from Kanipe. But Adams answered with a 13-4 run — which included a pair of triples — for its six-point advantage heading into the fourth.

Sophomore center Sarah Morgan led Clarkston with 15 points and eight rebounds, while Kanipe added nine points and five assists. McIntyre had five points and eight boards for the Wolves.

Oxford pounds Mt. Morris

With a share of the Flint Metro League football title and a faint, but possible, play-off berth at stake, Oxford sure knows how to seize the moment.

The Wildcats concluded the 1998 regular season in style, displaying a dominating offensive and defensive effort to crush host Mt. Morris 42-13, giving Oxford (7-2, 6-1) its first league championship since 1994. Fenton (7-2, 6-1) also recorded a lopsided victory Friday, posting a 35-10 triumph over Lapeer East to earn a share of the FML title with the Wildcats.

"How does it feel to be champs?" addressed Oxford coach

Following Benedict, freshman point guard Erica Fovenesi added six points and seven assists, freshman guard Erin Kuhl had six points and five rebounds, and sophomore guard Jessi Pries added six points and four boards for the Highlanders.

"It's nice to finally get that first league win," said Scislowski. "We have been playing hard and we are getting better. Each game we have played every (healthy) player and the girls are really starting to improve. It's nice to have Kim back, too, because she gives us a true leader on the court."

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"This is great; this is what's all about," beamed Rowley. "The kids stepped up as a team and became champions. This was a team effort. This is what Oxford football is all about."

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"We knew we had to go deep," said Tooley, who finished 18-of-24. "They blitzed into it and put on some pressure. Adam did a great job of reacting to what I was doing. I just threw it up, and he made a heckuva catch."

Clarkston finally got on the scoreboard when Loveless broke

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Dragon cagers top Maples for 2nd straight victory

Finally, they're streaking. The Lake Orion Dragons used a balanced scoring attack and a fourth-quarter comeback to post their second straight victory, a 45-42 win over Birmingham Seaholm Thursday night.

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the ball in that general direction. Eldridge, surrounded by three Wolves playing perfect defense, went high above them to haul down the 31-yard scoring strike.

"We knew we had to go deep," said Tooley, who finished 18-of-24. "They blitzed into it and put on some pressure. Adam did a great job of reacting to what I was doing. I just threw it up, and he made a heckuva catch."

Clarkston finally got on the scoreboard when Loveless broke

a couple of tackles and bolted 70 yards with 8:51 left in the game, then added the two-point conversion. But the Dragon touchdown before intermission drove a dagger into the hearts of the Wolves.

"That touchdown before halftime killed us," Richardson said.

Following the Wolves' touchdown, Clarkston's Jeremy Williams recovered a Jon Garcia fumble at the Lake Orion 37 with 7:57 left. The Wolves got to the Dragon 21, but on fourth and

five, quarterback Eric Jenkins was crushed by Zak Keasey just as he started to throw, and the incomplete pass gave the Dragons the ball.

It was one of several big plays for Keasey, who had five solo tackles, nine assists, an interception and was in on two sacks. Matt Wohlgemuth had one solo, seven assists and a sack, and Crawford had an interception.

"You've got to have some breaks, and you have to stay

healthy," Lake Orion coach Chris Bell said. "Champions make their own breaks, and our kids did that tonight."

Seargent finished with 22 carries for 136 yards, 66 of them on Lake Orion's first touchdown drives. Tooley finished with 173 yards and two touchdowns through the air, and Eldridge caught four passes for 86 yards. Dave McKay caught a touch-down pass.

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Fly Away Home

Here it is, the first of November and I ramble on... Canada geese. Why not? Urbanized geese have not gone south!

"The old ganders know the way and lead their trustful flocks by the straightest and safest route; high in the air, with the earth spread out below them like a map, they follow no coastline, no mountain chain, and no river valley, but onward over hill and lake, forest and plain, city, town and country, their course points straight to their summer homes." Those romantic words of tribute were published in 1925 by the Wildlife Management Institute. Wary and sagacious were used to describe the "grandest" of all birds, the Canada goose.

"No person shall feed any geese, ducks, birds or other fowl in any city park or any municipal golf course," Birmingham, 1998. And if you go afoul of the new fowl-discouraging law, violators can be winged with a maximum penalty of a \$500 fine and 90 days in jail. Filthy and pesky are used to describe geese today. I personally agree with the need for Birmingham to regulate people. And that is what the law does, regulates misguided human behavior that leads to goose problems.

Before I ramble further, let me emphasize that when we must use the noun form, Canada, not the adjective, Canadian, when writing about geese. Use the wrong form and I can foresee some clever lawyer at the 48th District Court getting everything dismissed on a technicality. "Your Honor, My client did not feed Canadian geese in Birmingham." Canada geese may be Canadian in origin, but there are no Canadian Geese in Birmingham. But what the heck, we all know we are talking about fat, urbanized waddling birds that behave like flying cows. Eat grass. Poop green. Eat. Life goes on. Let the good times fly. Fly away home? Nope.

I like Canada geese. When I pass the Oakland County Court House I admire the tenacious flocks of geese that still graze the manicured lawns half hidden under fallen leaves. And at night - with my windows still open to the crisp air - I sometimes doze to the distant sound of traditional rural geese, honking their way south on traditional night flights to traditional southern haunts.

Nature Notes



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OAKLAND NATURALLY

The Howell Nature Center offers its Autumn Glow Harvest, 10 a.m. and Art Auction, November 21, 6 p.m. \$10 per person. All proceeds benefit wildlife rehabilitation programs. Details and reservations: 517/446-0677 or 517-546-0249.

The L.J. Johnson Nature Center on Franklin Road in Bloomfield Township needs help in removing invasive plants that are choking natural habitats. You will need appropriate clothes, strong work gloves and loppers. The center provides snacks and camaraderie. The next big work day is Saturday January 16th at 9 am but call Dan Badgley now at 248-839-3497 for all details and volunteer opportunities.

Canada geese are having a population explosion because we humans have created perfect habitat. Geese love expanses of short-cropped grass. Geese love small lakes and ponds for egg-laying solitude. Geese are passionate about golf courses.

A study in New York State claims a goose poops once every seven minutes. That must have been one heck of an exciting thesis. And that little fact means that it does not take long to turn a field into a slimy green mess filled with what most naturalists delicately refer to as goose cigars.

And so, we have come full circle from the days that geese were a near-curiosity, "following the earth like a road map," to widespread loitering, cigar-producing nuisances in city parks. We created the stage the geese now gander about within. We are to blame.

The coming year promises to bring intensified public relations as methods of control are bantered about. It will be a struggle to find ways to convince Canada geese that Oakland County is no longer a delicious slice of heaven on earth for them, and a bigger struggle to educate the modern public on goose facts. Birmingham fired the first local legal shot, but you better believe it that many agencies and municipalities will soon be huddling and planning strategy for when the geese fly away home... and for those that do not.

Jonathan Schechter is the park ranger / naturalist for West Bloomfield Parks. Contact him at oaknature@aol.com or care of this newspaper.

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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 (13) 835-2110 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

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 Trap Guide for details.

DUCK

The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules is 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

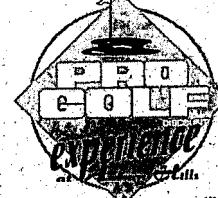
Ruffed grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

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QUAIL

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

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

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For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

HAY RIDES

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METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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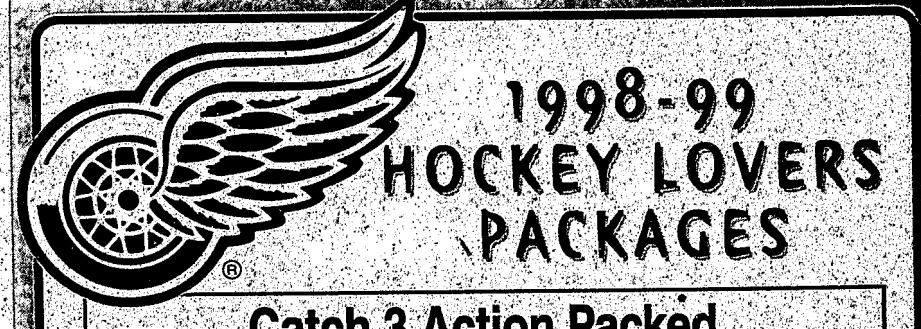
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The 1999 Winnebago Brave SE is an affordable Class A motor home with three models to choose from. It costs between \$60,000 and \$70,000 and comes in 26-, 29- and 31-foot lengths.

The test motorhome I had was the 31-footer. It had a white fiberglass exterior with swirls of green and purple metallic and almost 100 cubic feet of basement storage that provides a pass-through compartment in the rear. One of the first things I did when I saw this passage was to crawl through it.

With all this "basement" space, we were able to take everything from folding chairs to a barbecue on a family-planned outing. The "basement" of this motor home is heated, so you can use it year-round, and a holding tank of 70 gallons of fresh water can be on hand whenever you need it.

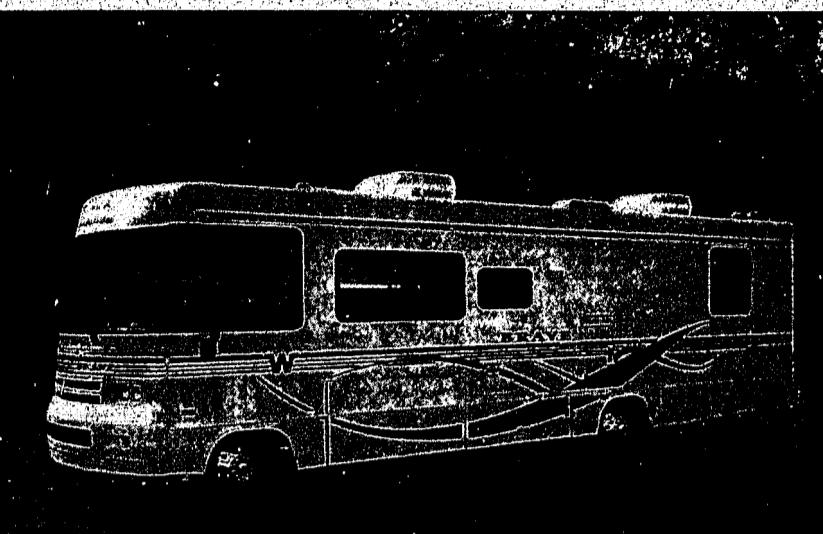
I would like to detour from the Brave for just one minute to tell you about a new product that I think is a must for any camper who owns a motor home. It is made by Titec and is called the Nightlighter. The Nightlighter is a \$20 umbrella with a flashlight in the handle that's available in most department stores. I think this is a great new product for a motor home owner because in the rain at night I never had trouble finding the key-hole or while in the woods seeing where I was going.

It is available in black, navy and crimson so you can coordinate it with the color of your motor home or camper. Now back to the Brave.

There's plenty of interior space around the cupboards in the kitchen area and bath, wardrobe closet in the bedroom and overhead compartments. My wife Donna never hesitated to take anything along.

While I was on my exploration of the Brave, I found a wash down station. It came complete with hot and cold water. If you chose to take a shower outdoors you can do it right from here. All you have to do is turn the pump on to get the water flowing and bubble up.

For anyone who is not informed on the operations of a motor home, the hot water is heated by



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a propane tank. The Brave has a 23-gallon propane tank that also runs the refrigerator, stove and furnace. With 23 gallons of propane gas, I went two weeks and never saw the needle come off of full.

Along with this Chevrolet chassis was a 7.4-liter Vortec V8 engine. It really moved the Brave in the open road. All this power is a necessity when you have a maximum towing capacity of 2,263 pounds.

Rumor has it that Chevrolet wants to pull out of manufacturing a chassis like this for motor homes. I attended the RV and Camper show at the Novi Expo in Novi, Mich., and to my surprise the buzz around the show is that Chevrolet wants to sell operations of their chassis for the RV industry. Who will buy this operation is something I could find out but it is something to inquire about when buying your next motor home.

Driving the Brave was very comfortable with captain's chairs for both the driver and the front passenger. The chairs were on a raised base that was higher than the rest of the floor of the motor home. The high back cloth seats had plenty of movement up and back, and they swiveled for extra seating when parked.

This Brave for me was very easy to handle. Even when driving in the city I had no problem maneuvering in tight places.

That doesn't mean you don't have to watch the rear end, because you have approximately 10 feet of overhang from the back wheels to the end of the motor home. Turning and not paying attention in your mirrors could result in some bad news because the end of the home will come around and demolish what is in its way.

After arriving at our campsite, I shut off the Brave, grabbed the lever, pivoted my chair and took a good look at what I think is 31 feet of luxury. Scanning the motor home, I see a full length couch that folds down into sleeping quarters for two. Behind the front passenger seat is another captain chair, not far from a formica kitchen table with oak trim and a counter top at the sink area to match.

The Brave has quality appliances, with names like Magic Chef, Norcold and Samsung to round out the kitchen area. The GE color TV works even when the antenna is down.

My son Jason and I were driving and he said, "Dad let's see if the TV will work with the antenna down." Kiddo! Anyhow, it worked, and the scary

part was I found myself watching TV instead of the road.

DON'T DO THAT

You'll stay cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter with 3-1/4-inch roof that has an insulating factor of 14.62. Most three-bedroom brick ranches only have a factor of 13 in the walls, so this gives us some basis for comparison.

This was my first Winnebago with no bath tub. Thank you, Winnebago, for that because normally the tub is too small to sit in anyway. But it's still a little tight showering in the Brave for a 6-footer like me.

One thing's for sure — hot water is not a problem, with a fast recovery system and water that gets so hot you have to be real careful.

The master suite has plenty of room and comes with a queen-size bed made for a comfortable night.

There is no TV in the bedroom, and no VCR. But there is a shelf if you want to put them in.

I would add these things to the mix if I were the king of Winnebago. It gives all of us one more thing to do in the bedroom if we're locked inside on a rainy day.

Write Marty Majchrzak of Avanti NewsFeatures at avanti105@nol.com.

1999 Winnebago Brave

Vehicle class: Motor home.

Power: 7.4-liter fuel-injected Vortec V8 by Chevrolet.

Mileage: 9.6 mpg in 365 miles of mixed driving.

Where built: Forest City, Iowa.

Base price: \$60,539.

As tested: \$67,406.

Standard equipment: AM/FM stereo, cassette player, 19-inch color TV, tilt, cruise, air conditioning, 3-burner stove, vinyl floor in galley.

See "Let's Talk Cars" with Art Cervi on Next Page.

Things You
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KNOW!

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your lights lately?

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lights to be sure they are
working properly.
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but brake lights and
turn signals as well.



Art Cervi

Car shows are put on by just about every car club or organization possible. Some for profit, others for charity. In the height of the "car show season," there can be four or five to pick from on a single weekend. From the big, gala events to the little strip mall or park setting they can be fun outings. As a spectator, your family will get to walk around and enjoy pieces of history, taking in objects of iron no longer produced.

There will usually be vehicles of all types and eras on display enhanced by a rainbow of color. My favorites are the lawn shows...set in parks or on the grounds of estates. It gives one a warm feeling to see

Let's Talk About Car Shows

couples with small children (many being pushed in strollers) smiling and playing "pick." Memories of a by-gone era are recalled when you see a car or truck that Grandma and Grandpa had or one you might have had your first date in. For whatever reason, these nostalgic automobiles push our buttons. There's nothing more enjoyable than a family stroll on a warm and sunny day. One example that comes to mind is "Motor Muster" at Greenfield Village, a yearly event, attended by thousands, always a perfect setting for a car show in today's hectic society, what a wonderful way to keep a family together...at least for the day.

Now let's look at the other attendee, the participant...the owner, the aficionado, who brings these jewels of iron to be admired and oogled. Many hours of preparation go into getting a vehicle ready for show. Detailing the engine com-

partment, vacuuming, polishing, scrubbing the tires...then out comes the toothbrush to remove all the residue caught between moldings and the body. Some folks will actually scrub the undercarriage! All that work on the hope of taking home a trophy.

Conversely, other owners attend just for the fun of it. The pleasure of riding in and showing off the old automobile is reward enough. People don't have to have the creme de la creme, the joy that comes with just owning one of these magnificent machines is very difficult to put into words until you've experienced the same feeling.

Local ordinances may prohibit having a vehicle on one's property unless it is in an enclosed building. Happy is the owner who has enough property to allow out buildings to protect their car(s) from the ele-

ments. Believe me, off sight storage can be very expensive! Remember, we do live in the midwest.

Tom, in Madison Heights, asked me if I could write about the "how-to" on preparing a vehicle for winter storage. Good question as it seems there are varied ways to do so. As that season is already upon us, we'll make storage the topic of next week's column.

My many thanks to all for the nice comments I've received on the past articles. Keep your questions coming to either the Observer & Eccentric or to "Let's Talk Cars" at WYUR. Till next week...

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JOB SEARCH

GEORGE HAYES

Q. You've mentioned the use of anecdotes to establish credibility in interviews. What kind of stories could I tell that would be effective?

A. Good for you!

Most people devote very little thought to analyzing and articulating the skills and experiences they intend to sell before

launching their job campaigns. Even those graduating magna cum laude from college rarely plan how they intend to support claims of out of the box thinking, re-engineering for results, bottom-up management or other business bubble du jour.

Buyers of products and interviewers of people are concerned only with two criteria in their march toward a go or no-go decision: pleasure and pain. When a manager is convinced that the potential for gain significantly outweighs the risk in hiring a candidate, it's thumbs up. Whether you are entry-level or an experienced VP, there are a few universal selling points that will win interviews when supported convincingly.

Responsibility Pain is caused by frequent absences due to illness or family problems. Pleasure results from knowing an employee will be there every day, on time, on post and focused. Come up with a mini-story about how you made it in during the big snow storm. What about the time you worked seven days a week for six months because the company was short-handed? Then there's the one about showing up even though you had just been diagnosed with terminal myopia (thank God, you saw your way out of that one). Man, you never miss work!

Stability Pain is caused by employees who leave after six months, necessitating another long search and training expenditure. Pleasure is caused by loyal employees who deeply dislike job hunting. Oh sure, you've received calls from recruiters but, until recently, you weren't interested

in moving. Yes, you stuck it out back in '95 when the company had one foot in the grave and another on a banana peel. Of course, you could have moved on for more money, but it seemed like things would improve and you felt a sense of loyalty to the owner (wipe the tear from your eye).

It's with real reluctance that you are looking now.

Flexibility Pain is caused by people who see their jobs as a narrow, highly defined set of tasks with strict lines of demarcation. Pleasure occurs when employees take a "do what you have to do" approach and view any job description as a suggestion rather than an edict. Remember the time you came in during the holidays because the pipes broke and you wanted to help mop up the water? Then there was the summer you pinch-hit for the Office Manager. Of course, you are not above sorting parts of getting coffee on occasion. No big hang-ups about your "station" in life. Variety is your middle name.

Energy Pain is caused by people who do what they are asked and little else. Pleasure is manifest in employees who do what they are asked and then find other things to do without having them pointed out. Most managers detest the question: "OK, what do you want me to do now?" But you have a nose for what has to be done. Why, just last month you presented your boss with a study for a new marketing program that she didn't even know you were working on. While you are held very accountable for results, you often don't see a manager for several days. Once, you got a bonus for a cost-reduction idea you initiated and sold to other divisions. You just can't be idle.

Enthusiasm Pain is caused by employees who really don't want to be doing what they are doing. Pleasure comes from working around people who are positive about the job, the company and where they are going in life. Experienced managers agree that attitude is far more important than skill or experience. Enthusiastic employees are usually creative, productive and cooperative. They offer good value. You don't have to be a cheerleader or fanatic to pull this off. Tell about how you have

taken some additional classes to become even more proficient in your discipline. Point out that you are involved in a professional association because you just like talking about the field. Of course, your spouse is going to brain you if you subscribe to any more trade publications. You are quick to say, "I love what I do."

Q. Every place I work seems to be very political. Even though I try, it eventually becomes hard to stay out of these squabbles. Should I keep searching until I find a normal atmosphere?

A. You've been in a normal atmosphere. Count on politics whenever you get more than a handful of people in a room. Think of visiting the relatives during Thanksgiving. Aunt Tilly takes a few verbal whacks at Uncle Olaf while the men are watching football. Cousin Fern reports this transgression to Cousin Sven who actually concurs with Tilly. A peeved Fern then takes her case against Tilly and Sven to Aunt Geneva who feigns empathy, but reports on the troublemaking to Olaf himself. Olaf erupts with a loud call for another adult beverage during the commercial and immediately forgets the whole thing. Everyone else is steamed.

Now who do you want to be like? Uncle Olaf, of course. He's too noble or too stupid to let the pettiness get to him. Stay out of

the fray. Be adamantly neutral, emotionally oblivious (or just plain dumb) and concentrate on the stuff that counts. Employees who are perceptive enough to recognize political gambits and self-disciplines enough to leave them alone often become the most respected members of an organization.

There will always be people with a need and ability to turn a harmonious work group into armed factions. In fact, many people find some degree of political turmoil to be fun and intriguing. Is getting involved always self-destructive? Not always. Is it for everyone? Nope. Is it a choice? Clearly.

Send questions to George Hayes, Job Search, P.O. Box 2497, Southfield, MI 48087. Mr. Hayes is president of Emplex Corporation, a consulting firm offering recruiting and testing services to area manufacturing companies.

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by Jim Pawlak**

A Look Ahead Can Cut Stress

If you feel overwhelmed by stress, says Dr. Robert Eliot, imagine yourself decades older and ask these questions: What will you look back upon if you continue on the same course? What would you like to see instead? If this motivates you to change,

• Tackle a project—no matter how minor—that you know you'll succeed at. This will help ease the fear of failure that contributes to your stress.

• Think about your positive accomplishments. Recalling triumphs has been shown to lower blood pressure and reduce muscle tension.

• Build a support network outside the

workplace. Talking over stressful events with family members or friends will relieve some of the burden. And it will help you define problems in your own mind and perhaps find a way to solve them.

• Relieve the pressure by doing something you enjoy or find soothing. But realize that no one works for everyone. Biofeedback and meditation may do it for some people. Others find relief in contact sports, exercise programs or hobbies such as gardening or music.

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I did "Swim With The Sharks" and didn't get eaten! "The Leadership Secrets of Attila the Hun" got to apply some of them as a "One-Minute Manager". Last week I took a healthy dose of common sense management and its history thanks to Al Kaltman's (Cigars, Whiskey & Winning Leadership Lessons from General Ulysses S. Grant" (Prentice Hall Press, \$22). It is now in a special place on my bookshelf to be read again and again when I think the sharks are about to attack, the barbarians are at the gate and there's not a

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Human nature being what it is, it took Grant another failed second chance (Lesson 80, LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES) with Colonel R.C. Murphy to realize that if you don't learn from your mistakes, you'll keep making the same ones.

You may not smoke cigars. You may not drink whiskey. But if you want to know how to win in life and propel your career, Kaltman's book is a must read."

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minute to spare. By design or by default and perhaps both, Kaltman drives home the point that the more things do change, the more they actually do remain the same. It reminded me that business people should learn more from history. Except for their workaday tools, today's managers are no different from those of the 1800's when it comes to dealing with people issues and using the resources at hand to get the job done.

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MATERIALS MANAGER

Successful candidate will have CPIM or CRM 2-5 years experience in scheduling or materials management in the auto supply or metal forming industry & a 4 year degree.

Must be familiar with EDI, MRP, and other Materials Management Systems as well as strong computer communication and organizational skills. Salary range is low 40's up to 50's based on experience. Full benefits, 401K & monthly bonus.

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Applicants must complete an application form and provide transcripts for all degrees earned. Requests for applications will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on December 9, 1998. Call the O.C.C. at (248) 440-1579 and refer to Position 98C3-00000.

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All shifts
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Livonia, MI 48154
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Fax: 734-421-5888

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Organized with data entry skills, friendly phone voice, self motivated, for general bookkeeping & office duties. Fax resume to: 248-477-2307 or call 248-477-2307

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LEGAL SECRETARY Legal experience helpful, but not mandatory. Must know WordPerfect. Handle pressure, work fast & be well organized. Fax 248-645-0205

LEGAL SECRETARY Needed for Farmington Hills law firm. Competitive salary & benefit package. Fax resume to: 248-442-0518 or forward resume to: Attn: Kim, 37000 Grand River, Ste. 350, Farmington Hills, MI 48335

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LEGAL SECRETARY to \$24,000. 5 years litigation experience needed. Challenging and diversified duties. Full benefits. Call Diane 810-772-6760.

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We promote a drug-free workplace; therefore, all applicants will be subject to a drug test. NO TELEPHONE CALLS

OFFICE CLERK Southfield law firm seeks an organized individual to assist Manager with office duties. Data entry, professional phone manners & accounts payable experience desired. Must have disciplined work habits & strong people skills. Experience in Microsoft Word is necessary. Please send resume, letter & resume stating salary requirements to:

Bernstein & Bernstein, 3000 Town Center, Ste 1601, Southfield, MI 48075 Atte Sharon Lovelace

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PART TIME accounts payable position with growing property management & construction company. Seeking an organized individual who can type, file, plus. Forward resume to: Steuer & Canvasser, 30600 Northwestern Highway, Suite 2400, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 or fax to: (248) 626-1978

OFFICE ASSISTANT 12-15 hours/week. Must have excellent phone skills & pleasant personality. Right typing, some data entry & knowledge of Excel & Word helpful. Smoke-free environment. Send resume to: Office Assistant PO Box 5380, Northville, MI 48167.

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ASK THE EXPERT *Circulating line gives hot water in a hurry*

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Q: I'm concerned about the amount of water wasted while running the tap to get hot water in my bathroom. My water heater is at one end of my home and my bathroom is at the other end. In order to get hot water through the faucets, at least 80 feet of cold water has to come out of the hot-water line. Is it possible to continue the hot-water line past the bathroom and then return it into the water heater? Will this save a lot of water?

A: The hot-water system that you have, like those in most residential systems, is a noncirculating type. It is generally installed because it costs less for labor and materials than a circulating hot-water system. Even though the noncirculating system is very common, it does have the disadvantage you describe.

You can convert your system to a circulating hot-water system by installing a return loop on the distribution line. The return loop runs from the last faucet to the hot-water heater. If the elevation difference between the hot-water heater and the faucets is greater than 5 feet, then the hot-water circulation can usually be achieved by gravity, the so-called thermosiphon system. This works because hot water rises forcing the cooler water down.

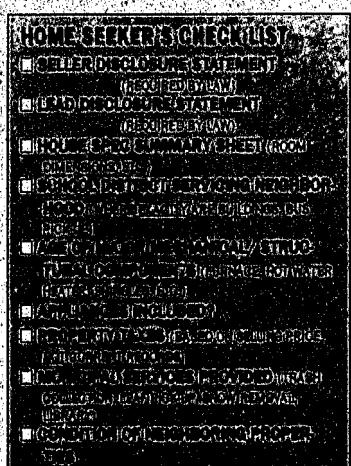
If there is a long horizontal run in the pipes or if there is less than a 5-foot height difference between the boiler and the faucet, the thermosiphon system won't work and you'll need a pump to circulate the hot water.

This system, often used in hospitals where instant hot water is required,

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This subdivision is family friendly

You can tell that Dennis A. Park, president of Sierra Development and Energy Saver Homes, had families with kids in mind at Twin Sun Lakes in Commerce Township.

The center of the community features a playscape with swings and slides, a soccer field and a large stormwater retention pond with fountain. Sidewalks will line both sides of the street.

"A park area with benches creates an interesting camaraderie amongst the neighborhood," Park said.

All residents of the 80-lot platted sub on Benstein north of Maple will have access to Twin Sun Lakes and swimming, boating and fishing.

"There's lots of places to explore," said Karen Borenstein, sales representative.

Visitors are impressed with the size and beauty of the commons area, she added.

"From anywhere in the community, you can see children playing, but they're free to run around," Borenstein said. "We like to see our kids ride bikes on sidewalks rather than the street, and it's easier for walkers and baby strollers, too."

"The builder actually lost building sites to make the commons area bigger," she said. "We used it successfully in Foxcroft. People liked it, so we wanted to expand on it."

Other features recommend Twin Sun Lakes.

"This community only has one entrance and one exit, so we don't get street traffic," Park said. "Lots are a lot deeper so there's hardly any lot that backs into another."

Walled Lake is a hot school district. Kids can walk to the elementary school, although there is a bus system available. The middle school is four weeks old now, and the high school, they've done a lot of renovation on," Park said.

"Another thing is proximity to freeways. You're only a few minutes off the M-5 intercept and the Beck Road (I-96) interchange," Park said. "You're about two miles from Twelve Oaks."

Five floor plans are available: four two-storys and a story-and-a-half. They range in price from \$239,900 for a two-story of 2,250 square feet to \$269,900 for a two-story of 2,723 square feet. Both have four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

Base price is \$249,900.

The Aspen, a two-story of 2,150 square feet, is a much more open, contemporary plan.



Twin Sun Lakes: Eighty houses will be built around a pond and large commons area at this community in Commerce Township.

The story-and-a-half, 2,300 square feet with 2-1/2 baths, contains a first-floor master, three bedrooms and a loft upstairs. Base price is \$249,900.

A fireplace, two-car garage, first-floor laundry, separate tub and shower in master, basement, oven and dishwasher, carpeting throughout and the D.R. Nelson Energy seal program are included as standard features at base price in all plans.

Two models have been built.

The Carlisle, a two-story of 2,300 square feet, features a living room, dining room, study, kitchen/nook and family room with cathedral ceiling.

The master has a two-sink vanity and walk-in closet. Three other bedrooms and a second full bath also are upstairs.

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The Aspen, a two-story of 2,150 square feet, is a much more open, contemporary plan.

Key elements on the main living area are living room, kitchen-nook-morning room combination and a family room with cathedral ceiling.

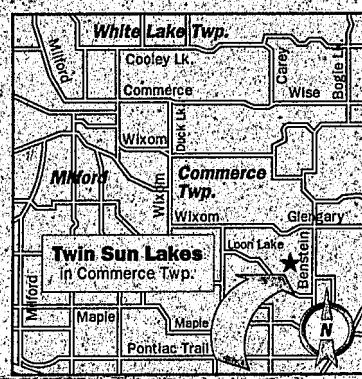
The master plus two secondary bedrooms and a second full bath are upstairs.

Base price is \$248,500. A third-car option, storage area in the garage can be added in the Aspen for \$4,650.

Primary exterior materials on all houses are brick, vinyl siding and wood siding.

The property tax rate currently is \$26.37 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$250,000 house there would pay \$3,300 the first year.

The annual association fee is \$100. All but a handful of lots carry premiums starting at \$2,000 and rising to \$70,000 for lakefront. Most lot premiums are in the \$10,000-\$12,500 range.



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Premiere elevation lends a dramatic effect to lovely foyer with oak hardwood and sunburst window over front door entry. Open staircase with oak steps and banister leads to second floor and overlooks great room, which also features spectacular ceiling height. Recessed lighting, gas fireplace with high styled mantel and surround, beautifully treated windows, neutral carpeting and wall color enhance this wonderful room. Library has light neutral decor wainscoting and stunning paneled glass door.

Totally appealing kitchen has Corian countertops, lovely white wood cabinetry, and center island. Golden oak hardwood floors, textured ceiling, crown moldings and white ceramic back splash are highlights of this pleasant room. Breakfast nook is wrapped in bayed window with French doors leading to delightful, attached, three season Gazebo and deck overlooking Pine

Trace Golf Course, laundry room is spacious, with built-in oak cabinets. Attractive formal dining room has French doors, crown moldings, textured ceiling, wainscoting, and fabulously treated windows with views of landscape and golf course.

1st floor master bedroom suite is warm and inviting. Vaulted ceiling adds dimension and style. Large, walk-in closet. Master bath has white ceramic, extra-large jetted tub, glass enclosed corner shower, white double sink and vanity, and private lavatory. Pretty as a picture, bedroom #2 has chair rail molding, double door closet, and neutral carpeting. Crown molding and chair rail enhance handsome style of bedroom #3 as well. These bedrooms share a mutually accessible full bath with white vanity and cabinet, ceramic tile and crown molding.

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has the advantage of making it available at all fixtures as soon as you turn on the tap. Continuous circulation between the hot-water storage tank and the faucet does the job.

A circulating system will also save some water. Assuming you have a three-quarter-inch diameter water pipe between the hot-water heater and the tap, the 80-foot pipe will hold about 1.8 gallons of water. This would be wasted while waiting for the hot water to come through.

However, a circulating system can be energy-inefficient because you have to heat the water, which then cools down in the pipe when you do not use it. Insulating the pipes very thoroughly can reduce this heat loss.

Q: We have a Hotpoint refrigerator with a top freezer. Whenever the compressor stops, we hear a sharp thudding noise. This noise first appeared about

three months ago as a quiet thud, which has gradually gotten louder. Now the refrigerator has started to rattle. We're afraid it might explode one of these days. Will it? And, what should we do to quiet it down?

A: There's no danger that your refrigerator might explode, but your thudding and rattling noises sound as if one of the internal suspension springs that mount the compressor may have broken.

What you are hearing is the motor and pump assembly on its subframe hitting against the side of the compressor case that surrounds the entire compressor assembly. The only real cure is to have the compressor replaced.

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Your household appliances will work more efficiently and have an increased useful service life if you perform simple routine maintenance.

In the case of your dishwasher, for example, usually all that's needed to keep it in good working order is to keep its door gasket and spray arms clean and fish out the kitchen jetsam from under the heating element.

While the door gasket may appear clean where it is plainly visible, there's a good chance its bottom section is covered with a slimy dirt that can cause the door to leak. Hold a hand mirror to the bottom of the door to reveal any accumulation of dirt.

Use a strong, nonabrasive household cleaner to remove the dirt from the gasket and door panel. You might also lift the water level float from the base of the cabinet to check for dirt. If the float gets too dirty, it can

stick in place, throwing the water level out of whack.

While you're at it, check the openings in the spray arms for small shreds of plastic. Remove these shreds with a pair of tweezers.

Also check the drain area regularly for bread sack fasteners, small measuring spoons or other kitchen items. Not only can these items be baked onto the heating element, they may break up and chip the food grinding impellers located in the drain.

Make sure some water remains in the base of the dishwasher. If you seldom use your dishwasher, add water periodically. If left to dry out, the pump seals may leak when the dishwasher is used.

When it comes to maintaining your washer and dryer, the best you can do for these appliances is to keep them level and clean. If they are out of level, their moving parts will wear unevenly and excessively.

Place a small level on the top frame of the appliance to determine where the problem lies. Then, thread the legs up or down accordingly, or in the case of the self-leveling legs, lift the low side of the appliance until that leg extends to the proper height.

That much pressure has a tendency to lift the discharge hose right out of its plumbing pipe.

There are several devices made for this problem, including a friction-fit gasket.

Lacking a factory-made solution, use wire or duct tape to secure the hose. A loose discharge hose results in hundreds of dollars in water damage.

Because dryers produce so much lint, you'll need to pay particular attention to the lint trap and the dryer vent tube. Remove and clean the lint trap with each load. Failing to clean the lint trap regularly can cause the dryer to overheat and can start a fire. It also affects efficiency.

Also, check the vent tube twice a year, especially if your dryer vents up, as most dryers located in basements do. Pull the dryer out to get behind it. Then pull the vent from the dryer connection. This will allow you to shake any lint and debris accumulation from the tube.

Beware of easy money, authors say

The authors of "Steiner's Complete How-To-Talk Mortgage Talk" book warn of dangers that can accompany some of the new low interest home loans.

Lenders are bombarding home owners with the lowest mortgage rates in 30 years. But, seemingly attractive deals to use home equity to pay off debts, send junior to college or take a long-awaited vacation can be dangerous.

The book authors, Clyde and Shari Steiner, caution that the easy money loan programs often have a number of pitfalls.

The savvy borrower will investigate several lender programs. It may even be wise to check with the nonprofit Consumer Credit Counseling Service (800) 388-2227 for advice on the best loans for your budget.

Nationally syndicated columnist, Robert Bruss, calls it an insider's guide with information not available anywhere else. Call (800) 444-2524 Ext. 1 for the \$9.95 book.

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More living space doesn't have to be inside

One of the most beautiful rooms you can create for your home isn't even indoors. That plot of land just beyond the four walls may be small or extravagantly spacious, flat or steeply sloped, but with a little creativity, you can transform it through a deck or patio into a welcoming haven.

Fall may be the perfect time to plan a new outdoor room or renovate an existing one. It can be as simple as relandscaping and adding new furniture or cushions, perhaps reconfiguring an existing setup or bricking over concrete, or as complex as starting from scratch and building a multilevel structure to take advantage of a hillside.

If you are starting from scratch, you have a wealth of options to consider. Do you want a patio that rests on the ground or a deck with its wooden structure built off the ground? Or perhaps a combination of the two - or even a gazebo instead? Does a hot tub figure into the plan, or do you need to create a new surrounding area for an existing pool? Will it be multilevel or perhaps curve around trees? Will it be right out-

side a kitchen or family room or perhaps require a path through a garden to enter it?

Your first consideration is how this space is to be used. A quiet haven with a spa is one thing. A children's play space is something else entirely.

Make a list of your outdoor needs to help create a concept for this space. It can include things like dining, garbage enclosure, potting shed, herb garden, bathing, lawn substitute - whatever your needs or desires may be.

Then, of course, you need to decide where to site this space. Even if you have a pre-existing patio, you probably have some wiggle room. Perhaps a barbecue was built in an awkward location that splits the patio in half and takes up too much room. You may not actually move the patio site, but as you consider how you want to use the area you can remove or relocate the cooking area and reconfigure the area.

Take into consideration:

- Exposure to sun, shade and wind.
- What kind of view you want to take advantage of, if there is one.

- Drainage.
- Accessibility to the house — or privacy.
- Accessibility to gardens.
- Accessibility to water for plants.

■ Maintenance — both cost and labor.

Of course, depending on the kind of work you plan to do, and where you live, you'll have to find out if you need a building permit and what codes affect the structure you want to build. Are there height restrictions, style and materials restrictions, setbacks you have to conform to? Also, double check your property deed to make sure you aren't infringing on your neighbor's property and note the location of both underground/overhead lines.

Sunset's "Ideas for Great Patios & Decks" is a great primer for getting a handle on the design and building process. One of the most common challenges homeowners face nowadays is a shortage of space. The

Sunset book offers a variety of suggestions for working with low-light, enclosed spaces.

If this is one of the issues you are facing, consider:

- Vertical stacking to work with sloped or multistory layouts.

■ A simple enclosure that echoes the house construction: Brick with brick, for example or redwood with redwood.

■ Landscaping that creates a cozy feel, perhaps enhanced with a water fountain.

■ Smaller scale furniture, built-in benches or simply a limited number of pieces.

If linking the indoors to the

outdoors is more of a consideration, check out "How to Design & Build Decks & Patios" (Ortho Books). The book has a number of ideas on how to create what they call a "graceful liaison."

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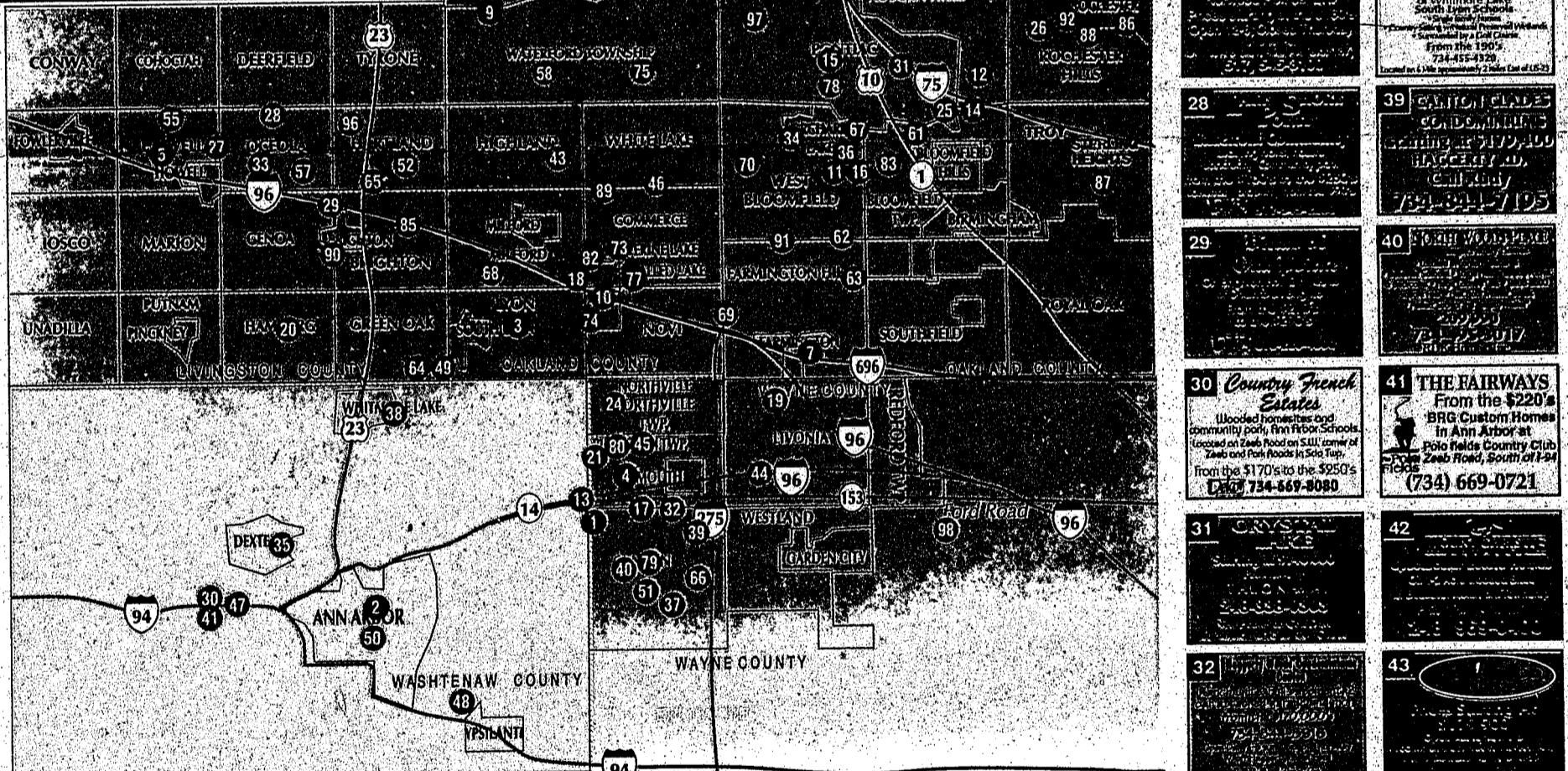
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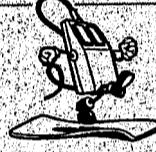
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The Family Gallery

Warm feelings can make a house a home. One way to accomplish this is with the use of family photographs on display throughout. If you have children, hang their school work on the refrigerator door or in some other prominent place in the kitchen. Photos of family pets can also strike the right cord in the heart of a buyer.

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The Welcome Mat

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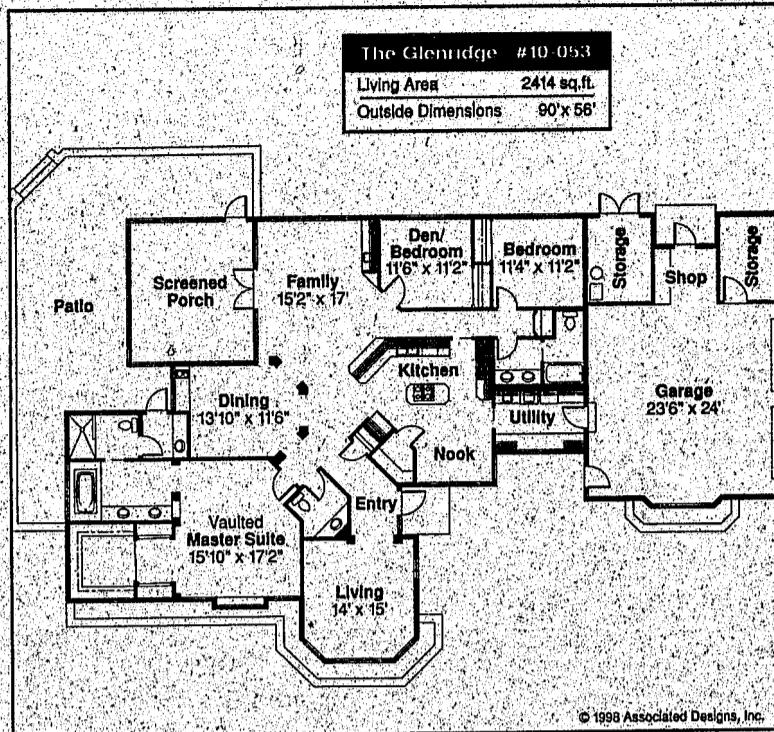
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