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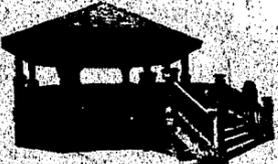
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### VINTAGE



### CLARKSTON

This past week I read a fictional account of the Civil War and was amazed at what took place in the book. One of the most frightening things, it seemed, was the treatment of deserters in the book. They were hunted down and killed. It seemed rather harsh, and I thought perhaps the author took a little creative license. However, in researching my column this week, I discovered that the book was more accurate than I had believed. Civil War soldier Edgar Clark, often featured in this column, confirmed the bloody practice in his letter, dated Dec. 3, 1863.

"My dear wife, since I wrote you last this army has been across the Rapidan and fought a battle every day. We were under fire from the enemy for days. Our regiment lost 40 men killed and wounded and taken prisoner. We arrived at our old camp at 3 yesterday afternoon very tired and I am in good health and spirits, thankful that through so many dangers which we passed and been under fire so many days that William and I came out safe, while many of our comrades fell from rebel bullets. I feel quite confident that we will close all fighting this year (for the winter), unless we are attacked by the rebel army. This regiment has seen a deserter shot. He was shot kneeling on his coffin. Death on the field of battle is preferable to death of a deserter. I think everything looks encouraging for the war to close. I would like to see you for Christmas and New Year's. I think we would have a gay old feast of fat things. Your husband, Edgar W. Clark."

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



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## Pepsi contract OK'd for high school

The board of education has approved a three-year contract giving Pepsi exclusive marketing rights at Clarkston High School, but not everyone is pleased with the vote.

BY JAN BAKER  
SPECIAL WRITER

It may be the symbol of "Generation Next," but Pepsi's exclusivity at Clarkston High School remains a disturbing sign for two Clarkston School Board members.

After months of fine-tuning a three-year contract with the Pepsi-Cola Co. of Michigan, board members approved the agreement in a 5-2 decision Monday night. Board vice-president Karen

Foyteck, treasurer Ron Sullivan, secretary Janet Thomas, and trustees Rick Crigger and Sheila Hughes voted yes. President Kurt Shanks and trustee Mary Ellen McLean voted no.

Linda Nester, the district's director of personnel and administrative services, brought the tweaked contract before the board that night. But even though some changes were made, McLean told Nester that she couldn't support the agreement.

"I appreciate everything you've done

here," McLean said. "But I really think we're selling too much pop. There are too many pop machines in the school."

According to Janet Meads, director of food services for the district, the 384,000-square-foot CHS building houses "about 15 to 20" Pepsi machines. Six of those are in the cafeteria.

Though Shanks didn't voice his objections before the vote, he commented on the issue Tuesday morning. "I didn't talk about it before the vote because I would do that only if I thought there was a possibility that I could sway other board members," Shanks said. "After all the discussion we've had on

this issue, I didn't think that was a possibility. I'm generally pleased with what the administration has done to address the concerns about advertising. But I just don't like it that the district is promoting the use of a product that isn't in the best interest of our kids."

Shanks pointed out that more articles are popping up in magazines and newspapers about the rise of soda pop consumption and its negative effect on teenagers' health. The board president singled out empty calories, increased caffeine and sugar as the primary

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Serving the community: A Baptist minister, Dan Campbell drives trucks for Smith's Disposal and Recycling to keep funds coming in for his church in Leonard.

## Bags and Bibles

### Preacher hauls refuse to keep church going

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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For Dan Campbell, life is like the division between church and state. He drives a truck for Smith's Disposal and Recycling during the week days, and spends his weekends as a minister at Calvary Baptist Church. Campbell, a Baptist minister, started the church more than three years ago to satisfy the demand for such a church in the small town of Leonard.

Though he grew up in Clarkston, the 41-year-old minister attended Maranatha Baptist College in Wisconsin and later moved to Leonard.

"We were an offshoot of the First Baptist Church of Lake Orion and the First Baptist Church of Clarkston," said Sharon Campbell, his wife. "A lot of families up here were driving to Lake Orion. That's a long way to go to go to church."

The congregation consists of just over 30 members. While they raise money for a church building, they hold worship services in a rented hall across from the post office.

"We're not huge," he said. "We had several families come from the church (in Lake Orion) to help us get started. It was the jump start we needed."

■ 'Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.'

Campbell was also receiving monetary support from other churches when he first got started. In the past few years that support tapered off, and Campbell needed to supplement his income to keep the church going. He considers his work at Smith's Disposal to be a means to an end.

"If the Apostle Paul could make tents, I guess I can drive a garbage truck," Campbell said. "It's definitely different than what you do in the church."

Sharon Campbell said that this position was "the first thing that really opened up" when her husband started to look for a job.

Ken Smith, owner of Smith Disposal and Recy-

cling in Clarkston, said that Campbell has worked for the company for about one year.

"He's a driver," said Smith. "He has his own route and he takes care of mobile home parks and condos every week. He does a wonderful job. He seems to get along well with his co-workers."

Campbell never intended to move back to Michigan and start the church. He said that the Lord had a hand in that matter.

"I had to make a decision," said Campbell. "I went into my office and prayed and I told the Lord that I needed to know."

Campbell said it was as if the Lord told him specifically that it was the right thing to do. He called his wife and told her that they were moving back to Michigan.

"I was struggling with it," he said. "I felt there was an opportunity there."

Upon his arrival to Leonard, Campbell immersed himself in his work. The congregation has already raised more than \$30,000 toward the purchase of a building. Campbell said once the church has its own place in the community, it will be more visible to the residents and attendance should rise.

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## Clarkston downtown revitalization given boost

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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Efforts to revitalize downtown Clarkston are taking off, as well as the spirit of the community.

"We'll all be better off for it," said Clarkston Councilman David Savage, who helped spearhead efforts to revitalize the downtown shopping district and is pleased by recent steps taken toward that goal.

And, several pieces of the puzzle did fall into place this week.

Trustees in Independence Township voted unanimously Wednesday to contribute \$3,000 to help pay for the cost of conducting a downtown revitalization study of the village.

At a cost of \$25,000, the proposed study would result in an action plan for turning downtown Clarkston into an economically viable shopping district. Local businesses have been charged with raising \$20,000 for the study to qualify for a \$5,000 pledge from the city of the Village of Clarkston.

Also, founders of the proposed Clarkston State Bank — to be located in the

former NBD building at 15 S. Main in the village — told trustees they would act as study administrators and help new businesses locate in the district.

Representing the new bank company, known as the Clarkston Financial Corp., Dave Harrison, former president of First of America Bank, and Robert Olsen, president of Planned Financial Services, also told trustees they would set up a conference room in the bank for that purpose.

Updates on available retail space, marketing data and other information would be available to business owners

interested in coming to downtown Clarkston, Olsen said.

And, on Thursday, the Clarkston Financial Corp. announced receipt of a preliminary charter from the state of Michigan to open the new bank.

The only disappointing news received by those involved in the downtown revitalization project came from the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. The organization turned down a request to contribute \$3,000.

Chamber President Wendy Halsey

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# Approval given for Springfield horse farm

BY CAROLYN WALKER  
SPECIAL WRITER

Local residents can expect to see construction begin soon on a private horse farm planned for 40 acres along Clark Road in Springfield Township. Lawrence and Beverly Rapp

received final site plan approval from the board of trustees recently for what Beverly said will be a farm largely devoted to breeding and boarding dressage horses.

"It'll be pretty much breeding show horses," she said of the

farm's purpose during a telephone interview.

Dressage is a form of competitive horse showing that does not involve jumps, she added.

The couple plan to erect a 14,000-square-foot indoor riding arena, a 36-foot-by-220-foot

horse barn with up to 34 stalls and a storage barn, along with fenced pastures and areas for turning out horses. The property is at 11150 Clark Road, between I-75 and Dilley Road.

They also hope to build a personal residence on the property. "It's going to be a low-key place," said the mother of two, who added that she hopes her children will be able to use the setting to "run and scream a little."

While they intend to keep a century-old house on the property as a caretaker's or guest house, they do not plan to maintain an existing barn that has fallen out of use due to disrepair, Beverly Rapp said at last week's board meeting.

The board voted 6-1 to approve their site plan with some considerations, including the approval by the township's planning coordinator of the proposed landscaping buffer and the restriction that the barn not intrude on the tree line.

Supervisor Collin Walls voted no on the farm site plan because, he said, Beverly Rapp seemed too tenuous on some plans.

In speaking of the barn they plan to build, Rapp said, "It will conform to the (township's) height requirements ... or else I won't build it."

The Rapps plan to remove the existing old barn because, "the windows and the boards all move," she said. "It's not safe; I can't use it."

In addition, the barn is charred as a result of a previous fire that claimed a nearby building.

"It looked like a pretty neat old barn," responded Clerk Nancy Strole, though she did not express disagreement with the barn being razed.

In a prepared document, the Rapps said their intention is to have a farm where horse training and boarding are available. There will be no horse renting, they said.

Beverly Rapp said she currently participates in dressage horse competitions.

# Revised, expanded report card offers more information

BY JAN BAKER  
SPECIAL WRITER

Its four pages long, contains a mission statement, a letter to users, an explanation of codes, 55 evaluation categories, pictures of six animals, a section for comments and a list of 43 performance standards.

And it has nothing to do with cable television. As most parents of K-5 students in the Clarkston School District already know, "it" is the new elementary report card.

According to Dave Reschke, assistant superintendent for elementary and middle school operations, the lengthy new grading document attempts to leave no stone unturned.

"We realized that elementary report cards hadn't been updated in five or six years so we did a study last year," Reschke said in a recent interview. "We formed a committee of teacher and parent representatives from across the district and we also sent out a parent survey. As a result of that input, our new report cards are very similar to report cards used in other districts in Oakland County and outside Michigan."

According to Reschke, the district's new K-2 cards are most in line with report cards at the same level in the Farmington School District. However, evaluations for grades three, four and five more closely resemble report cards from the Rochester

School District.

"We wanted to give parents more information — and information that was less open to interpretation," Reschke said. "This new format also promotes dialogue between teachers and parents at parent-teacher conferences, which are particularly well-attended at the elementary level."

Along with letter grades (for upper elementary only) and lots of numerical codes, the cards feature logos of all the district's elementary schools, a letter to parents, the mission statement of Clarkston Schools and districtwide academic core performance standards.

The purpose of it all?

"We're trying to convey the message that there are district standards that don't change from one Clarkston school to the next," the assistant superintendent said.

"Every spring, we'll look at the report card and review its basic format. Who knows? In the future, we may do electronic report cards. But personally, I like the idea of having a piece of paper with a teacher's writing on it."

Reschke admitted, however, that Clarkston's elementary report card of the '90s may not make the grade in one particular area.

"It's kind of tough to post these things on the refrigerator," he said with a chuckle. "Maybe the garage door."

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Clarkston schools

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7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17  
Tentative Agenda  
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Roll Call

Opening Statements and Correspondence  
Approval of Agenda  
Minutes of Previous Meeting  
Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run  
Approval of Purchase Orders  
Public Forum

Presentation-Clarkston Community Task Force

Unfinished Business  
1. Approval of CDBG Budget  
2. Discussion Regarding Sexual Harassment Policy

3. Employee of the Quarter New Business  
1. Set Public Hearing-Deerwood VII Street Lighting SAD  
2. Approval of Water Agreements (Independence Woods and Clinton Villa Mobile Home Parks)

3. Rezoning Request from R1R to R1A-Parcels 08-27-226-001, 08-26-101-003 Waldon Road and I-75

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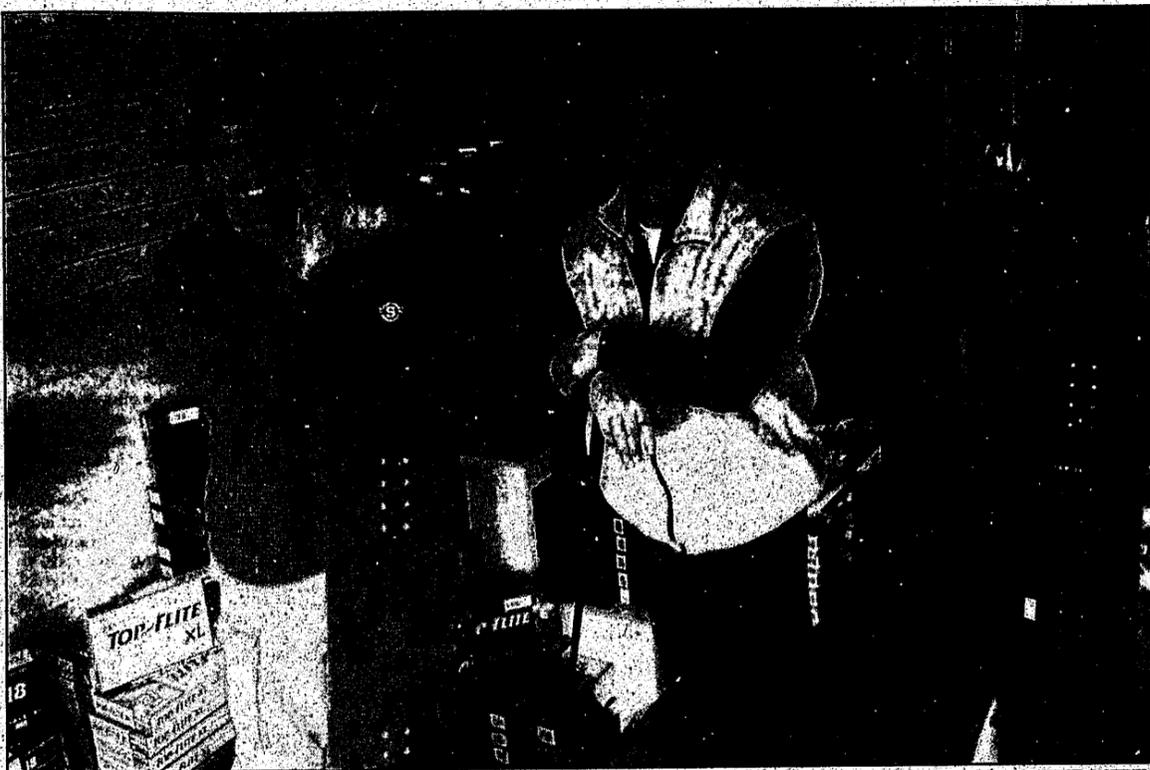
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Partners: David Justus (left) loves golf and his stepson Brian Gerber has a passion for snow boarding. But, the two have managed to bring their interests together in a business venture, Excalibur Golf and Snow.

## Stepfather/stepson join forces, turn their passions into business

### Sports enthusiasts open unique retail store

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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The apple doesn't fall far from the tree, whether the genes are the same or not.

Brian Gerber and his 21-year-old stepson, David Justus, who recently opened their own golf and snow boarding business in Springfield Township — Excalibur Golf and Snow — are a case in point.

**Brian Gerber**  
co-owner,  
Excalibur Golf  
and Snow

Sort of. Justus, a snow boarding aficionado, bears all the markings of his generation — tattoos and braided rope jewelry.

Gerber, 44, a lover of golf, wears a neatly trimmed but fluffy mustache reminiscent of a 1970s Burt Reynolds.

But, turning a passion into a business and a sense of style aren't their only commonalities. They both love to banter.

"I'm simply not going to be here in the summer. I will be golfing," said Gerber, indicating to Justus that golf is a subject he will have to master, despite his disdain for the sport.

"See you on the slopes," David responded in kind.

Justus can hardly stand the idea of golf, but will quietly reveal that he has hit a few balls a few times.

Gerber has never gone snow boarding, but insists it's on his list of things to try this coming winter.

Open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Excalibur will stock equipment, accessories and clothing for golfers and snow boarders.

Services, like club regripping and snow board waxing, will also be available.

While Gerber and Justus plan to stick to what they know within the business, even Justus admits there is bound to be some crossover between the two specialties.

"I'd have a door there, if I could," said Justus, pointing to the entranceway that connects the store's distinctive sections — one for golf and one for snow boarding.

"But there are a lot of teen-age golfers," he said.

Justus also plans to let his stepdad's older customers know that snow boarding is a sport for all ages.

"A lot of them say, 'I'm too old for this,' and I try to tell them it's mostly upper body. It's mostly gliding. It's a lot easier than skiing," he said.

Hoping to find a niche for their business, Gerber and Justus will also custom monogram hats, towels and other gear, in

addition to offering their own lines of clothing.

Which brings up another commodity: Justus' mom and Gerber's wife, Barbara, who makes all the clothing items and does embroidery work for the business.

But, how did this father-son venture come about?

"He went through his mother," Gerber said of Justus.

"I just said OK."

Mom also owns the store.

## State vows to resurface M-15

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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At Monday night's meeting of the Clarkston City Council, members heard an offer they couldn't refuse.

By the year 2000, the Michigan Department of Transportation will repave and repair M-15, to keep the road in good condition for about the next 15-20 years. But Gary Tressel, city engineer, told council that MDOT will do more than repair the road if it's deemed necessary.

The city may apply for an MDOT enhancement fund grant this year. If the city receives the money, downtown Clarkston could look a bit different. The improvements would be made along M-15, between Paramus and the I-75 junction.

"The purpose of the scoping of M-15 is to identify what needs to be done on the road," Tressel said.

He said that MDOT has offered to fix the curbs, improve the storm drains and improve the quality of the pavement. If Clarkston receives the grant, MDOT would cover the costs of the work through the use of its enhancement fund. However, the city would incur any expenses related to the maintenance of the projects for the span of 15-20 years.

Tressel added that there is a need for sidewalks and lighting downtown. He brought the issue before council because it must be acted upon before September 1999.

"This is not something we have a lot of time (to think about)," said Tressel. "Independence Township has a need for it and you have a need for it."

Trustee David Savage questioned whether the improvements would take into consideration what downtown will look like afterward.

**The improvements would be made along M-15, between Paramus and the I-75 junction.**

"It's not our vision," said Tressel. "It's your vision."

"There's no guarantee that we will get the grant."

Thinking positively, council members said it was too good of an opportunity to miss. Trustee Walt Gamble resolved to support the improvements, which will be detailed if the city receives the funds. Council supported the resolution unanimously.

In other business Monday night:

Mayor Sharron Catalo and trustees Karen Sanderson, Anne Clifton and Michael Kelley were sworn in for their new terms on the Clarkston City Council at the start of the meeting.

The council unanimously approved the distribution of community development block grants funds for 1999. They chose to mirror the distribution used for 1998. Clarkston received \$8,000 for block grants, which are given to programs and services benefiting residents of low and moderate income levels.

The distribution is as follows: \$1,000 will go to planning; \$2,000 will fund the removal of architectural barriers; \$1,000 will be set aside for an emergency rehabilitation program; \$1,400 for public services and youth assistance; \$600 toward the library; \$1,000 for Senior Citizens' Meals on Wheels; and \$1,000 for Lighthouse Clarkston.

"I think that worked out well for us," said Catalo. "At this point there's no reason to change."

The next meeting of the city council is scheduled for Nov. 23.

### POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston Nov. 5-8.

#### Springfield Police

##### Thefts

On Nov. 5, a cell phone was reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked on Foster Road.

On Nov. 6, four windows of a vehicle were reported smashed and a compact disc player and radar detector stolen at a parking lot on Dixie Highway.

##### Vandalism

On Nov. 5, damage to the side of a vehicle parked on Eaton Road was reported. The vehicle appeared to have been hit with stones.

On Nov. 7, the cover of a pickup truck, parked on Dixie Highway, was reportedly burned with a lit cigarette between 2-4 p.m.

On Nov. 7, approximately \$500 in damage was reportedly done to the hard-top cover of a Jeep, stored in the back yard of an Englewood Street home.

##### Vehicle fire

On Nov. 5, a 1991 Oldsmobile Bravada was reported to have caught on fire while traveling southbound on I-75. The driver, a Clarkston man, noticed smoke under the hood of the vehicle and pulled over to the Dixie Highway exit ramp.

Flames, rising about 6 inches

high, were coming from the vehicle's alternator. The fire was put out with an extinguisher and no one sustained injuries.

#### Independence Police

##### Thefts

On Nov. 5, a Dodge van was reported stolen from a location on Hillcrest. The van is described as rusty with apple stickers on the windshield.

On Nov. 5, two cell phones were reported stolen from two vehicles parked on Clement.

On Nov. 5, a compact disc player was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on South Hampton.

On Nov. 6, approximately \$500 in plumbing supplies were reported stolen from a location on Belleshire.

On Nov. 6, three furnaces and construction equipment were reported stolen from a location on Glenwood Creek.

On Nov. 6, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Deer Hill Drive.

On Nov. 8, a possible attempted larceny of a storage trailer was reported on White Lake Road.

On Nov. 8, \$4.76 in gasoline was reported stolen from a gas station on Sashabaw Road. A man reportedly paid \$1 and fled the scene.

On Nov. 8, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Sashabaw Road.

##### Vandalism

On Nov. 5, the passenger-side

window of a vehicle parked on Sashabaw Road was reported broken while the vehicle was in motion.

On Nov. 6, the Coca Cola vending machine at Baycourt Park on Andersonville Road was reported damaged.

On Nov. 7, a women's winter coat was reported stolen at Clarkston High School on Flemings Lake Road.

##### Possession of marijuana

On Nov. 7, police located a field party and bonfire near Deer Hill Drive.

One 17-year-old Clarkston resident was given an appearance citation for possession of marijuana and minor in possession of tobacco. He was then released to his parents.

##### Independence Fire

Between Nov. 5-8, firefighters responded to 19 calls. Among them were 10 medical calls, one grass fire, one lock-out, and two personal-injury accidents.

##### Clarkston Police

On Nov. 5, an Oxford man was being held in Rochester for a traffic warrant from the Clarkston Police Department. He was arrested and taken to 52-2 District Court. The man pleaded guilty to a registration-plate violation.

On Nov. 8, a Clarkston woman hit a deer with her vehicle, while driving on Main Street near Middle Lake Road.

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# CHS band marches off with 6th place in state

BY JAN BAKER  
SPECIAL WRITER

One band dueling with swords. Another band's flag bearers did the splits. And one band changed costume hues as many times as an aluminum Christmas tree with a rotating color wheel.

But even though Clarkston High School's Marching Band primarily played music and marched Saturday at the state championship in the Pontiac Silverdome, it nabbed sixth-place — and one of its drum majors won a \$1,000 music scholarship.

The annual state championship contest, sponsored by the Michigan Competing Band Association, spotlighted the state's top 10 bands from four divisions, or "flights," based on school population.

Results and scores of the Flight I competition — in which Clarkston performed — were:

- First-place (94.65) — Plymouth-Canton Educational Park
- Second-place (90.00) — Milford High School
- Third-place (89.75) — Jenison High School
- Fourth-place (84.15) —

**'When the band stood in a line and played 'Ode to Joy' to the audience, my eyes welled up and I had to wipe away some tears. They were just great.'**

Judy Carpenter

mother of Clarkston High School band member Jeff Carpenter

Portage Northern High School

- Fifth-place (83.15) — Troy Athens High School
- Sixth-place (82.95) — Clarkston High School
- Seventh-place (78.35) — Saginaw Heritage High School
- Eighth-place (76.60) — Westland John Glenn High School
- Ninth-place (75.80) — West Bloomfield High School
- Tenth-place (71.55) — Lake Orion High School

The 200-member CHS Marching Band played Beethoven's greatest hits before a crowd of approximately 20,000 spectators.

That crowd included many Clarkston band parents and supporters, as well as Clarkston schools' superintendent Dr. Al Roberts.

CHS parent Judy Carpenter, whose 11th-grade son, Jeff, plays trumpet in the marching band, said she was proud of Clarkston's performance.

"This is the most exciting time of the year. You just sit on the edge of your seat during this competition," Carpenter said Monday about the end-of-the-season contest. "When the band stood in a line and played 'Ode to Joy' to the audience, my eyes

welled up and I had to wipe away some tears. They were just great."

Shaunie Murphy — whose daughter, Jennifer, plays flute in the band — said that she, too, was thrilled with Clarkston's effort.

"I was real pleased," Murphy said in a phone interview Monday. "There's a lot of theatrics (in the state band competition). We're more of a traditional band and I hope we keep it that way. These kids represent our community well."

For CHS senior Katie King, a drum major in the band, Saturday's event marked an additional recognition. King was announced that afternoon as the recipient of one of three \$1,000 music scholarships awarded in the Flight I division. Only six scholarships were given out in the entire MCBA competition.

"Oh yeah, I was excited about it," King said in a phone interview Monday.

"I applied for it (the scholarship). You had to be a senior who was going into music in college to apply. I want to major in music education."

King said she plans to attend either Central Michigan University or Michigan State University next year.

"What did she think about Clarkston's performance at the Dome?"

"As Mr. (Cliff) Chapman — our band director — says, 'We're a band that marches,'" King said. "Mr. Chapman likes the traditional band approach where music is the focus. I thought we did really, really well. It's hard to play in the Silverdome with the weird acoustics."

The CHS Marching Band placed seventh in the state in 1997 and has been a consistent finalist in the MCBA State Championship Contest under the direction of Chapman. Chapman is in his 22nd year at CHS.

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## Retail center planned for rural township spot

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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A sizable retail and office development is coming to a rural area of Independence Township.

On Tuesday, trustees looked at the Talon Development Group's plans for a project at the southeast corner of M-15 and Oakhill Road, which will likely include a bank, several small stores and a large, full-service gourmet market.

The project follows a legal battle between the township and the property's former owner over what should be allowed to be developed at the location.

The approximately 13-acre site is zoned for rural residential use. However, the former owner of the property wished to build a shopping center and took the matter to court.

Following thousands of dollars in legal costs for the township,

**'If there was any significant objection (to the project) ... you would be hearing about it right now.'**

Neil Wallace

Independence Township trustee

the Michigan Supreme Court affirmed a lower court's decision that forces the township to accept the shopping center development or one similar to it, like the project planned by Talon Development.

Trustees did not vote on the plans presented by Talon Development because it appears that a vote is not required under the court judgment. However, the project will be presented to the township's Planning Commission for further input.

Independence Township

fought the developer because its Vision 2020 Strategic Plan calls for the property to remain rural. Township officials and area residents also are opposed to erecting such large-sized developments at the location, Township Trustee Dan Travis said following the meeting.

Despite the negative history surrounding the site and concerns that local residents would not patronize such a retail center, trustees expressed overall support for the developer's plans.

"If there was any significant objection (to the project) ... you would be hearing about it right now," said Trustee Neil Wallace.

"We appreciate the opportunity to hear from you, and find out what your plans are," said Supervisor Dale Stuart.

Oakhill Marketplace, the retail center's proposed name, will be made up of five buildings and span about 1,000 feet along

M-15, according to the developer. It will include 15,000 square feet of office space, more than 50,000 square feet of retail space and about 350 parking spaces.

Groundbreaking at the site is expected in March with tenants opening for business in October or November.

Oakhill Marketplace is being presented by Talon Development, which built and formerly owned Lancaster Lakes apartments on Dixie Highway in the township, as an upscale, retail center with a "village" atmosphere.

In addition to a large, gourmet grocery, possible tenants could include a bookstore, drug store and coffee house, one of the developer's representatives told trustees.

"We've considered how this (development) impacts and reflects on the township," said John Dondanville, director of construction for the Talon Development Group. "We're aware of the issues with Vision 2020, and the township's desire to keep M-15 north of Cranberry Lake Road as rural," said Dondanville, who resides in Independence Township.

"The growth is here and coming. We're here to capitalize on that," he said. "But, I feel we can do that with our heads up ... I'm real comfortable doing this development in my own town."

Also, the developer has met with and implemented many of the suggestions of Township Planner Dick Carlisle, said Talon Development President Samuel A. Walker III.

Working with local officials and making a contribution to the township through the project is a priority, Walker said. "Our goal is to take some of the township's concerns in mind."

**Charter Township of Springfield**

**NOTICE**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at the regular meeting on Monday, November 16, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Daviaville, Michigan, to receive comments related to the following proposed amendments as summarized below to the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 28:

**Definitions—Building Height.**

1) The way in which building height is measured will be changed. Building height will be measured to the midpoint between the highest ridge and the predominant eave for that ridge. For buildings with a basement (including a walk-out basement) height will be measured from the midpoint between the basement floor and the finished first floor. For buildings without a basement, height will be measured from the finished first floor.

2) The building inspector will determine the highest ridge and predominant eave for that ridge.

**ARTICLE XXV**  
**Schedule of Regulations**

Section 25.00 - Limiting Height, Bulk, Density and Area by Land Use

1) For residential use districts, the maximum height in feet for buildings with a basement will be changed from 25 feet to 30 feet.

2) For non-residential use districts, the maximum height in feet for buildings with a basement will be changed as follows:

District	Current	Proposed
OS	25	28.5
C-1	25	28.5
C-2	40	43.5
M-1	25	28.5
M-2	40	43.5
E-1	40	43.5
RC	25	28.5
PL	25	28.5

**ARTICLE XXIV**  
**FUD - Planned Unit Development District**

Section 14.04 (6)

1) A new section will require Final PUD plans to include a Development Agreement, which will identify all development plans and documents applicable to the Development as approved by the Township.

Section 14.04 (7)

2) The current Section 14.04 (6) will be renumbered as 14.04 (7).

Section 14.07

3) The first sentence will be changed to add Development Agreement to the list of items which when approved shall constitute land use authorization for the property.

4) The third sentence will be changed to add the Development Agreement to the list of documents included in the notice required to be recorded against the property at the Oakland County Register of Deeds.

Section 14.08 - Deviations from Approved PUD

5) A new section establishes a procedure for determining which proposed deviations to an approved PUD must go through the amendment process and which are minor and can be approved by a unanimous vote of the PUD Committee. Charges which may be considered minor are described. The Planning Coordinator will preliminarily determine whether the proposed deviation should be presented to the Planning Commission and the Township Board, and, if deemed necessary by the Planning Coordinator, either or both the Township Engineer and the Township Planner. If the PUD Committee determines that the requested modification is not minor, when an amendment to the PUD must be obtained.

Section 14.09 - Fees

6) The current Section 14.08 entitled "Fees" will become Section 14.09.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the full text of the proposed amendments and related documents may be examined at the Clerk's Office, Charter Township of Springfield, 650 Broadway, Daviaville, Michigan, during regular office hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Daviaville, MI 48820 until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation at the Hearing should contact the Clerk at least two business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk  
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**PUBLIC HEARING**

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**ARTICLE XVII**  
**Environmental performance Standards**

Section 17.08.4

1) The first sentence will be changed to eliminate the requirement for color-corrected lighting.

Section 17.08.5

2) The permitted illumination levels at ground level along property lines for uses adjacent to both residentially zoned or used property and non-residential properties will be changed.

3) The permitted minimum average light intensity over the area intended to be illuminated will be changed, and will be measured at 3.5 feet above the ground rather than at 5 feet above the ground.

4) The requirement for a minimum level of light intensity at ground level anywhere in the area to be illuminated will be removed.

5) A uniformity ratio of 10:1 is proposed.

Section 17.08.6

6) The maximum height of lighting fixtures will be changed from 16 feet to 27 feet.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the full text of the proposed amendments may be examined at the Clerk's Office, Charter Township of Springfield, 650 Broadway, Daviaville, Michigan, during regular office hours Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk  
Charter Township of Springfield

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**Charter Township of Springfield**

**NOTICE**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its regular meeting on Monday, November 16, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Daviaville, Michigan to consider the following:

Proposal by the Springfield Township Planning Commission to rezone approximately 49 acres from R-2 (One-Family Residential, 1 acre minimum) to RC (Resource Conservation).

The Property proposed for rezoning is located north of I-75 and Dixie Highway, east of Lavon and south Colswold Lane and Fen Ridge, P.L. #07-24-228-002.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that information related to the rezoning request may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Daviaville, Michigan during regular business hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Daviaville, Michigan 48820 until the time of the SECOND READING. Those persons needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk  
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## Pepsi from page A1

nutritional villains.

"I know the argument is, kids are already drinking it outside of school and everywhere else," Shanks said. "But I don't want to be put in the position of promoting it in school."

In the district's agreement with the pop giant, Pepsi supplies all vending machines to CHS on a rent-free, maintenance-free basis. And Clarkston schools receives a check every four weeks for commissions on the exclusively-Pepsi product line sold through those vending machines. (Sales of carbonated soft drinks generate the biggest commission. Ocean Spray juices, Isotonics sports drinks and Aquafina bottled water bring in smaller dividends, respectively.)

However, Nester pointed out sections of the contract that had been revamped in accordance with district guidelines and board recommendations about advertising and marketing.

Specifically, she explained that Pepsi had already replaced its logo, which originally covered the front of all CHS vending machines, with a newly created Clarkston wolf logo. (The Pepsi logo now appears only on the sides of the machines, per Clarkston schools' advertising limits.)

Additionally, as part of the agreement, the district determines the location of all Pepsi machines in the CHS building. However, Pepsi and Clarkston Schools decide upon what kinds of Pepsi products are to be dis-

pensed in those vending machines.

The district also gains funding and educational support from the contract, which runs retroactively from July 1, 1998, to June 30, 2001.

■ A (contract) signing bonus of \$21,000.

■ A \$2,000-a-year computer software program designed to help students locate scholarships and other financial aid for college tuition (updated annually).

■ Three \$1,000 scholarships — one per year — to students for continuing education.

When Shanks was asked if he believed the district was promoting pop intake at CHS to get extra dollars, Shanks said, "Yes."

"We're trying to increase sales of Pepsi products to increase revenue to the school. We have the ability to put juices or dairy products in our vending machines, but we don't have any of that right now."

## Preacher from page A1

When he initially agreed to start the church, Campbell was asked to do something in the area for the children.

"We started AWANA clubs to give kids something to do, to tell them about God and how important he is in their lives," said Sharon Campbell.

AWANA stands for "approved workmen are not ashamed," a reference to 2 Timothy 2:15, a Bible verse instructing believers to be unashamed workmen for Christ.

The group's motto is "to teach boys and girls the gospel of Christ," Campbell said.

Tammy Scott, a Leonard resident and teacher of the AWANA classes, teaches the younger kids, those in kindergarten through second grade, by incorporating story time, handbook time and game time into lessons from the Bible.

Scott described it as a learning atmosphere.

"It gives kids something to do," Scott said of the program, which goes through the sixth grade.

Through Calvary Baptist Church, Campbell reaches out to the community.

"We're trying to reach people out here, trying to change lives one-by-one," said Sharon Campbell.

The Campbells have three children, two sons and a daughter ranging in age from 9 to 18. Sharon Campbell said the children assist in the nursery, set up for services in the rented hall where the church meets, and set out the hymn books.

"It's a real family-oriented ministry," she said.

Scott said she enjoys going to the church and likes to hear Campbell's sermons.

"I like him as a pastor," she said. "The sermons are interesting. You can usually pull something out of it and find meaning

in your own life." She called Campbell an "accessible pastor," one who's always around when you need him. When she was searching for the right church for her two sons and herself, Scott wanted one that emphasized the teachings in the Bible. She's found that at Calvary Baptist Church, she said.

"He encourages us all to go into the Bible," Scott said of Campbell's sermons. "I like the way he encourages us to learn for ourselves."

Campbell said that the rewarding part of his work, his counseling duties, can also pose a challenge.

"I'm always very excited when I can help someone through a difficulty," he said. "There are heartaches too — when you try to counsel someone and you know they're going down the wrong path. I try to be an encouragement and a blessing to them."



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Cambridge Industries Inc. has named Pat Pavelka to the position of president, Industrial Products Group. In this role, Pavelka will be responsible for the company's industrial product business, which includes the agricultural, marine, and pleasure craft/recreational vehicle markets.

Pavelka was previously the president of Cambridge Industries, Interior Business Unit, which he helped organize in 1995. His tenure at Cambridge began in 1988, first as materials manager and then progressing into a number of other increasingly important management

duties including plant manager and general manager of the Dearborn and Lapeer plants. Prior to that, he spent 12 years with Voplex Corp.

A graduate of Eastern Michigan University, Pavelka has over 25 years' experience in the plastics market including work in the quality and material process areas. In addition, he has extensive background in the recreational vehicle and automotive markets. Pavelka resides with his family in Clarkston.

Cambridge Industries is a supplier to the automotive, light truck and commercial truck markets.

## Downtown from page A1

said the organization supported the project but couldn't afford such a contribution. "We are absolutely behind the project and love the idea, but we are not in a financial position to make a contribution right now."

Olsen later said he was extremely pleased by activity of the week, saying there was a synergy surrounding the endeavor to bring downtown Clarkston back to life.

Olsen also said that he and other business owners were extremely close to attaining their goal of raising \$20,000 for the revitalization study. Given the township's pledge, "it's, essentially, a done deal," he said.

Township trustees seemed equally excited about downtown revitalization and the feeling of community it has spurred.

"We are all one community

## Clarkston Cares gives awards for community youth service volunteers

The following people received awards at the "Clarkston Cares" dinner on Oct. 26 for outstanding personal effort in building developmental assets for Clarkston youth:

"Asset building behind the scenes" — Ann Conklin; "Asset building over the years" — Bonnie Watson and Mary Zarzycki; "Asset building in the workplace" — Ray Delasko; "Creative

asset-building" — Nichole Maier, Rachel Hurley and Kelly Orlandó; "Adult asset-builder" — Dan and Jan Fife; "Asset building one-on-one" — Patrick and Sandy Seyferth; "Asset building for the whole community" — Dan and Laura Niewoit and the CCA; "Asset building above and beyond duty" — David Bihl; and "Youth asset-builder" — Katie King.

despite the political entities that were created a while back," said Trustee Larry Rosso. "We all reference ourselves as (being from) Clarkston... I think we are all bound and wed together," he said, pointing out that Independence Township Hall is officially located in the city of Clarkston.

Township Trustee Dan Travis even suggested that the board contribute more than \$3,000 to the downtown study, which is to

be conducted by Hyett Palma, Inc.

A \$3,000 contribution represents less than a dime per resident, yet would significantly benefit the township population, he said.

"If we can help, and I think we can, we should."

Trustee Jeffrey McGee agreed, saying, "Revitalization of the downtown is in everybody's best interest."

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# Transplant gives man new outlook on life

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON  
STAFF WRITER

"Look at me. I'm not Rock Hudson or anything but I'm here and I'm functioning and I'm enjoying life."

Michael Cosgriff's words of confidence and appreciation reflect the true joy he's feeling these days thanks to the brand new heart that's beating in his chest.

The fact that someone else had to lose their life in order to save his isn't lost on Cosgriff, however, The Farmington Hills resident is making sure he lives his life to the fullest while also spending many hours a week sharing his transplant story and the importance of organ donation with others.

As National Donor Sabbath Weekend is observed at churches throughout the country over the next few days, Cosgriff will be front and center at his Farmington Hills parish. He plans on planting himself behind a small table at St. Fabian Catholic Church and telling his tale following four different services scheduled through Sunday.

"For National Donor Sabbath Weekend we send out materials to all the clergy (via organ recipients and donor families) so they can speak out about the need for donors," explained Evelyn Cummings, Michigan Gift of Life Public Education coordinator. "The idea is that on this one weekend each year we hope churches can work something regarding organ donation into their sermons."

Cosgriff, 58, will be speaking with members of his parish for the second time. He believes his harrowing story and its happy ending can't be told enough.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Gift of life: Mike Cosgriff received a new heart in 1994 after being on a transplant list for three years. He and Father Brian Chabala will talk about the importance of organ donations this weekend at St. Fabian's Church in Farmington Hills.

tors determined he had suffered a minor heart attack. A cardiac catheterization was scheduled for the next day just as a precaution.

During the procedure, conditions went from

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## Churches help spread organ donation message

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON  
STAFF WRITER

The numbers are harrowing. So far this year, 137 patients have died in Michigan while waiting for organ transplants.

A movement aimed at trimming that list down to zero has churches across the country taking part in a National Donor Sabbath Weekend, running Friday through Sunday, Nov. 13-15.

The interfaith weekend presents a national opportunity for religious communities to share information about organ and tissue donation, and to give thanks for those who have given the gift of life.

Michigan Gift of Life sent out information about the special weekend to over 500 volunteer recipients and donor families, according to public relations coordinator Penny Colthurst.

"After we send the families the packets they, in turn, take them to their churches and parishes to encourage them to take part in the donor sabbath weekend," Colthurst said. "We don't really have a way of knowing how many take part but I think there are quite a few that include something in their sermon or church newsletter."

The list of ideas suggests churches consider having a trained volunteer speak during the service, staff a display in their vestibule, include a message about organ and tissue donation in their bulletin or newsletter.

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minor to major when Cosgriff had a massive heart attack on the operating table. His lungs collapsed, his heart stopped and it took 10 hours to stabilize him as he went into a coma. When he woke up 12 days later he was weak, disoriented and 100 pounds lighter.

"I weighed about 246 pounds when I was admitted and when they put me on the scale two days after I came out of the coma I weighed 142," Cosgriff said. In just a few short months, after he'd grown stronger and was tipping the scales at 175 pounds, Cosgriff underwent a triple bypass. He was feeling wonderful when he went for his

two-month checkup that July, but his positive attitude proved premature. Doctors discovered that so much damage had occurred during his second heart attack that he would need a heart transplant to survive.

Cosgriff was stunned to learn that only 48 percent of his heart was actually functioning, and that number would soon dwindle.

"We were in shock," recalled Cosgriff. "I just thought, 'How could I feel so good but be so sick?'"

Within months Cosgriff was extremely ill. His strength had deteriorated and he was constantly being shipped to the hos-

pital for intravenous medications to keep him going.

## The long wait

It was in early 1992 that he was finally formally evaluated and placed on the waiting list for a heart transplant. Doctors changed all of his medications around and for the next year Cosgriff was feeling OK.

"Believe it or not I actually felt pretty good for much of the first year I was waiting. I mean I was functional at least," Cosgriff said. "Plus, I'm a very determined person. I don't just throw in the towel."

The last year on the waiting list was horrendous for the whole family, including Cosgriff's wife, Audrey, and daughter, Kelly. He was spending a week out of every month in the hospital and grew weaker by the day as breathing became more and more difficult.

"I couldn't put on my own shoes, I couldn't even tie them and all of that was real tough to go through," Cosgriff said. "Everything changes. You can't support your own family. My wife went back to work after 30

### WAITING LIST

The number of patients currently waiting for a transplant in Michigan:

- 1,629 kidney
- 77 heart
- 122 lung
- 295 liver
- 120 pancreas
- 164 cornea

Source: Michigan Gift of Life.

years as a housewife. We just reversed roles."

The life-saving call finally came for Cosgriff in the early morning hours of a bleak November day in 1994.

"The first two calls I got to come for the transplant were false runs," Cosgriff said. "By the time they called me the third time at four in the morning I didn't get excited because I didn't know if it would be a go."

On Nov. 29, 1994, Cosgriff saw all his prayers and hopes answered when a successful heart transplant was performed at Henry Ford Hospital. He has never been told much about his

donor except that he was an 18-year-old man.

## The road back

Following the successful transplant surgery Cosgriff was home and recuperating in just nine days.

"It was amazing," Cosgriff said. "But hey, they don't let you sit, and I'm a goer anyway so I was ready."

"Ready" may have been an understatement as Cosgriff was absolutely thrilled with his new health status.

"I hadn't felt that good in eight years. I wanted to climb up on the roof and scream," he said.

Currently walking up to three miles at least three times a week while continuing to enjoy most day-to-day tasks around the house, Cosgriff has learned to keep close tabs on his condition.

"The first year is when you are really high risk for rejection so you have to really watch for things and make sure you keep away from germs," Cosgriff said.

He also learned that since the nerve from his failing heart to his brain, which tells the body that something is wrong, was cut

during the transplant he won't really feel anything if he's having another heart attack or a rejection episode. Cosgriff is careful about taking his blood pressure and temperature several times a day in order to make sure nothing is going wrong.

"This did take a lot out of me and I have learned my limits," Cosgriff said. "And I have a biopsy of the heart every six months to make sure it's not rejecting."

Despite such grueling medical procedures and the fact that he was a man who used to smoke a pack of cigarettes a day, work 60 hours a week and hunt and fish with the best of them, Cosgriff feels very fortunate. He also knows this new low-key life beats the alternative.

"My thing is to get people out there talking about organ donation and to say, 'Hey, life's a great thing. Why not pass it on?'" he said. "And I'm human, I always want a little bit more. I prayed just let me see my daughter graduate from high school then I said just let me see her graduate from college. Now I'm saying just let me see her marry and have children."

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ter or make donor registry cards available.

St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills will allow long-time member and heart transplant recipient Michael Cosgriff to offer information and answer questions about organ donation this Sunday. It will be the sec-

ond year in a row that Cosgriff, 58, is taking the lead in sharing the importance of organ donation with members of his parish.

A Farmington Hills resident, Cosgriff, endured two heart attacks, deteriorating health and three years on the donor waiting list at Henry Ford Hospital

before undergoing a heart transplant in November 1994. He said the wait was worth each new day he now gets to spend with his wife, Audrey, and daughter, Kelly.

"That makes the world go around for me, right there," Cosgriff said. "And I give a lot of my

time now to trying to educate people to consider organ donation."

Advances in medicine, including better drugs and the greater knowledge doctors have today make the transplant success rate much, much higher, Cosgriff said.

More than 60,000 people in the United States are waiting for an organ transplant, but the current rate of donation provides less than 20,000 organs a year. Thousands of waiting patients die each year before an organ can be found for them.

"It's just a needless death and a lot of those lives could be saved," said Cosgriff, who believes many people fail to discuss the issue with family members or don't carry a donor card, thus preventing the process from taking place should the time come.

The American Council on Transplantation points out that in most cases, religious objections to organ donation are few. Their study said most major religions support donation and it is generally held that donation for the benefit of others is a demonstration of faith and love for one's fellow man.

An exception would be Gypsies who, on the whole, are against donation. Their opposition is associated with their belief about the afterlife. Gypsies believe that for one year after a person dies, the soul retraces its steps. All of the body parts must be intact because the soul maintains its physical shape.

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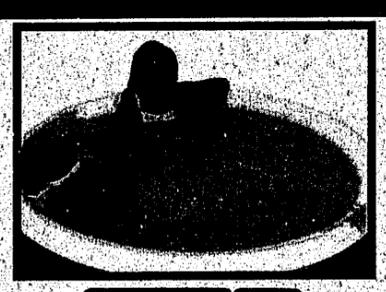
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# County planner recognized as trailblazer

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON  
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Finding a place to take a quiet walk or breezy bike ride isn't always easy in continually growing Oakland County. Yet long-time county planner Larry Falardeau was determined to afford residents just such opportunities, and has, in fact, played a major role in the creation of several popular nature trails and bike paths.

Thanks to his efforts, Falardeau, a 16-year veteran of the Oakland County Development & Planning Division, received the first ever "Pioneer in Public Service Award" during the Connecting Michigan First Statewide Trailways and Greenways Conference recently held in Battle Creek.

Falardeau, who is the county's principal planner, was one of 11 individuals from across Michigan receiving "Pioneer" awards in a variety of categories.

He was singled out for the honor by the conference's steering committee because he has tirelessly promoted the concept of a trailway and greenway network throughout Oakland County.

The honor also recognized Falardeau's skill in producing skillfully prepared conceptual maps, dozens of presentations and popular brochures showcasing "the feasibility and benefits of such a network."

"These are called Pioneer Awards because they are being given to people who really got things going in Michigan," said Jennifer Basnaji, program coordinator for the Rails to Trails Conservancy in Michigan, one of the conference's major sponsors. "Larry and the other award recipients have set an example for others to follow."

"I am very surprised but truly honored to receive this award," Falardeau said. "I'm also very appreciative that the committee thought enough of my work to give me this recognition."

Over the years, Falardeau has spearheaded a number of nature trail projects in Oakland County including the Paint Creek Trail between Lake Orion and Rochester; the West Bloomfield Trail; the Huron Valley Trail; the Headwaters Trail; and the Polly Ann Trail, which just completed its master plan.

"Oakland County was one of the first to have a countywide vision for creating a network of trailways and greenway," Falardeau said. "We were doing this before other groups, and I think the award came because we had an innovative contribution to Trail-Greens in Michigan."

Former Orion Township resident, Peggy Johnson, a longtime official with the Clinton River Watershed Council, was also among the 11 honorees.

"Peggy Johnson has been really forward thinking in all of this and she not only helped us create a master plan for Paint Creek, but is working to open the Polly Ann Trail near Lapeer right now," Falardeau said.

Abandoned rail corridors, internal park trails that already exist, utility corridors and con-



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**Vision:** Oakland County planner Larry Falardeau has played a major role in the development of nature trails and bike paths in the county.

servation easements are among the various features which can be transformed into trails used by bikers, hikers, cross-country skiers and horseback riders.

Falardeau's introduction to the creation of nature trails for the county came about in 1986 when

he helped develop the Paint Creek Trail that runs between Rochester and Lake Orion. The project utilized an abandoned railway right-of-way.

"When we wanted to get the Paint Creek Trail project going we got Larry to serve as a con-

sultant because of his planning expertise," Johnson said.

The success of that project led Falardeau's office to create a countywide plan for a link trail system. The plan called for dividing the county into four sections.

"We are working with the communities that are interested and hope to implement this county vision," Falardeau said. "There's much more potential for these plans if the communities look beyond their own boundaries and join together with other nearby communities. We'll help them with the master plan and overall visions, but they have to come up with the grant monies themselves."

One success is the internal trail system developed in the city of South Lyon. The project was recently completed, and now the city is looking at the possibility of linking all its trails together, Falardeau said.

"This has become a real social community builder from the aspect of these people working together to get things done," said Falardeau, who is fielding lots of calls from communities across the state seeking information

about Oakland County's plan. "This is really growing statewide and there's a real interest in doing it."

Falardeau believes that trailway and greenway projects have improved the quality of life for Oakland residents and also promoted better inter-government cooperation among communities.

"We were in the right place at the right time because at that time, the growth in the county was prompting the loss of open spaces and people began to realize a desire to preserve the space," Falardeau said. "They now have an awareness and appreciation of their communities."

"While Oakland County is generally recognized nationally as a leader in the high-tech arena, what is not widely known is that we offer a quality of life that is second to none," said Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. "Through the efforts of Larry Falardeau and others, we are getting the message across that Oakland County offers many of the amenities which contribute to a full and enjoyable life."

## Engler touts Proposal A

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON  
STAFF WRITER

A recent announcement out of Gov. John Engler's office that dubs Proposal A as "the tax cut that keeps on giving" is good news for Oakland County residents.

Engler announced that Michigan property owners will keep even more of their own money in 1999, thanks to the taxable value cap established by Proposal A.

Taxable value increases in 1999 will be limited to 1.6 percent and the new level is a full percentage point below the smallest cap ever used under Proposal A.

Three years ago the cap was 2.6 percent and Oakland County Equalization Manager Robert Vandermark said he wouldn't be surprised to see the rate drop below even the 1.6 mark by next year.

"This is good news and it will certainly limit the property tax levies which will be popular with the public," Vandermark said. "And it's going to make my job a lot easier, too."

According to Engler's statement, "Proposal A really is the tax cut that just keeps on giving. We're hitting lows that would have been unheard of a decade ago, during the days of double-digit assessment increases. Proposal A is working to save Michigan families even more money than expected."

Proposal A limits the amount of the base on which property taxes are levied, or a home's taxable value, except where there has been a physical change to the property or the property has been sold. The taxable value limitation is capped at 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

"It's not a simple concept, but the results are easy to understand," Engler said. "If your taxable value stays low, your taxes stay low. Proposal A will keep working to save taxpayers money into the 21st century."

If local voters agree to levy additional millages for school improvements there can still be a tax increase, Vandermark explained, but the key factor is that it's a voter-approved tax.

"That's good news for the taxpayers, that he or she gets to vote on any substantial increase in revenue," he said.

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## Word wary

### Trendy phrases keep us on our guard

As wordsmiths, we in the newspaper business are cognizant of the way words are used.

Our ears twinge when someone says "I" when he or she should have said "me." We cringe when someone turns a noun into a verb as in "visioning," as some folks did at a recent Independence Township meeting. And, we are a little amused when someone uses a pompous word like "utilize" to mean "use."

Usually, we say nothing. These infractions are commonplace, and we simply try not to use them ourselves or let them creep into our writing.

However, every now and then a new violation becomes vogue and we cannot remain silent any longer. Such is the case with "grow."

Lately, we have been hearing people say "I must grow my business" or "I must grow my investment portfolio."

While they technically may be using the word right — the verb grow, when used in the transitive form, takes an object — it just doesn't sound grammatical. One grows tulips, not businesses or investment portfolios.

The difference, of course, is that flowers are alive. Businesses and money are not alive — at least not like flowers are alive in an organic sense.

Why can't people say "build" instead of "grow" when referring to their businesses or money? It may not sound as catchy, or as fashionable, but it'll be music to the ears of those who know better.

## Voters turned off by campaigns

It was the Year of Negativity in campaign advertising. Attack ads seemed to be the order of the day.

While such campaigns have a long history in American elections, just once we'd like to see an election where candidates focus on issues and not personalities and where the opposing candidates — and the voters — are treated with dignity and respect. We don't think that's too much to ask.

If you read the fine print on some of that negative (and expensive) advertising, a lot of it was paid for not by candidate committees but by the state party organizations (both Republican and Democrat). That seems to raise the question: Who's running here, the candidate or the party?

Most of us believe we have a two-party system, but in some of our communities that's overstating things. It is axiomatic in some areas that whoever wins a particular party

primary will go on to victory in the general election. And that often leaves voters with no real choice in the matter.

We suspect there's a connection between these development. Politics in America seem to have turned from a participatory to a spectator sport, largely due to the cost of running a campaign and the power of special interest groups and political parties.

Ordinary citizens, instead of seeing themselves as part of the political process, sit back and watch and listen. If they do get involved it's only to the extent of going to the polling place and casting a ballot on election day. And even those numbers are often low in many of our towns; in Clarkston, for example, only about 50 percent of those eligible to vote actually turned out on election day.

We commend those of you who did vote and wish more of "the people" were involved enough to turn out.

## As veterans pass, so does history

There we were inside Mount Avon Cemetery on a cool, bright November morning some 16 years ago — four old men and one young reporter.

It was Veteran's Day — Armistice Day — the anniversary of the truce that ended World War I. They were there to rededicate the cemetery's plaque honoring veterans of the war.

Frankly, it wasn't the kind of assignment I expected to remember. Yet, I did. I've thought about those men and our meeting a lot, especially now that Veteran's Day has passed again.

They were elderly then, those veterans. One who shook so badly with the tremors of age that he could barely speak. Now, they're likely all gone. With them went one of our last links to the Great War as a living, breathing event.

World War I, lest we forget, helped redraw the face of Europe as empires fell and republics, however tentative, rose in their place.

It was the last war where men were hurled en masse at the enemy by generals who couldn't comprehend the devastation of such then-new weapons as the tank and machine gun. It was the last war where the call to arms came wrapped in notions of glory, honor and chivalry. And when it was over, and millions of young men lay dead, it was to have been the "last" war.

Our local soldiers' memories were modest. One recalled how thankful he'd been that the great war ended before he could leave his barracks; a U-M fraternity converted for just that purpose. One or two others, as I recall,



WAYNE PEAL

remarked about how they'd seen action, how they'd gotten French mud on their Doughboy boots.

For them, and for me, it came alive again that fall day. Now, 16 years later, it's merely history. Even Veteran's Day is fading. Yesterday, most of us went to work as we do every Wednesday. It's doubtful even one in 10 people can tell us why Nov. 11 is a holiday at all.

Sixteen years isn't a long time. Yet, in that time, a generation of men and women have passed. In another 16 years, the World War II generation will be gone. Sixteen to 30 years after that, so will we.

Such is our lot. But something precious is lost with each generation that leaves us.

If there was a message I could pass along this Veteran's Day it's this: listen to the voice of a veteran, touch history as it still lives, breathes and walks among us.

Wayne Peal is a community editor for the Eccentric Newspapers.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### QUESTION:

In your view, do employers have the right to review work e-mail correspondence?



"I'd like to think not. I hadn't thought of that or been faced with that."

Chuck Griffith  
Independence Township



"I don't have a clue ... but God inspects it all."

Roger Campbell  
Independence Township



"Probably, (because) everyone has the opportunity to receive e-mail at home. When you're at work, you're supposed to be doing business."

Buck Kopletz  
City of Clarkston



"That's a complex question. If the employees knew up front and it's owned by the company, then it's reasonable."

Kirk Banerlan  
Independence Township

This question was asked at the U.S. Post Office in Clarkston.

## LETTERS

### Huttenlochers help to make Clarkston great place to live

Some day, someone more knowledgeable and skilled than I will write a book about the Huttenlocher legacy in this community. Then the many contributions of the several generations of this family will be properly chronicled, documented and acknowledged.

Until then, I wish to provide a few paragraphs about two generations who have been of enormous help to the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC). I'm talking about Jim and Judy Huttenlocher and Ric and Mary Beth Huttenlocher, and their families.

Recently, the NOHLC raised significant funds, more than sufficient to begin the process of hiring a paid executive director. The fund-raising effort, while involving many others (particularly Tom and Anne Pytel), was a success because of the leadership of Jim and Judy as general chairpersons, and the support of the Huttenlocher families. The hiring of an executive director will be one of the most important transition times for the 26-year-old community service organization, the NOHLC.

Previously, the NOHLC established an endowment fund for the purchase of properties and development rights in order to preserve the natural beauty of our community. This fund was started by a generous gift from Ric and Mary Beth Huttenlocher.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the incredible service to the NOHLC of Mary Beth Huttenlocher. While she has held such offices as historian, archivist, auditor, director and treasurer, she has been more than that to the organization. She has been a tireless, committed, dependable, and caring worker and recruiter of workers. Perhaps her greatest legacies are the people who might not be involved in the NOHLC today if it had not been for her.

None of the members of this special family want this recognition. It is in their nature to support the community they love simply as a matter of principle. But, the community deserves to know.

It is such unselfish service to the community made by many families, such as the Huttenlochers, that makes this the wonderful place to live that it is. Perhaps, the greatest legacy of this family is the inspiration it gives to the rest of us.

Tom Stone  
Clarkston

### Parents are trusting board to make right decision for kids

After reading Al Roberts' "Point of View" in the Thursday, Nov. 5, issue of the Eccentric I was at first discouraged, but then he made several statements encouraging me that the boundary committee and the school board

will make the right decision.

Per Mr. Roberts, "the committee will look at all concerns and perspectives ..." "they (the board) will need time to consider every aspect of the new boundary," and "you can expect our board members to use their best judgment based on all the available data."

By these statements I assume that the committee (and/or the board) will consider the new bus routes. Per the committee at the second public hearing, they did not take into account bus routes for the new boundaries (or then possibly the concern of a kindergartner having a 45-minute to one-hour bus ride to school just after drinking a full glass of orange juice for breakfast).

By these statements I can assume that the committee (and/or the board) will consider the time it takes for a parent, in an emergency situation, to get to his or her child at school.

By these statements I assume the committee (and/or the board) will visit each and every neighborhood to determine if the new boundaries are dividing friends and neighbors as was voiced so strongly at the public hearings.

By Mr. Roberts' statements I can also assume that the committee (and/or the board) will consider the needs of kids being moved in their final year in middle school to a new school because the committee did not consider the middle schools until the last moment, at which time the boundaries "just worked out" per the committee at the second public hearing.

By these statements I assume the committee (and/or the board) will talk to each and every family whose child(ren) may be moving to a different school to understand any concerns they may have regarding the move.

I thank the committee for their hard work in this matter and look forward to the right decision that will be made on behalf of our children.

Brian Gatley,  
Independence Township

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POINTS OF VIEW

# Successful students are those who enjoy life, too

The vicious intensity with which some students pursue their academics is beginning to trouble me. I don't mean to devalue the vitality of good grades but it seems that other entities, such as contentment, should take precedence. There are some who disagree. The scholarly fellow who sits next to me in history class is a pristine example.

"How did you occupy the weekend?" I asked him this morning, expecting to hear tales of lasciviousness, sloth and gluttony.

"Calculus," he replied.

"Well, what about after that?"

"More calculus."

"Wow, I wasn't aware that you were so seriously into calculus."

"I hate it. I swear that it's turning my life into a tragedy."

"Then why do you spend all of your

time working on it?"

"Because I need to get an A. If I don't get an A in that class, I'm going to do something irresponsible."

Many others express an identical sentiment. They seem to believe that happiness cannot be obtained unless they achieve highly in the classroom. This is a twisted notion. Impeccable grades are definitely a nice thing to have going — they open up opportunities and shine a positive light on your character — but ultimately they are nothing more than trivial marks on a piece of paper which do not guarantee or exclude the possibility of success. Nor do good grades necessarily mean that knowledge was gained in the process.

Last year my friend Jim scored A's and B's in his Spanish class, and yet he is incapable of speaking even a

STUDENT COLUMNIST



BEN NESS

single sentence of that language. Also I have never seen him prepare a taco of any impressive stature. Instead of marks, a much more practical gauge of a course's value is the amount learned while passing through it. Grade cards can be easily incinerated; the information and skills gained through studying can-

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not.

And equally indestructible is the prospect of happiness. When academic pressure rules out the possibility of enjoyment, the only solution is to distance yourself. What good are strong grades if acquiring them has driven you to sorrow? Put down the textbook and go for a walk. Listen to music. Split to Argentina. Go find interesting people and dazzle them with conversation. Do something that genuinely stimulates your mind. Apply all of that misguided passion to

something that brings you euphoria instead of hollow accolades. Existence is to be a celebration. Chances for enjoyment vanish quickly and stealthily. Rationing time to exploit them all would result in a pleasure far more tangible than anything that can be expressed on a report card.

*Ben Ness is a student at Clarkston High School. His column alternates with a column written by Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Al Roberts.*

# State Democratic Party must begin to reinvent itself

It must be something in the water. How else to explain the disconnect between the state of politics in Michigan and what's going on elsewhere in the country.

For Michigan Republicans, Gov. John Engler, running implausibly but effectively as a moderate conservative pragmatist, rolled up nearly a 2-1 margin over Geoffrey Fieger. The GOP also won wall-to-wall control of the apparatus of government: governor, Senate, House, Supreme Court.

Team Engler is now in a position to determine much of the politics and some of the structure of our state for the next decade. Democrats hope they'll overreach, but I doubt it as long as Engler's in control.

By contrast, the national Republican Party took a terrible beating in last week's election, culminating in the summary knifing of Newt Gingrich (a strategic and policy visionary but a lousy manager). The factional fighting in the GOP — business-oriented moderates, Christian right-wingers, compassionate conserva-

tives, hard-edge ideological conservatives — could tear the party apart.

Buoyed by the referendum on impeachment and Ken Starr and chaos in the opposition, the national Democratic Party has come a long way since the days when it was preoccupied with making sure there were no enemies on the left. Bill Clinton may possess questionable moral fiber, but his success in moving the Democrats into the middle of the road and opening the party up to various different groups is a fundamental fact of our times.

By contrast, the Michigan Democratic Party seems frozen in amber.

Most people thought big labor couldn't ever do worse than picking inept Howard Wolpe to run for governor in 1994. But then, when neither Doug Ross nor Larry Owen seemed to be getting much traction last summer and former Sen. Don Riegler started showing signs of interest in running, the folks who run the UAW panicked.

Their premature and ham-handed



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endorsement of Owen didn't set well with most folks and opened the way to Fieger's unexpected victory in the primary and predictable defeat in the general election. Those Democrats who worry about what Team Engler will do over the next few years won't have difficulty finding plenty of folks to blame.

Which is why so many Democrats are talking so much about how important (and how overdue) it is to revitalize the party, "revitalize" in this case being a code word which really means easing Big Labor's grip

**Obvious candidates to lead the process — former Gov. James Blanchard and newly elected Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, for example — have political ambitions of their own and won't want to alienate the labor movement that still provides most of the resources for the party.**

on it.

"It's clear a complete overhaul of the party is needed," says former Gov. Jim Blanchard.

"There are many in the party who are concerned about the need to broaden and strengthen and deepen the party" which is much too "uninclusive," former Sen. Riegler comments.

This won't be easy. Obvious candidates to lead the process — Blanchard and newly elected Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, for example — have political ambitions of their own and won't want to alienate the labor movement that still provides most of the resources for the party.

The requirements — developing

some attractive ideas, including groups previously kept out and persuading organized labor that it's better to win the occasional election than it is to maintain total control over the Democratic Party — are fairly obvious.

Whether Democrats can come up with a process and find the people with the will and imagination to carry it out is entirely another matter.

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## Community coalitions help fill in blanks in fight against substance abuse



Perhaps some have wondered, "Do we really need another organization in this community? Isn't the Task Force duplicating efforts already taking place through groups like PTA, Optimists, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, Parks and Recreation, CCA, and local churches?" Yes, there is obviously some overlap with these and other groups focused on youth needs and issues. But there are also some very clear differences between a community coalition and the more traditional, time-honored institutions mentioned.

The Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth was named three years ago before the term "community coalition" was in wide use. It is now one of 4,000 similar grassroots efforts mobilizing communities across the nation for substance abuse prevention.

**A community coalition seeks to shine a light, not on itself, but on the broader community it serves — the light of truth ... and the light of hope ...**

A community coalition is more of a comprehensive "thinking/asking/awareness raising/brainstorming" group than it is a "project doing" kind of group. The above named organizations each have a specific niche they fill, giving strength to the community fabric and sponsoring many excellent programs for youths. However, a coalition looks at the broad community issues, seeking to identify gaps and offering a forum for any interested person and all sectors of the community to participate in the process.

Everyone who comes to the table has an equal voice (7-8 a.m. second Thursday, Clintonwood Park Carriage House, continental breakfast table). There is no hidden agenda, but rather an invitation for all to participate. Our mission and guiding principles are clearly spelled out, and

the group (all who choose to be a part of the process) decides what strategic courses of action to take. Not a good time for a meeting? With modern technology we are not limited to time and place. Participate in a cyber forum at [www.clarkstonyouth.org](http://www.clarkstonyouth.org) where you can read our minutes and enter your reactions and concerns in the "guest book."

Examples of issues brought up in recent months during the "New faces / New concerns" portion of the meeting are: 1) a parent's need for sixth grade after school programming ... now met by the CCA; 2) discussion about the pros and cons of home drug testing kits ... the coalition will not offer these directly, but will refer people to (1-888) 374-7367 to order if interested; 3) a mom from a mobile home park sparked discussion about summer recreation needs.

A community coalition seeks to shine a light, not on itself, but on the broader community it serves — the light of truth (in seeking accurate information about community needs) and the light of hope (in affirming the good already in place.) The recent "Clarkston Cares" Awards Dinner is an example of this. Seeking nominations from the community as a whole, this year 18 people were nominated for outstanding youth asset-building efforts.

The areas identified were refreshingly diverse: a school bus driver, Scout leaders, teachers and coaches, caring neighbors, an enthusiastic drum major, a reading tutor, a student council advisor, a local businesswoman with a heart for youth and the elderly, three 10-year-old girls who organized a day camp for little kids in their own neighborhood, a park manager, and a band booster who has continued to "boost" long after her own children have graduated from the band!

When we come together as friends and neighbors and gather our courage to step "out of the box" in seeking creative solutions, wonderful things can happen.

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## At 48, some things about yourself grow on you

I find it curious to realize that I really don't think much differently these days than I did when I was 18 years old -- some 30 years ago.

I still hold the same conservative moral, religious and family values that I did back then, though I am decidedly more learned about them. And I still have a zany sense of humor, though I cry during certain movies.

In addition, for the most part, I still like the same old rock-n-roll songs, the Beatles, Dick Van Dyke and Laugh-In shows, Peter Sellers films, 1960s musicals, and swimming and boating.

I can remember when I thought that someday, I would be a whole new person with a vast array of new interests, tastes and hobbies. (Okay, okay, I admit it, I actually enjoy history now. So what?)

I wonder if it is the same for other people, who are surprised to wake up and find, one morning, that their 18-year-old selves now live in middle-aged or even elderly bodies?

Interestingly, one thing has pretty much changed over time: I am no longer on as much of a quest as I once was to lose my Amidon Gunch.

There was a time when I longed to have a perfectly flat, well-honed stomach.

I am not sure who it was who

Please see WALKER, A14

## InternetFriend - Instant Message

# SURF'in SENIORS



New tools: Kathy Nicholson (left) learns about surfing the Web at a recent seminar given by Elizabeth Cobe of the Independence Township Library.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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It's hard to believe 20th century technology could cure a senior citizen's loneliness. Many, if not most, technological advances seem to just foster isolation.

Not to mention that most seniors shun new gadgets and unknown territory in favor of the guaranteed, old and easy way.

But, because of the Internet, solitude doesn't exist for 70-year-old Kathy Nicholson of Independence Township.

"It's like somebody else, I go home, I shut my door and say, 'Gee, it's like communicating with the world,'" said Nicholson, who wouldn't have purchased a home computer, absent her son's insistence.

Nicholson came home one day to discover that her son had purchased and set up a new home computer for her.

Several days later and a few hours of browsing, Nicholson was hooked.

She also insisted on reimbursing her son.

"Outside of my car and my house, it's the best thing I ever spent money on," said Nicholson, who now spends about three hours a day on the Internet.

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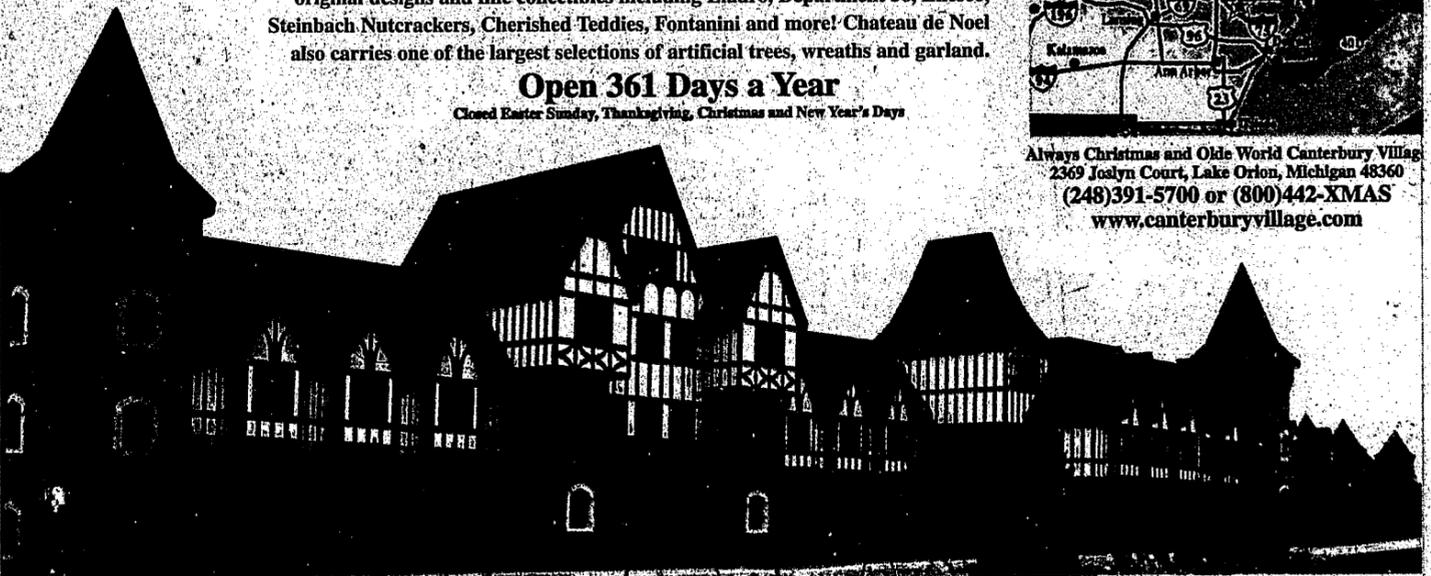
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She, along with 71-year-old Bob Waddell, also turned out for an Internet seminar at the Independence Township Senior Center. The center has a computer with Internet access for seniors to use anytime.

"It's an addiction," admitted Nicholson, who primarily uses the Internet to chat with family and friends through a real-time communication service provided by America On-Line. "I just wish I could convince others. There's always something to do, always somebody to get in contact with, always somebody to play with," she said.

Many, if not most, seniors live alone so communication outside the home often takes on greater importance.

"You're never alone. I'm telling you it's wonderful," Nicholson said.

Nicholson also has a passion for playing games on Web. "I will not go to bed until I win one game of solitaire, one

game of backgammon, and one game of Slingo. That is a must," she said.

Slingo, Nicholson's favorite game, is similar to Bingo. The game draws players from all over the world and allows them to communicate, as well as compete.

Waddell also cherishes the ability to communicate with others and said he is probably more connected to the world-at-large because of his Internet use.

"I enjoy the e-mail. I've made a lot of buddies through it... I never write letters to anybody, but I like the e-mail. No post office, no stamps, no envelopes... you don't even have to address the messages," he said.

"I've met people down in Australia and talked to them, and the U.K.," he added. "You can just run in and chat with people from all over the world. It's real handy."

Waddell, though, primarily uses the

Internet to get information.

He recently logged on to the Internet in the middle of the night, for example, in search of information about how to make his ailing cat more comfortable. The information he obtained not only provided him with tips to get him and his cat through the night, but also served as a valuable tool the next day at the veterinarian's office, he said.

Like Waddell, Nicholson uses the Internet as a tool for getting information. As a retired public health nurse, she regularly browses the Mayo Clinic and Harvard Medical School's web pages for interesting articles and research results. She also visits the web pages of the American Association of Retired Persons on a regular basis.

Recently, Nicholson used the Web to determine the worth of her car and a vehicle she may purchase. "Otherwise, I wouldn't know the worth," she said.

"I think the most important thing is that if I shut up the house, I'm never alone. That's the most important thing," she said.

"That and getting information."



Practice makes perfect: Bob Waddell, 71, works on his Web surfing skills on a computer at the Independence Township Senior Center.

**You can just run in and chat with people from all over the world. It's real handy.**

**Bob Waddell**  
Internet seminar goer

## Program on Russia coming to Independence library

"Books Go Everywhere!" is the theme for National Children's Book Week, and the Independence Township library is "Book-ing a Trip to Russia" with Sasha from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, in the library's Community Meeting Room.

A native Russian, Sasha Chernyak is a musician, teacher

and storyteller and will also bring folk instruments to present a musical journey through Russia. The public is invited to join Sasha on a journey that will feature music, stories, history and song. All ages 5 through adult are welcome.

In addition, a movie night for elementary school kids will be

held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the library.

Russian/American/Jewish children's author Patricia Palacco has written many now familiar books that reflect her heritage. Movie time features films of great stories by Palacco, including "Rechenka's Eggs," "Chicken Sunday," and "Thundercakes."

The public is welcome to bring any items representing this part of the world (central Europe and Russia) to share with others after show time. Interesting items might be musical instruments, clothing, pictures, jewelry, books or toys.

Registration is requested. For more information call (248) 625-2212.

## Walker from page A13

coined the phrase "Amidon Gunch" — a reference to the forward-bulging, often very large spare tire that seems to have afflicted every female born into the Amidon lineage as far back as photographs show.

(It is known that the Amidons are descendants of the French Huguenots and that the first Gunch probably came to America by boat during the late 1600s. Photos don't go back that far.)

The coinage may have come from my mother — a born Amidon — though I doubt it. (Her Gunch is increasingly remarkable. Sometime in the 1970s, a doctor removed her gall bladder and appendix from beneath her very white Gunch and it has, ever since, had a scar that looks like an earthworm crawling across it. Presumably, that earthworm is wrinkle-covered now. She would be really mad at me for divulging this information publicly.)

Or it may have been my sister who came up with the words. Blessed with more natural beau-

ty and height than the rest of us, her Gunch isn't quite as bad as some. (There is an addendum to this Gunch reality: The taller one is, the lesser one's Gunch in size. Similarly, Gunches seem to shrink in direct proportion to the growth of dowager humps.)

The phrase may even have been coined by my old college roommate, who was never an Amidon, but who nevertheless appreciated the need for trimming pounds off the mid-section. She used to follow behind me in the dinner line every evening and say, "Well, you really need that" every time I picked something fattening from the available fried dormitory fare.

When I look at old pictures of my female predecessors, I see that many of them had tiny, almost strained-looking Gunches during the post-war years. Obviously, stress and rationing had their profound effects.

The closest I ever came to losing, or even trimming, my Amidon Gunch was when I was a member of the college swim

team in 1969. Like war, exercise had its impacts as well.

Of course, as you can imagine, pregnancy can be really hard on a Gunch. Nine months of carrying an infant in a womb can stretch a Gunch to what can only be called "remarkable" proportions. (My sister, the only known carrier of twins, was Gunch-rama during that time. Heh. Heh.)

I wonder how many of my distant relatives struggled with their Gunches? They can be a real problem on a golf course. (Those lucky devils, the men, were all scare-crow skinny and didn't have Gunch worries to contend with.)

Some of those women, maybe, learned what I have finally come to realize (Ah, Nirvana!): Oversized shirts can do wonders.

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Carolyn Walker is a free-lance columnist who lives in the city of Clarkston.

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# Superhighway could use load limits

Have we taken the information superhighway too far? Is it time to take the off-ramp and think about what path we want the road to travel in the future? Is there such a thing as too much information?

I hope you don't think I'm going to answer these questions. I'm still struggling with how to locate a source for hardwood flooring on the Internet. I am definitely not a computer buff, but I know enough about it to have some serious concerns.

It's not just information available on the computer that concerns me. We are bombarded with information every place we look. Even my junk mail is giving me too much information. What ever happened to the old adage "Keep it simple, stupid." I want that simplicity back.

This morning I stopped at the gas station to fill my tank. The computerized "pay at the pump" feature was designed to make our lives easier and I, for one, really appreciate anything that simplifies my busy, hectic schedule. But as I reached for my Amoco card, I remembered something I had read in one of the millions of envelopes full of "important information" (junk mail) that I had received recently. It said something about using my Discover card to buy gas and earning bonus points. Don't ask me what bonus points are, I didn't read that far. As I stood at the pump, I debated. Did I want those bonus points, whatever they are? Since I already had my Amoco card in my hand I opted for simplicity, but then stood there wondering if I had made a mistake.

The world seems to be going down the tubes lately, but I wonder if it's because the tube (TV) is bringing us too much information. When a mother in West Virginia abuses her child, we hear all about it on the evening news. If a hurricane hits a remote island south of the Keys, we see the despair in all its graphic detail.

Decades ago life seemed much nicer and far less violent. Was it truly a safer time, or were we simply less aware of the world outside our community? In some instances "ignorance is bliss". (No, I'm not aiming for an adage per paragraph, but "if the shoe fits..." Oops, there I go again.)

I recently heard that depression is on the rise, especially among senior citizens. I'm not surprised. With all the bad news available to us today, it's hard not to get depressed.

Our telephone directory used to be a great source for information on locating a store or an individual. Now we can click onto the Internet, type in a name and instantly have



ROCHELLE SMITH

the address, phone number and a map to their home or business. I don't know about you, but that concerns me a little. I'm not sure I want everyone who knows my name to have a map to my house.

It's great for kids to be able to click onto the Internet and obtain information on bubonic plague in order to complete a homework assignment, or get information on tooth decay for a science project. Unfortunately, there are probably more topics on the Internet that I don't want my kids obtaining information about than there are that I do.

Where do we draw the line? When do we say "enough?" People are becoming information junkies. Every band or personality in show business has at least one web site. Why? Because people want more information about them. David Bowie now has his own Internet service. Not only do you get an e-mail address at "Davidbowie.com", you also have the opportunity to help compose lyrics for new songs, design cover art for a virtual C.D. and sit in on a recording session. Since I'm not a David Bowie fan, that's way more information than I need.

How can we stop the information superhighway from running us down? How do we keep the flood of information from drowning us?

How can we stop the insanity? Before I can answer any of these questions, I'm going to need a little more information. Please wait while I surf the Internet.

Rochelle Smith, who lives in Clarkston, is a free-lance columnist.

# Land Conservancy recognizes local man

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy honored Dr. Robert B. Inskeep by presenting him with the Thomas K. Bullen Achievement Award at the NOHLC Annual Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 17.

The Bullen Award is given for significant contributions to the Conservancy above and beyond the call of duty of a director, auditor, officer or member. The award is named for Bullen, a persistent, tireless and selfless worker for the conservancy.

Dr. Inskeep, the third ever recipient of the award, was recognized for his work on such conservancy projects as the development of proposals and a job description for the NOHLC executive director position, initiation of corporate fund-raising efforts for that staff position, preparation of a proposal funded by the Land Trust Alliance for a NOHLC Strategic Planning Program, coordination of the Strategic Planning session, and preparation and presentation of several community parade floats.

Previous recipients of the Bullen Award were Dr. Frederick L. Roeser and Thomas W. Hall II.

Dr. Inskeep is director of human resources for the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation in Flint. He lives in Clarkston with his wife, Joann, and son, Matthew.

The NOHLC was incorporated in 1972 as the Independence Land Conservancy, and is dedicated to the quality of wildlife habitat, preserving the character of the landscape, and protecting the natural resources of the community. The NOHLC preserves such properties as waterways, forests, natural areas and farmland and protects various open spaces in the headwaters regions.

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy works with individuals, neighborhoods, organizations, municipalities, developers, and planners in an effort to preserve the natural environment.

NOHLC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. It offers various types of memberships, such as \$10 for an individual, \$25 for a family, and \$100 for a life membership.

Questions about the Conservancy may be directed to NOHLC, P.O. Box 285, Clarkston MI 48347, (248) 625-8193.

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# Board told latest MEAP scores beyond compare

BY TIM RICHARD  
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Don't compare the 1998 test scores to earlier public school results on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program results, say state officials. "They aren't comparable to previous years' results," Chris Schram of the Department of Education staff told the State Board of Education on Nov. 5. "The tests are shorter. They're given at a different time of year (April through June to 11th-graders). And we have different definitions of the standards."

Nevertheless, the board's news release said, "We are pleased by the continued progress shown by the number of students who meet Michigan's standards. There are still too many students who are not able to reach those standards, and we are working to correct that."

State officials see three problems:

■ Large pockets of students who, with parental approval, refuse to take the tests in math, science, reading and writing.

"I keep hearing that college and businesses don't pay attention to the test results," said Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester, the board's senior member. "Neither is accurate. The business community in Berrien County has made concerted efforts to use them. Some higher educational institutions are using results for placement purposes."

Herb Moyer, D-Temperance, one of the newer members, agreed that skipping the tests "is a phenomenon of the last two or three years."

"I want to get at this issue of taking the test," said Art Ellis, superintendent of public instruction and head of the Education Department.

Students in affluent suburbs such as Birmingham and Northville have boycotted MEAP tests in droves. The tests are designed to guarantee employers, in particular, that students have mastered academic material, not merely sat in classes for 12 years and collected a paper diploma.

MEAP tests have a second purpose: to guide curriculum without micro-managing what math or literature courses a school provides.

"These scores are important to the state, to the school and to the students," Beardmore said.

■ Low scores by minorities. Take math, for example.

Black students had 3.2 percent "exceeding standards" (highest score) and nearly 60 percent "not endorsed" (failing). White students had more than 24 percent "exceeding" and 15 percent failing.

Asian and Pacific Islander students topped the

white scores at the top of the scale.

"Very upsetting," said board president Kathleen Straus, D-Detroit. "We have to concentrate our resources." Later she added, "We've got to look beyond the school" for reasons.

■ Press handling. Dr. Diane Smolen of the department staff was unhappy that some large newspapers got the MEAP results before the State Board got it. "We wish schools would have a week to study them before they became public. But individual school districts and intermediate districts chose to make them available a week prior to the State Board meeting."

"It's uncontrollable," Ellis said. "There are 500 school districts. There will always be some who release them early."

There no longer is a problem, Ellis went on, about the content of the tests. "Everybody who has looked at these tests says they're good."

Schram of the department staff agreed that the tests, particularly math, were "practical life problem solving" questions.

For example: How much will it cost a group of three adults and two students to visit an aquarium on a Wednesday when there is a

special price? Normal tickets are \$11.25 for adults, \$8.25 for seniors and students and \$5 for children 3-12.

The catch is that on Wednesday there's a \$2 discount for a third adult when you buy two adult tickets at the regular price.

Correct answer: \$48.25. But the student must get more than the number — he or she must also explain it and see patterns of mathematical relationships.

Another math question is about a residential lot measuring 120 by 100 feet. The lot has a 40-by-50 house, a 25-by-25 garage and a 25-by-50 driveway. The owner wants to re-seed the lawn.

Which estimate is cheaper — the Greenery's at a flat \$750 or the Lawn Shop's at 10 cents a foot. This reporter's answer: Lawn Shop bid would be \$812.50, so Greenery's \$750 is cheaper.

There are four levels of MEAP scores: "exceeding" standards; "met" standards; "at basic level"; and "not endorsed." The first three are considered passing. Michigan 11th-graders got these passing scores:

- 58.9 percent in reading.
- 60.5 percent in math.
- 51.7 percent in science.
- 56.6 percent in writing.

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Rapidly growing Female dealership has immediate opening for a biller. Dealership experience preferred. Must have strong knowledge of all phases of billing vehicles and secretary of state work. Must be accurate typist. Excellent insurance benefits. Terrific opportunity to work for one of the nation's fast growing dealership chains. Need resume and recent references. Call for an interview.  
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Busy auto repair facility seeking state certified front end tech. Must be able to perform alignments. Looking for energetic individual. Top pay & benefits. Novi-Motiv, 21630 Novi Rd., bwn 8 & 9 Mile. 248-549-0290

**AUTO PORTER**  
Full time, Full benefits, \$7.00 per hour to start. Must pass drug screen. Must have excellent driving record. Call (734) 453-2424 ask for Mary Yager ext. 246.

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Needed in the Canton/Plymouth area, Mon-Fri., 8pm-10pm. 734-354-9530

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Will work with department foreman and maintenance dept. to keep building proper and the grounds in top shape at all times. Must be willing to work out of doors and at heights. Requires good mechanical ability and experience with welding (MIG & Stick), carpentry, and plumbing. Start rate of \$12.37 per hour. Our employees enjoy excellent benefits which includes medical, dental, vision, 401K with company match, education assistance program and a pension plan along with competitive wage. Fax or mail resume to:  
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Royal Oak Custom manufacturer for high-end furniture and custom kitchens. Must have at least 5 yrs experience. Top wages & benefits. Signing bonus after 90 days. (248) 549-6370

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Needed with basic shop skills to be used in an assembly of product. Call 334-2338 for appointment. Start now!

**BINDERY CLERK**  
Printing company looking for experienced, bindery person. Minimum 3 years bindery experience required. Must be able to lift 50 pounds. Full time, great benefits. Company moving to Northville soon. Send resume: S.R. Dept., P.O. Box 5040, Southfield, MI 48078 or fax 248-352-4650. Include salary requirements.

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**CARPENTER**  
Salaried position w/benefits. Mkt. community, must have truck & tools. (248) 398-6360

**CARPENTERS**  
Established company hiring experienced rough framers & laborers. 100% medical, 100% dental, pension plan, paid holidays, immediate openings. (734) 428-9948

**CARPENTER'S HELPER**  
For large Farmington Hills mkt. community. Must have basic carpenter skills & tools. Reliable transportation, will train. Apply in person at:  
MULWOOD  
Management Office  
35055 Mulwood Dr.  
Farmington Hills, MI  
N.W. corner of  
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**CARPENTERS/INSTALLERS**  
For growing remodeling company. Needs carpenter with welding - good package. 248-352-4259

**CARPENTERS (ROUGH)**  
2 yrs experience. Good pay. Benefits. 810-343-2932

**CARPET COMPANY** in Novi needs Carpet & Vinyl Installers. Experience & transportation a must. Call 248-735-9405

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Up to \$10 hour. Reliable good transportation. Up to 40 hours & overtime. Call for appt. 15518 Middlebelt, Livonia 734-422-5040

**CASHIERS**  
Experience preferred. Full & part time positions available. Full time benefits include medical, dental & vacation. Needs apply in person only.  
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**CASHIERS**  
Rochester, Farmington & Clawson. Days only. 8:00-5:00. Call Eva: 248-474-7105 Village Shoe Inn

**CATALOG SALES ASSOCIATES**  
Upscale Catalog seeking well spoken, individual(s) to take incoming phone orders in Novi. Full-time-Flexible. Part time-nights & weekends. \$7,000/yr. Also needed: mail processing person. Call Maria for interview/application. (248) 348-7050

**CHAUFFEURS**  
Busy limousine service hiring full time. Resumes to: 4772 Tara Ct., W. Bloomfield, MI 48323

**CREATIVE INDIVIDUAL**  
Full-time for child care center in Waterford area. 248-738-9579

**CHILD CARE PROVIDERS & PRE-SCHOOLERS**  
needed for infants, toddlers, & pre-schoolers: 248-471-1022

**CHILD CARE** - see ad under Manager in classification 500 for Kinder Care.

**CHILD CARE TEACHERS, ASSISTANTS & SUBS**  
Competitive Pay, Benefits Available. Full/part time available. Pathways To Learning 248-473-1860

**ChildCare Teachers, Assistants & Substitutes** - Kids Academy, Novi. Fax: 248-428-6789 evenings/wknds: 248-271-1669

**CLASSROOM ASSISTANT**  
Needed for montessori preschool in Rochester. Experience w/children needed. (248) 375-1700

**CLEANERS PART TIME**  
Supplement your income just in time for the holidays. Cans 2 days, Plymouth Twp., even. Mon., Fri., Sat. Pay 734-254-0860.

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20 office cleaners needed. Part-time evenings, up to \$8/hr. to start. Southfield, Novi & Canton areas. (248) 449-7600

**CLEANING (Part-time)**  
Play Lighting seeks individual for general up-keep of building includes: light cleaning of show-room fixtures, restroom, floors, lunch room, etc. Position open in Novi & Sterling Heights. Flexible day/evening hours. (810) 739-9700

**CLEANING PERSON**  
Start immediately! Dependable person needed for house-keeping in Westland at a mid-size suburban apartment community. Full/part time, \$7/hr. CALL: (734) 281-7394

**C.N.C. LATHE**  
WANTED! Experienced Programmer and Operator, able to do own set-up. Excellent pay, benefits & 401K. Send resume: 12380 Beech Daly Rd., Redford, MI 48239. Or call 313-937-3550, between 9am-3:30pm.

**CNC MACHINE OPERATORS**  
Openings on 1st and 2nd shift for experienced operators. 1 yr. minimum experience and basic tools required. Suburban location 248-471-5039

**CNC Mill Operator**. Some experience required. Full time, 45 plus hours. Benefits. Milford Twp. (248) 984-0555

**CNC MILL & PROGRAMMER**  
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**CNC OPERATOR**  
Wanted to run CNC Swiss screw machines. Afternoon shift with competitive wages & full benefits. Diamond Tool Mfg., 14540 Jib St., Plymouth, MI 734-416-1900

**COLLECTOR**  
Needed for West Bloomfield law office. 3rd party collection experience preferred. Call Alicia: (248) 851-6000

**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**  
The Township of Commerce is seeking S&B Level 1 or II applicant for residential appraiser. Field experience helpful. Working knowledge of computers helpful. Salary range \$28,325 to \$28,685. DOQ. Submit resume by December 30, 1998 to Commerce Township Assessor's Office, 2840 Fisher Ave., Commerce Twp., MI, 48390. EOE

**COUNTER HELP** needed for large RV Dealership parts dept. Position is full time with benefits. Competitive pay based on experience. Selected candidate must have good communication skills & be able to work Saturdays. Call (248) 349-0900, ext. 201. Or apply in person: General RV Center, 48500 12 Mile Rd., Wixom.

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# Like father, like son

## Law enforcement runs in the family

BY PAT MURPHY  
STAFF WRITER

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The 22-year-old West Bloomfield resident will wrap up 15 weeks of intense training, and he will be on the way to realizing a dream — being a certified officer with the Farmington Hills Police Department.

But Nov. 13 marks another important date in his young life. It's the fifth anniversary of the tragic death of his father, Southfield Public Safety Director Jerry Tobin.

"I think my dad would have approved," Toby Tobin said last week, as he and 47 classmates finished their final full week of training at Schoolcraft College.

Tobin and Brian R. Moore represented Farmington Hills police, while some of their classmates had already been hired at police departments in Adrian, Roseville, Highland Park, River Rouge and other communities. Most of the class, however, were students completing their associates degrees from Schoolcraft and hoping to land a job.

"We take 16 weeks out of their lives," said the academy's associ-

ate dean, Robert F. Pearce, referring to the intense training in criminal law, accident investigation, patrol operations and other police administration topics. "Our graduates are highly recruited."

Toby was a senior at West Bloomfield High School in November 1993 when his dad went into the hospital for hip replacement surgery. Toby was an honor student and an all-county linebacker on the football team who was looking forward to graduation and college.

Much of that changed, however, when Jerry Tobin died in the hospital within hours of receiving tainted blood in a transfusion.

Despite the tragedy, Toby followed the advice of his mother, Jan, and went to Michigan State University, where he studied criminal justice. Toby said he enjoyed the experience and appreciated the opportunity. But in his sophomore year, "I decided it was time to get a job."

Toby became a police cadet in Farmington Hills. "I guess I always wanted to be a police officer," Toby said. "I didn't talk about it much. But deep down, I always knew what I wanted."

Being a cadet is not the same as being a police officer.



Jerry Tobin  
Southfield Public Safety Director

"Life for a cadet isn't easy," said chief William Dwyer. Applicants undergo psychological testing, oral interviews and a background before they are hired. "Once they're on board, cadets have a lot of responsibility. We put them through the mill," said Dwyer, an associate of Toby's dad.

Training at the academy was intense, Toby said, but some of the lessons were more meaningful because of his experience as a youngster. "Dad always tried to

give me the benefit of his life's experiences," he said.

On one occasion during academy training, Jerry Tobin gave his advice — literally — to his son and other members of the class. That happened when one of academy training tapes featured Toby's dad — Rollin G. Tobin — as the instructor.

"Dad was very high on education and professional ethics," Toby said. "And I knew he had made many instructional videos, so there was a chance I'd see one."

Even so, Toby said seeing the instructional video featuring his dad talking about ethnic diversity within police departments was unsettling.

Toby said he doesn't know if anybody knows — or cares — that he is the son of a well-known and highly regarded career lawman. Jerry Tobin's career started with the Detroit Police Department, extended to the Organized Crime Unit of the Michigan Attorney General and included stints as chief of police in Birmingham and West Bloomfield.

He has his own ideas of what it means to be a cop. "I intend to be the kind of officer any chief — including my dad — would want to have in the department."



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMAYER

Officer in waiting: Toby Tobin will follow in his father's footsteps by embarking on a career in law enforcement upon graduating from the Wayne Police Academy on Friday. Tobin is the son of the late Jerry Tobin, who was Southfield Public Safety Director.

# A family dedicated to public service

BY PAT MURPHY  
STAFF WRITER

By the time Toby Tobin was born, his father was already into police administration — as chief of police in Birmingham or West Bloomfield.

"He liked administration," said Toby, "because he could try to run a department the way he thought they should be run — professionally. But I really think he missed being on the street."

Even so, Toby got firsthand information about life as a street cop. His sister — Sue Myszenski — has been a deputy sheriff with the Oakland Department for more than 20 years.

"When I saw a patrol car in the driveway, it was hers," Toby said last week as he was preparing to graduate from the Wayne County Police Academy.

Like her brother — who she likes to call by his formal name, "T. Derek" — Deputy Myszenski said she always wanted to go into police work. "I don't think my dad wanted me to go into police work," she said. "But once I did, I think he was proud."

All the Tobin youngsters have ties to West Bloomfield High School as well as law enforcement. Susan was in the class of '73; her sister, Kass Moore of Troy, graduated in 1975, and Toby was part of the class of '94. Their kid sister, Elizabeth, is in the class of 2000.

They also have extensive ties to law enforcement. After graduating Friday, Toby will be a police officer in Farmington Hills and Susan is a deputy sheriff assigned to school liaison with Rochester Community Schools. Her husband, Paul Myszenski, is a public safety officer with Bloomfield Hills.

Jerry Tobin's wife, Jan, worked for the Friend of the Court's office in Wayne County. Even though she's a civilian, Jan Tobin still considers herself as part of the police community.

Jan Tobin has mixed feelings about having so many loved ones in law enforcement. "It's a dangerous profession," she said. "And there's always a chance somebody will just blow one of them away."

"But I try not to think about the danger," she said. "They all have good training, and I believe they can all take care of themselves."



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Law in the family: The late Jerry Tobin's family is very much involved with law enforcement, including son-in-law Paul Myszenski, a Bloomfield Hills public safety officer; daughter Elizabeth Tobin; Sue Myszenski, an Oakland County Sheriff Deputy; Kass Moore of Troy, police academy graduate Toby Tobin; and mom Jan Tobin, who once worked for the Wayne County Friend of the Court.

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## Sage medals again at state harrier meet

David Sage qualified for his third straight Class A state cross country meet and, for the second consecutive year, came home from Michigan International Speedway with a medal.

BY DANIEL STICKRADT  
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Coming out of the toughest Class A cross-country region, Stan Ford assumed a top 10 finish at state was a realistic goal for Lake Orion. His assumption was right on the

money.

Behind a third-place finish from Jordan Desilets and a 38th-place showing from fellow senior Eric Lohr, the Dragons accumulated 251 points and placed eighth in a competitive 27-team field Saturday at the Lower Peninsula Class A state championships at Michigan Speedway.

"When you make it out of regional like ours, you know you're going to do well (at state)," said Ford, whose team was 10th two years ago. "For the most part we ran well and we ended up where we thought we would be. But this was an incredibly fast race and there were so many runners, so not everybody out there knew how to adapt to the situation."

Well, it appeared that the state's top runners adapted quite well. Under ideal conditions, a total of 15 runners eclipsed the course record of 15:39 set two years ago by Hazel Park grad Gus Forget.

Rockford senior Jason Hartman became one of the few Michigan markers to ever break the 15-minute mark when he clocked a course-record time a 14:51. Rockford sophomore Datha Ritzenheim was second in 15:11, while Desilets placed third in 15:16, which shattered the previous school record of 15:37 set by 1986 state champion Cliff Dwelle.

"Jordan just ran a great race," beamed Ford. "We knew that he probably wouldn't beat the Rockford guys, but he was able to beat a bunch of other guys from Oakland County." Among that cast was Birmingham

Brother Rice senior Ben Evans, whom Desilets had not beaten this season. Evans was fourth in 15:16.5.

"He lost to Ben a few times this season, but he came on strong at the end and was able to beat him at the line," said Ford.

Lohr and senior Pete Minton both recorded their best times of the season for the Dragons: Lohr was clocked at 15:59, while Minton placed 74th in 16:26.

Sophomore Adam Frezza (157th), senior Mark Rice (160th), junior Dane Beardsley (189th) and junior Spencer

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BRAD KADRICH

### Matching the Great One pick for pick

I hate to say I told you so, but... I told you so. The Incredible Kad, who challenged Kosmo to a state football playoff game-picking contest last week (and still hasn't heard from him, by the way), did what he said he would do: Matched The Great and Wonderful Koz pick for pick.

Remember, we're only talking about the Class AA and Class A playoffs, because those are the only two classes in which I cover schools. If I win, he's got to give me a long-coveted Kosmo T-shirt. He wins, he gets lunch at Red Knapp's American Grill.

Both of us went 12/4 in the first week. I missed on Grand Ledge, which lost to Midland; Westland John Glenn, which lost to Brighton; Fraser, which lost to Rochester Adams (that was a homer pick; my daughter is a Rambler); and on Okemos, which lost to East Lansing. The Great Koz Dog missed on John Glenn; Pontiac Northern, which lost to Oxford; Midland Dow, which lost to Flint Kearsley; and Portage Central, which lost to Hudsonville.

Maybe I can start referring to myself in third person now.

Here are this week's picks:

#### Class AA

Midland (8-2) at Rockford (9-1), 2 p.m. Saturday. Pick: Rockford.  
Brighton (9-1) at Lake Orion (9-1), 7 p.m. Friday. Pick: Lake Orion.  
Troy (9-1) vs. Catholic Central (9-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Wisner Stadium in Pontiac. Pick: Troy.  
Rochester Adams (9-1) at Sterling Heights Stevenson (10-0), 1 p.m. Saturday. Pick: Stevenson.

#### Class A

Saginaw (9-1) at Flint Kearsley (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday. Pick: Saginaw.  
Hudsonville (9-1) at East Lansing, 6 p.m. Saturday. Pick: East Lansing.  
Dearborn (9-1) at Farmington Hills Harrison (10-0), 1 p.m. Saturday. Pick: Harrison.  
Oxford (8-2) at Detroit Central (8-2), 1 p.m. Saturday. Pick: Oxford.

#### Close shave

My chances of getting my head shaved were, pardon the expression, trimmed this week when Oxford and Clarkston drew a first-round matchup in the Class A girls' basketball district which starts at Oxford Monday night.

You'll recall I vowed if Clarkston or the Wildcats win the district, the winner gets to shave my head (down to a crew cut, not completely bald, by the way). Now, only one of them can make the finals. My follicles are resting 50 percent easier.

#### All-state mixup

Oxford's top two players — Kellen Kalso and David Rayner — missed out on something most people agree they deserved this week: Selection to the all-state soccer team.

Because of a glitch involving membership in the Michigan Soccer Coaches Association, Kalso and Ray-

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Hot shooter Clarkston's Deana Kanipe (20) looks for an opening around Troy's Thea Pappas during the Wolves' 59-53 win over the Colts Tuesday. Kanipe's 31 points gave her 1,018 for her varsity career.

## Grand game

### Senior scores 1,000th as Wolves win

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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The Clarkston Wolves controlled play for most of the first 32 minutes of Tuesday's Oakland Activities Association District 1 girls' basketball game against Troy.

But the Wolves still had to play an extra few minutes before being able to clinch the Colts, 59-53, in Clarkston's gymnasium.

Troy's Thea Pappas drained a 3-point shot with a foul on her to give the Wolves a 50-48 lead. But the Wolves' Deana Kanipe, who had led the Wolves to a 1,000th career point, missed her shot.

Larkin and Samantha Essian, both of whom had fouled out in the fourth quarter. The biggest beneficiary was Clarkston's Corinne McIntyre, who scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

"The key was rebounding," Clarkston coach Ann Lowney said. "They killed us last time on the offensive boards. We knew if we controlled the boards, we win the game."

It looked like they had it won in the waning seconds of regulation. Sophomore Sarah Morgan hit a free throw with 50 seconds remaining to put the Wolves up 61-48. But the Colts hurried the ball down court and, with Morgan running out at her, Pappas hit the long-range jumper fly, and it touched nothing but the bottom of

the net as time expired to tie the score.

Clarkston's Deana Kanipe, whose 31 points put her over the 1,000-point mark for her varsity career, hit a free throw with 2:26 left in the game to put Clarkston up 52-51.

Troy's Carrie Geder then muscled in a layup to put the Colts ahead 53-52, their first lead since having led 3-2 in the opening minutes. But Clarkston's Sarah Morgan put back a miss by Candace Morgan to put the Wolves back in front to stay. Kanipe then made 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch to provide the final margin.

Both sides agreed control of the boards was the key to the game.

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## NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

### McGrath hoops

Registration has begun for the 17th-annual McGrath League basketball clinic at Clarkston High School.

The clinic is open to players in grades 4-9, and starts Dec. 5. Cost is \$65 for the first child, \$50 for additional children in the same family.

Registration deadline is Nov. 27. For more information, call the Clarkston athletic office, 623-4002.

Sessions are scheduled for Dec. 5, 12 and 19; Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30; and Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27. Sessions start with fourth-graders at 11 a.m. and run an hour apiece through 5 p.m.

Players who are playing more than one hour must get permission and pay for the additional time. The first three Saturdays are clinics; games take place the rest of the way.

### Wolfpack tryouts

The North Oakland Wolfpack AAU basketball try-outs are set for Dec. 6 at Clarkston Middle School.

Tryout schedule is: fifth-sixth grade, 1 to 2 p.m.; seventh grade, 2 to 3 p.m.; 13-under, 3 to 4 p.m.; 14-under, 4 to 5 p.m.

For more information, call Charlie Robinson, 625-9182.

### 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.

### 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.

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

■ Sandy Koufax (13-14) — Kevin Wilkinson, (313) 274-6405.

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

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

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# 'Cats reach regional final

BY BRAD KADRICH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Going into Saturday's Class A regional playoff game against Pontiac

Northern, most observers thought the Huskies had too much speed, and that the Oxford Wildcats would have a tough time keeping up.

Somebody apparently forgot to tell the Wildcats.

Oxford (8-2) successfully contained Huskie running back James Cooper most of the day and harangued junior quarterback Ricky Armstrong into an awful day passing and punted the Huskies, 35-14, to advance to Saturday's regional final at Detroit Central. Game time is 1 p.m.

Central got there by erasing a 21-6 halftime deficit and beating Oak Park 27-21. The winner

of Saturday's game will likely play defending state champion Farmington Hills Harrison.

The Wildcats used their running game to perfection Saturday, rushing for 345 yards on 55 carries, to ground out the fairly easy win over Northern.

Oxford led 21-0 after scoring on three of their first four drives.

But as much as the Wildcats dominated offensively, it was their defense that brought them this victory.

Oxford sacked Armstrong three times, hurried him numerous others and nearly picked off one pass.

Armstrong finished the day 5-of-17 passing for just 63 yards. The Wildcats also stuffed a key fake punt effort by the Huskies.

"The defense was awesome," a beaming



STAFF PHOTO BY LAWRENCE R. MCKEE

**Leading the way: Oxford's George Gomez (46) follows the block of Justin Parker during the Wildcats' 35-14 win over Pontiac Northern.**

Oxford coach Bud Rowley said. "We wanted to stop (Cooper), but we had to stop the whole team. Everyone over there (on Northern) can run. They've got great athletes. But our kids played with enthusi-

asm, they got off their blocks, they clawed and they scrambled."

Northern had pulled within 21-14 by halftime, and the game's key sequence came immediately following the intermission.

# Oxford tunes up for hoop district

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With the state tournament right around corner, now is the time that teams need to raise their game up a notch and reach their peak. Apparently, that's exactly what Oxford is trying to do.

In their final regular season home game Tuesday, the Wildcats put together their best defensive effort of the season and rolled past visiting Flint Metro League rival Otisville-Lakeville 66-21 — proving that they are ready for their first venture into the Class A state tournament.

Oxford has competed in Class B since its inception of its girls basketball program in the mid-1970s.

"We're looking forward to it," said Oxford coach Ian Smith, whose squad will host Clarkston on Monday in the opening

round.

The Wildcats, who conclude their regular season tonight at Mt. Morris, didn't look past the lowly Falcons (6-13, 2-11), as they raced out to a 25-6 advantage after the first quarter and never looked back.

"We approach every game with the same game plan," said Smith. "We had beaten (Lakeville) handily already this season, but you still must play and win the game. We started our regular players and played them regularly until we were up by 20-25 points. Only then were we comfortable."

The Wildcats (13-6, 9-4) forced Lakeville into 34 turnovers and limited the Falcons to a 5-for-31 shooting performance on the night. Oxford completely shut out Lakeville in the third quarter and only allowed two field goals in the second half — the last coming on a three-point buzzer beater

by junior guard Dominique Richmond to conclude the game.

"Our defense has really been our saving grace throughout the second half of the season," praised Smith. "We have really improved defensively and good defense is what we're going to need in the tournament."

Holbrook led Oxford with a game-high 22 points to go along with 10 rebounds and three blocked shots. After that, the Wildcats spread the wealth around.

Sophomore guard Dana Millard also reached double figures with 11 points, senior guard Andrea Fedorinchik added seven points, junior forward Tonya Seidl contributed four points, five steals and four rebounds, and senior guard Melissa Dopirak had a fine floor game with two points, seven assists, four rebounds and two steals.

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"We just didn't rebound," Troy coach Jim Maley said. "Having (Larkin and Essian) out hurt, but I thought the kids who stepped in did a good job. (Clarkston) just played an inspired game."

Kampe was on fire in the first half, hitting 7-of-10 from the floor, including 3-of-4 from beyond the 3-point arc, to help Clarkston to a 28-19 halftime lead. She scored 21 points in the half, including 13 points in the second quarter.

Sarah Morgan gave Clarkston its biggest lead, 33-21, by con-

verting a three-point play with 6:39 left in the third quarter. But the Colts pulled within 34-30 on a layup by Geder. Clarkston led 39-33 at the end of three quarters.

Pappas hit a 3-pointer with 5:05 left to pull Troy to 41-39. Freshman Kaye Christie hit a pair of free throws with 53 seconds left in regulation to give Clarkston a 50-44 lead. But Jenny Granger hit a 3-pointer and Leslie Bailey hit a free throw to set up Pappas' game-tying 3-pointer.

"We knew we had to control

the boards," said McIntyre. "We've been working on boxing out in practice, and (Tuesday) it worked in the game."

Kampe came in needing 13 points to hit 1,000, and she had it early in the second quarter. She finished with 31 points and five steals.

"It means a lot," Kampe said. "It's an accomplishment everyone would like to have in their high school career. I was happy I got there, and I was happy we won the game."

# Harriers from page B1

Aston (236th) also competed for Lake Orion.

The top 30 runners in each class garnered all-state honors and Clarkston junior David Sage was once again amongst the mix as he placed 20th with a time of 15:42. Clarkston junior Matt Haver also competed for the Wolves, finishing 39th in a career-best time of 16:01.

"Dave was a little bit disappointed that he finished 20th because he placed there last season, but it was a very fast race and he still did good a good job," said Clarkston coach Mike Taylor. "The positive thing about his race was that he took nearly a

minute off of last year's state time."

"As for Matt Haver, he ran a very good race; that's his best time this year," continued Taylor. "He really stepped it up."

Third-ranked Novi amassed 82 points and edged top-ranked Rockford by five points for the team title. Redford Catholic Central was third with 179, while Traverse City (186) and Grand Ledge (200) rounded out the top five.

In the girls race, Oxford junior Karen Leroy shattered the Wildcats' school record by placing 19th in 18:41 while Clarkston senior Jennifer Roeding came in

99th with a season-best 19:38 showing.

Top-ranked Rockford placed four runners inside the top 12 finishers and won the team title with 67 points. Sterling Heights Stevenson was second with 95 points, while Ann Arbor Pioneer (133), Grand Haven (150) and Traverse City (220) rounded out the top five in the team standings.

Rochester Adams sophomore Katie Boyles defended her state title with a course record time of 17:51 — nine seconds ahead of runner-up Emily Blakeslee.

# Picks from page B1

er were left off the team. A coach must be a member of the association for his players to be considered for selection. Oxford's membership was deemed not current, as was that of several other teams, including Lapeer West,

which has the equally deserving Sanchez brothers — Anthony and Nick.

This is a rule that needs to be changed. Any rule that penalizes the kids for mistakes beyond their control needs to be looked

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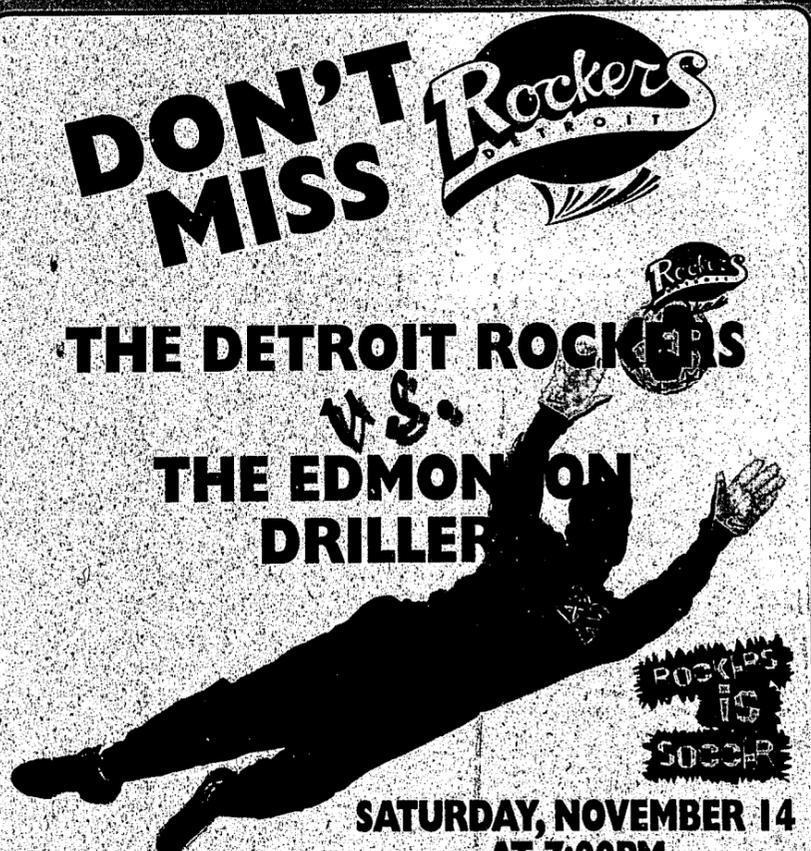
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Vivacious, SF, 30-something, 5'5", 137lbs; seeks monogamous relationship with an educated, financially secure, gentleman. #1529

BEAUTIFUL SMILE
Very attractive, athletic DWF, 49, 5'7", slender, brown-haired, enjoys sports, concerts, movies, laughter. Seeking athletic, healthy, widowed or DWM, 48-53, tall, with areas of humor, Birmingham area. #1528

WHERE ARE YOU?
Employed, active DWF, 59, 5'4", 145lbs, with varied interests, has searched wide for a SWM interested in LTR. I haven't found you yet. #1525

BEST FRIEND/LOVER
SWF, 47, 5'8", 125lbs, pretty, great sense of humor, enjoys romance, laughter, fun in the sun. Seeking like-minded, fun-loving, honest, successful, 45-55, who's not afraid of commitment. No drugs or alcohol. #1537

ALARM FIRE
Calling all firefighters, 40-45, to help me: beautiful, blonde-haired, in putting out my fire. #1166

FRIENDS FIRST
DWF, 31, red-haired, size 8, enjoys sports, Nasar, dancing, quiet nights, and time with son. Seeking SDWM, 28-38, HW, professional/academic, good listener, for friends first, possible LTR. #1473

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Educated, financially secure SBPF, enjoys travel, reading, intelligent conversation. Seeking honest, sincere SWM, preferably a graduate/medical student. #1351

LOOKING FOR LOVE
DW mother of three, 57, HW proportionate, athletic, brown-haired, enjoys dancing, movies, reading, intelligent conversation. Seeking sincere, honest, fun-loving, single SDWM, 34-45, 5'9", HW proportionate. Must love to travel. #1292

FOR MR. RIGHT
Easygoing SWF, 31, 5'7", medium build, dark hair, enjoys travel, has two daughters (4 and 9). Seeking clean SWM, 25-35, for friendship, possible LTR. #1292

WOMAN WITHOUT BAGGAGE
Attractive, fit, degreed, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", no dependents, rarely drinks, N/S, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo, romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. #1193

CARAMEL COMPLETED
College-educated African American female, 35, financially secure, no children, enjoys dining, movies, concerts. Seeking SM, 28-37, 6'4", for a LTR. #1066

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
SWF, 34, 5'4", 145lbs, brown-haired, seeks a nice, sweet, professional man, who likes sports, reading and music. #1191

PRETTY, FIT, AND HONEST
Humorous, romantic lady, 44, 5'4", 125lbs, brunet/blue, with a big heart, a very handsome, fit, and honest gentleman. #1116

BEAUTIFUL, BLUE EYES
SWF, 28, attractive, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", no dependents, rarely drinks, N/S, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo, romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. #1193

GETTING TO KNOW YOU
Patricia SWF, 28, 5, 130lbs, short brown hair, enjoys dancing, dining, movies, theatre, concerts, outdoor summer activities, seeks SWM, 25-35, with no dependents, for friendship, relationship, possible LTR. #1531

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SBF, 25, enjoys movies, concerts, bowling. Seeking professional male, 25-30, if you're out there, give me a call. #9915

YOU-ME-US
SWF, 35, 5'2", 250lbs, enjoys bowling, dancing, dining out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking SM, 35-39, for friendship first. #9940

SEEKS SECURE MAN
Pretty, classy, slim, secure, open, hip gal, 5'7", no children, seeks SWM, fun, financially stable, trustworthy, emotionally/financially stable, fun, hip guy, 48-52, 5'8"-6'1". No games. You won't be disappointed. #1531

SHARE MY LIFE
Earthy, easygoing, independent, creative, young-at-heart SWF, 46, 5'10", SWM, no animals, and dog cabin. Seeking affectionate, secure gentleman, 40+, who enjoys the outdoors. #1597

FIRST-TIME AD
WCF, 31, fit, thin, blonde, professional, seeks attractive, adventurous male who loves skiing, golfing and boating. #1470

SEEKING GOOD MAN
DOB, 35, enjoys being herself, watching movies, dining, shopping, cooking. Seeking a mature SWM. #9763

HEALTHY RELATIONS
Classy, slender, youthful, playful, intelligent, professional, brown-eyed, blonde SWF, homeowner, no dependents, NS, social drinker, seeks educated PM, 45+, emotionally/financially secure. Let's meet for coffee and see what happens. #1469

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WAITING FOR YOUR CALL
Widowed SWF, 60, 5'2", blonde/blue, NS, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, seeks honest, caring man, 55-65, good sense of humor. #1263

YOUNG-AT-HEART
Widowed SWF, 60+, blonde/blue, NS, likes movies, dancing, dining out, traveling, cooking. Seeking honest, romantic SWM, 50+, NS, for possible LTR. #1012

ALMOST AN ANGEL
Widowed female, 56, 5'7", blonde/blue, full-figured, seeks SM, 45-52, tall and boy boots a plus, who likes C&W and Harvay. Must be down-to-earth. #9960

GEMINI - ROCHESTER AREA
I'm a DWF, 45, blonde/blue, NS, exults in tastes and light-hearted attitude describe you and I, so let's meet! #1011

LIVE LOVE LAUGH
Attractive, full-figured DWF, 45, 5'11", enjoys traveling, and new adventures. Seeking like-minded, fun-loving, successful SWM, 45-55, who enjoys the river, mountains, pine trees, Chopin and Yehudi. #1004

BEAUTIFUL
Big and beautiful SWF, 49, NS, exults in tastes and light-hearted attitude describe you and I, so let's meet! #1011

WANTED: MAN IN FORM
Laid-back, caring SWF, 24, enjoys movies, dancing, concerts, walks, dining out. Seeking unkind SWDM, 22-26, who's fun, intelligent, LTR. Kick ok. #1008

LOVELY IN LIVONIA
Shapely, adventurous, romantic, down-to-earth DWF, 35, 5'7", brunette, NS, one son, home-maker-type. Seeking someone who can appreciate a fun, committed, family-oriented woman. #1537

FRIGIAN ENGINEER
Wanted: Frigian engineer, 45-55, who enjoys the river, mountains, pine trees, Chopin and Yehudi. #1004

SENSE OF HUMOR
DWF, 43, medium build, NS, seeks a fun, honest, outdoorsy, sports, for a possible LTR. #1000

INTERESTING GEMINI
I'm a DWF, 45, blonde/blue, NS, exults in tastes and light-hearted attitude describe you and I, so let's meet! #1011

TWILIGHT
Attractive SWF, 50, 5'10", 150lbs, NS, educated, employed, no dependents, seeks one great male, 48-55, HW proportionate, NS, a must, for monogamous relationship. Race open, must live locally. No hang-ups or baggage. #8878

A TOUCH OF JUNGLE FEVER
Complex preferences, not really DWF, 39, pretty, independent, happy, sensual woman of substance, seeks black gentleman, late 30s+, financially/emotionally secure, caring, outgoing, physical and spiritual happiness. #8880

SHORT AND SWEET
Classy petite DWF, red/brown, NS, educated, lives in country, outdoors, bowling, boating, gambling, traveling, golfing for someone special. If you are humorous, thoughtful and amicable, 55-60, send me an LTR. #9822

CHAMPAGNE AND CAVARI
SBF, 47, attractive, likes jazz, traveling, classic cars, dining, seeks SM, 45+, fun, financially secure, honest, best race/unimportant. #9820

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

DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL, PH.D.
Cultured, mean apple pie, Goll, tennis, and skiing enthusiast. Theater aficionado, dance lover. Seeking male counterpart, 34-47, #9728

GARDEN CITY WOMAN
DWF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, likes walks in the park, movies, dining. Seeking a monogamous relationship with a SM, NS, no drugs, for a LTR. No games please. #9692

LIGHTHOUSE LOVER
Very independent SF, young 48, likes sightseeing, lighthouses, great lakes, car racing, fishing, and walking. Seeking friend, 45-60 to share weekends doing above. No drugs, no games. Honesty is #1. #9552

LOOKING FOR THAT GENTLEMAN
DWF, 5'8", 125lbs, reddish-brown hair, smoker, social drinker, enjoys tall, financially secure gentleman, 48-55, who knows how to treat a lady. Westland area. #1441

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SB gentleman, 43, 6', 225lbs, NS, ND, enjoys indoor/outdoor activities, seeks a tender female friend, NS, with many interests. Race/age unimportant. #1598

TREASURE ISLAND
Enjoy home, travel, movies, and dining, with practical, playful, caring handyman. 42, NS, ND, DWPM seeks S/DWF with similar interests, for serious relationship. #1543

I AM WHO I AM
Full-figured DWF, 40, brown/green, employed, hard-worker, seeks an amiable male, age/race unimportant, kind caring, for dining, travel, quiet times. #1068

ENTREPRENEUR
Pretty, successful, humorous, charming, interesting, giving female, 52, enjoys reading, creative, outdoors, dining, cooking, boating, loves people. Seeking soulmate in a successful, sincere WM, 45-70. Please reply. #1100

WANTING TO WIDOWERS
Real, pretty, smart, attractive female, 51, red/blue, educated, values family, honesty, morals, dignity. Interested in sports, dining, gardening, reading, walks. Seeking family-oriented male. #11109

READY TO SOAR
on eagles wings? Do you believe all things are possible including finding that special someone? If you dare to believe God exists, creatively, together. Seeking SBCM, 40-48, #1069

LADY IN WAITING
Good-looking 46, DBCPF, 5'9", 140lbs, NS, enjoys traveling, movies, reading, exercising, outdoor activities. Seeking SC/M, NS, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. #11283

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INTRIGUING, IMPETUOUS
WF, 50a, 5'8", seeks a tall WM, 55+, impulsive, creative, together. #1009

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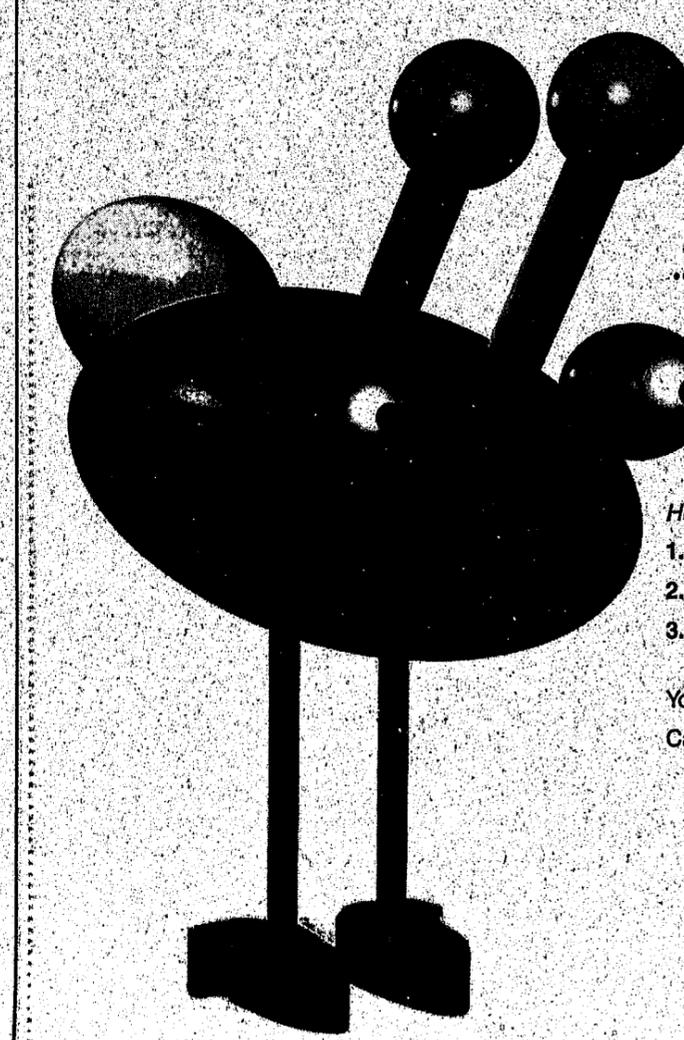
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**ARCHERY**

**BOWHUNTER 3D**  
Detroit Archers will hold a bowhunter 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21-22, on its walk-through range in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 for more information.

**TOYS FOR TOTS**  
The Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 30-target 3D shoot on Sunday, Dec. 6, on its walk-through course in Plymouth. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Toys for Tots program. Call (313) 453-9843 for more information.

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

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

**CLASSES**

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

**CLUBS**

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

**CLINTON VALLEY BASS**  
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**  
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month

in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**  
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

**FOUR SEASONS**  
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

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

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

**SHOOTING RANGES**

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

ing clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Nov. 14 are 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays; noon to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; On Saturday and Sunday the rifle and pistol range is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. or sunset, whichever comes first, and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

**ORTONVILLE RECREATION**  
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Through Nov. 15 the range is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Beginning Nov. 16 the range will be open 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

**METROPARKS**

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

1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

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

**OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS**

**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

**FALL STAR PARTY**  
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#### REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

**Q:** There has been a series of Michigan Court of Appeals decisions regarding silent fraud that seem to conflict. Do you have any information regarding this?

**A:** Recently, a special conflict panel of the Court of Appeals resolved a conflict between two previous cases where the issue of what was necessary to prevail on "silent fraud" was discussed.

The upshot of the court's opinion is in order to establish a claim of silent fraud, there must be evidence to the court that the seller made some sort of representation that was false.

It isn't enough, as was the case in a previous decision, that the seller had knowledge of the defect and failed to disclose it. Rather, the seller must make some type of misrepresentation, said the court.

A misrepresentation need not necessarily be words alone but can be shown where the party, if duty bound to do so, intentionally suppresses material facts to create a false impression to the other party.

This obviously creates a greater burden on the party trying to prove silent fraud in the context where the property was bought as is, that is, there must be some sort of false representation to overcome the as-is clause.

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HELEN FURCEAN / STAFF ARTIST

## A funny thing happened ...

BY DOUG FUNKE  
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It can be hilarious, bizarre, embarrassing or dangerous. It goes beyond the humdrum of ordinary happenings on the job. It adds spice to life. It's compelling.

Welcome to Realtor Follies, Part IV, an ongoing collection of unusual experiences in the field related by real estate professionals. Truth can be stranger than fiction.

And you're right. It's always better when it happens to the other guy.

Chuck Mills, who is affiliated with Real Estate One in Livonia, recounts his dealings with a selling client who soon thereafter was arrested and convicted of murder.

"The owner was an artist and in the basement he had a marijuana factory," Mills said. "I told him, 'I can't show this house until you replace this. You never know who might come in, and I'm not going to jail for you.'"

"He called a few days later and told me he had taken them out," Mills continued. "I took some people from the office on tour of the house and found he had potted them, and was sunning them in the yard. I pulled my sign out of the yard right then."

The client eventually removed the plants from the property, Mills replanted his sign and sold the house. Six months later, the client was involved in a murder.

"And here I was being firm with this man ... pushing him, telling him what to do," Mills said.

Call it big-time embarrassment. Betty Rominski, a Realtor with Century 21 Nada in Farmington Hills, relates the bare facts, so to speak.

"One time, I went to show a house. I knocked on the door, rang the bell, then we used the lock box to get in. We walked around downstairs. When we got upstairs, the bedroom door was closed. I opened the door and saw two people in bed."

And they weren't sleeping, either.

"I just closed the door and said, 'We don't need to see this room,'" Rominski continued. "My face was so red. They asked, 'Why not?' I said, 'You really don't want to know.'"

"Then they knew," Rominski said. "We left."

No sale, either.

Barbara Strong O'Brien, a Realtor with Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke in Plymouth, recalls the house closing that almost came to a standstill over seven cents.

"A young attorney from Ford was buying a piece of property," O'Brien said. "The broker for the seller was a skinny guy, always seemed sour. We were almost through, and he left the room, came back and said everything was OK except we were seven cents short. He was serious."

"The attorney reached in his pocket for the coins and said, 'In my business, we get serious when the green (big money) hits the mahogany (fancy conference table). I see you're serious when the copper (pennies) hits the pine.'"

"We were sitting at a pine table," O'Brien said. "We laughed ourselves silly."

O'Brien also remembers the time when one of her sellers was directed by a county official to dig six potential sites - each 12 feet long and 14 feet deep - for a replacement septic system in his back yard before satisfying the inspector.

The next day, the seller was directed by a different county official to dig in the front yard, which the seller originally wanted to do but was told no.

"Unreal," O'Brien said. "The whole yard had been beautifully landscaped. By the time he put it back together, it cost \$10,000. The moral of the story is when you get a bizarre answer, ask for the boss."

Who knows how many acts of kindness have been scuttled by foot-in-mouth disease?

Eleanor Feely, a Realtor with Prudential Chamberlain-Stiehl in Rochester Hills, shares one example.

"I had a customer I had worked with before ... knew them quite well and found a new house exactly what they were looking for. They were delighted," Feely said.

"The seller was very difficult," she continued. "It was his baby, he'd been in a long time. He was also a doctor and really had an attitude."

"The nice folks who were buying were so taken with the house, they had a portrait done. One of their children was in art school. They asked, 'Could you paint the house?' They had it framed."

"They showed it to me and, at the closing, put it in the other room for the seller," Feely said. "He was a son of a gun. He never talked to the buyers. It was very tense. It dragged on."

"She (the buyer) leaned over and whispered to me, 'Eleanor, what do you think?' I knew exactly what she meant and said, 'I agree 100 percent.'"

"She then whispered to her husband and he left the room and took the painting back to the car," Feely said. "What had been done special as a parting gift now hangs in the buyers' house over the fireplace."

### Monthly payment

Here's a comparison of average monthly house payments including interest, principal, property taxes and hazard insurance for selected states. Figures include mortgages for new and existing homes.

State	'97	'96	'95
New Jersey	\$1,650	\$1,590	\$1,480
California	1,590	1,520	1,420
Massachusetts	1,520	1,290	1,280
Hawaii	1,500	1,480	1,300
Illinois	1,150	1,120	1,250
Texas	1,100	1,060	880
Michigan	1,100	850	840
Ohio	1,000	840	810
Florida	1,000	850	860
Wisconsin	930	790	850
Indiana	830	790	760
Mississippi	700	700	670

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

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## Underwriting and getting a mortgage loan

#### MORTGAGE SEARCH

Part 2 of 2



DAVID C. MULLY

What happens once the lender collects the information for your loan? It is evaluated to determine if the loan can be approved. Until recently, this was always done manually, with the underwriter having to review and evaluate each piece of information separately.

Today, many lenders are using automated underwriting - an innovative and important tool in the mortgage industry.

Automated underwriting is a computer-based method that enables mortgage lenders to process loan applications in a quicker, more efficient, objective manner. The lender enters information from the borrower's application into its own computer system. This information is then communicated electronically to an automated underwriting system, like Fannie Mae's Desktop Underwriter, and a credit report is obtained.

The automated system evaluates different pieces of information and gives the lender a recommendation about whether or not the loan meets the criteria for approval. In Desktop Underwriter, a loan that does not appear to meet the criteria for approval is referred to the lender with advice about areas where additional information could be helpful. The lender considers the recommendation, along with the information gathered, and makes a final decision. The lender always makes the final decision, not the automated system.

Using an automated underwriting system streamlines and speeds up the review and approval process. And because each loan is evaluated in the same, objective way, lenders are able to identify more qualified borrowers and make more loans. Fannie Mae's Desktop Underwriter, for example, looks at the unique credit profile of every loan applicant and is able to evaluate a borrower's strengths as well as potential risk factors. For example, a borrower may have successfully managed credit in the past, which would be considered a strength. This same borrower may also have accumulated a lot of debt or may only be making a small down payment. These factors could be considered potential risks to the lender. The automated underwriting system, however, is able to evaluate all of this information in a way that recognizes that a borrower's strengths in one area can offset other risk factors. As a result, more borrowers are able to qualify - and be approved - for mortgage loans.

The information for this column was provided by First Alliance Mortgage Co. They can be reached at 248-433-9626.

Mully's company, Mortgage Search Services (MSS), offers consumers a free service that helps them save time and money when shopping for a new mortgage. MSS is an independent information service, not affiliated with any mortgage company. For 24-hour assistance or to contact him, call 1-800-797-3297. You can access Mully's weekly mortgage column or shop for a mortgage on-line at [www.mtgsearch.com](http://www.mtgsearch.com).

## Utility offers cold weather storm tips

Detroit Edison offers the following suggestions to deal with winter storms:

Assemble an emergency kit. It should include a battery-powered radio, a flashlight and candles, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, a fire extinguisher, bottled water and non-perishable food.

Keep an emergency supply of fuel or wood handy. For safety, always store fuel in a dry place away from the house.

Select a small, well-insulated room with a fireplace, wood stove or fuel-burning heater to use as emergency living quarters.

Ensure your blanket supply is adequate for extended outages and secure a supply of cardboard. In an emergency, blankets and cardboard can be hung over windows and doorways to minimize heat loss.

#### If power goes out

Report power outages or downed power lines by calling Edison at 800-

477-4747. Use of the automated outage reporting system allows for direct input of outage information and helps speed restoration.

Check fuse boxes for tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses when a power outage occurs. If there are none, check to see whether neighbors have power before reporting an outage.

Keep refrigerators and freezers shut, opening them only when absolutely necessary. A closed refrigerator will stay cold for 12 hours. Kept closed, a well-stocked freezer will preserve food for two to three days. Partially thawed food or food that has ice crystals usually can be refrozen.

Open faucets slightly so they constantly drip to prevent pipes from freezing.

A fuel-burning heater, such as a kerosene heater, requires an area with proper ventilation to prevent buildup of harmful fumes. Keep portable heaters away from furniture, draperies and other flammable materials.

Never use a gas range for heating or charcoal as an indoor heating or cooking source.

Leave on just one light switch to indicate when power is restored. Turn off or unplug all appliances during an outage because an electrical overload could damage them when power is restored.

Disconnect house circuits from power lines if using a portable generator. Pull or switch to "off" all main fuses or circuit breakers to protect line crews working to restore service. Always operate generators outdoors to avoid dangerous buildup of toxic fumes.

During low-voltage conditions - when lights are dim and television pictures are smaller - shut off motor-driven appliances such as refrigerators to prevent overheating and possible damage. Sensitive electronic devices also should be unplugged.

Listen to local radio stations for updates about electric service restoration efforts.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded Sept. 28 - Oct. 2 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Table listing real estate sales with columns for address, city, and price. Includes sections for Auburn Hills, Farmington Hills, Commerce Township, Farmington, and various other municipalities.

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MOUNT CHRISTIE REALTY. The magnificent development of Mount Christie Estates features elegant, spacious homes built in a premium wooded setting in picturesque Metamora Township. Davison Lake Rd., Oakwood Rd., Ludwig Rd., Lapeer Rd. M-24.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real estate briefs features news and notes on professional associations, office activities, upcoming meetings and seminars, new services products and consumer publications. Write: Real estate briefs, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

BUILDERS TRAINING. Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education offer a seminar on preparing for the state builder's licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Nov. 16-25, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia. Cost is \$170, plus \$20 for a textbook. Registration required by Friday, Nov. 13, at (734) 523-9277.

BUY HOME CLASS. Rosemary Firestone, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 in Novi and her financial services team, present a free, no-obligation home buyers class 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Livonia Civic

Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Presenters include Craig Lee, HomeTeam Inspection; DeeDee Sung, Golden Mortgage; Jeff Sprague, financial planner; Michael Rich, attorney; and Peggy Bookstein, CPA. For reservations, call Kristi or Renee at (734) 420-9600.

ENERGY WORKSHOP. Jim Nawrot, director of Home Building Workshops, and Schoolcraft College present a workshop on home energy conservation, "Basement Types, Heating Systems and Air Exchangers," 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Nov. 17 and 19, on campus, Haggerty between Six and Seven mile roads in Livonia. Cost is \$145. To register, call (734) 462-4448.

TOYS FOR TOTS. Century 21 Cole Realty, 25845 Plymouth Road, Redford, again will serve as a collection point for new, unwrapped toys in the Toys for Tots program sponsored annually by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

The toys are distributed to needy children.

PROPERTY INVESTORS. The Real Estate Investors Association hosts an open discussion during its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Stephenson Haus, 25000 N. Chrysler, Hazel Park. Cost for non-members is \$10. Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package should call Wayne Koehler, president, at (313) 386-7228.

CAREER EXPO. The Washtenaw Contractors Association organizes a free construction career expo 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, in the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College, Huron River Drive, east of U.S. 23 in Ann Arbor. Co-hosts include the Home Builders Association, Washtenaw County Electrical Contractors Association, International Masonry Institute and three high school building programs in Washtenaw County. For information, call (734) 662-2570.

SALES WEB SITE. Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood? Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has prepared maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free. Just point your Web browser to: www.homevaluemap.com

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BARTON MALOW. Barton Malow, a design and construction services firm headquartered in Southfield, has received ISO 9001 quality control certification. Ben C. Maibach III is president of the firm, Sue Rogers, quality director.

FAIRWAY CONSTRUCTION. Fairway Construction in Southfield, a fourth-generation building company specializing in remodelings, has established a web site at www.fairwayconstruction.com

Farmington Hills New Construction Condominiums Starting From \$138,500. Seven Distinct Floor Plans. Ranch, Cape Cod and Townhouse Homes Available. All Floor Plans Include: 2 Car Attached Garage, First Floor Laundry, Full Basement, High Efficiency Furnace, High Efficiency Hot Water Heater, and Much More... Open Daily From 1:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. or by Appointment. Closed on Thursdays. Briarwood Village (248) 473-8180. Located on Middlebelt Road 1/2 Mile South of 11 Mile Rd.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS. This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities. Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

Jim Hess has joined Century 21 Chalet in Livonia as associate broker and education director. His responsibilities include recruiting, educating and training new sales professionals. Hess, owner and operator of the American School of Business & Real estate, has more than 25 years experience as a real estate broker and trainer. His school has relocated from Farmington Hills to the Century 21 Chalet office.

Tuition is free for carpentry training program

Tuition, books and contractor trade tools are free for students in the carpentry framer training program at Oakland Community College and Macomb Community College. Openings are now available. Classes form on a periodic basis. This program also boasts 100 percent job placement to start successful home building careers, said Mark F. Guidobono, president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and a Northville-based residential builder. BIA, affiliated with the national and state associations of home builders, is the program sponsor. The program is designed to train the next generation of home builders. Training is based on a set of detailed skill standards established by leaders in the industry. Students get full-time, hands-on experience by framing real houses on actual job sites under the direction of a master carpenter/instructor. Students are in the field 80 percent of the time. The course runs for 18 weeks, followed by eight weeks of paid, on-the-job training, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. For further information or to enroll, call Oakland Community College at (248) 340-6787 or Macomb County Community College at (810) 296-3516.

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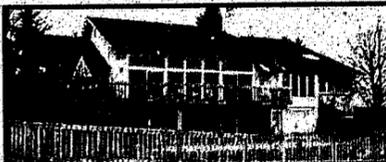
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 • This 4 bedroom Ranch sits on a large lakefront lot  
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 • Deck, fenced play area, sandy beach, all sports  
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**12401 Coolidge S. of Perry Rd., off M-15**  
 • Beautiful, private country living in this rustic Cape Cod situated on 10 acres of peaceful surroundings.  
 • Each bedroom has private bath. Garden room and formal dining room.  
**\$430,000 Ask for: Pam Burke (810) 658-4150 CO124**



**FRANKLIN**  
 30440 Stonegate E. off Franklin 1/2 Mile S. of 13 Mile Rd.  
 • Spectacular Executive Colonial is better than new with over 4300 sq. ft. and custom extras throughout  
 • Four bedrooms, 3 full and 2 half baths, library  
 • Firelit family room plus spa and garden basement  
**\$719,900 (248) 647-6400 ST304**



**WEST BLOOMFIELD - BETTER THAN NEW!**  
 • Great almost new condo in Lagoons of W. Bloomfield  
 • Upgrades and extras! Neutral colors throughout.  
 • 2000 plus square feet. Second floor loft could be 3rd bedroom  
 • Two fireplaces  
**\$299,999 (248) 324-3800 HE657**



**WEST BLOOMFIELD - BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOL**  
 • Lovely family home offering many improvements  
 • Hardwood floors, some carpeting, marble foyer  
 • Finished lower level w/ jacuzzi & separate living suite  
 • All levels walk out to private yard with pond  
**\$419,900 (248) 851-4400 SH226**



**4600 Deer Springs Court N. of Silverbell, W. of Adams**  
 • Spectacular Oakland Twp. Colonial on wooded cul de sac deep within prestigious Country Creek Community  
 • Neutral decor, large center island kitchen, library Fabulous master bedroom suite, lower level walkout  
**\$397,900 (248) 851-4400 DE460**



**CLARKSTON - UNDER CONSTRUCTION**  
 • Live your dream in this European styled two story home  
 • Sits on double wooded lot in prestigious Pebble Creek  
 • Two story foyer & fire lit family room, first floor guest suite or study with direct access to full bath and more!  
**\$379,900 (248) 651-8850 CR102**



**560 Watkins S. of Maple, E. of Southfield**  
 • This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial in a great location has lots of character and loads of potential!  
 • Updated kitchen, master bedroom with walk-in closet & bath.  
 • Family room with fireplace plus exercise room.  
**\$355,000 (248) 647-8068 WA560**



**TROY - OUTSTANDING FLOOR PLAN**  
 • Premium court setting, superb condition & inviting floor plan are the hallmarks of this four bedroom Colonial  
 • Huge kitchen, crisp light decor, large family room  
 • Finished basement. Deep, private landscaping  
**\$329,500 (248) 641-1660 BE433**



**BIRMINGHAM**  
 • Sophisticated, comfortable living! 2 bedroom, 2 bath  
 • In-town 1920's updated Colonial with 2 fireplaces, hardwood floors, cathedral ceilings, dramatic family room  
 • Large master bedroom, deck and private yard  
**\$274,500 Ask for: Kathleen Hayward (248) 647-8086 LI251**



**SOUTHFIELD**  
 • Over 3,000 sq. ft. of custom elegance.  
 • Large 4 bedroom home features Italian marble and hardwood floors, two fireplaces, wet bar in family room, library  
 • French doors off living room. Newer roof, central air  
**\$299,900 (248) 324-3800 TW228**



**TROY - EYE CATCHING APPEAL**  
 • Sharp four bedroom Colonial on Troy's West side  
 • Newer carpeting, roof and some appliances  
 • Finished basement. Ready to move into.  
**\$299,900 (248) 647-6400 VA233**



**FARMINGTON HILLS - LOOKING FOR PRIVACY?**  
 • Secluded four bedroom quad-level home with acreage backing to stream, trees and ravine  
 • Hardwood floors in most rooms, newer oak kitchen  
 • New windows throughout. Granite heated pool  
**\$289,900 (248) 851-4400 BR343**



**ROCHESTER HILLS - PREMIUM LOCATION IN SUB**  
 • Newer, 4 bedroom Colonial on a beautiful wooded lot offers a traditional floor plan with striking neutral decor  
 • 9 foot, vaulted & cathedral ceilings, hardwood flooring  
 • Island kitchen, two tier cedar deck with hot tub  
**\$285,500 (248) 651-8850 WO688**



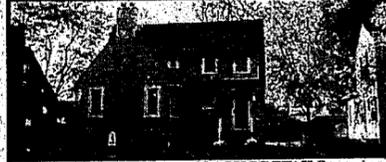
**ROCHESTER HILLS GOLF COURSE**  
 • Custom home on 4th green at Brookwood Golf Club  
 • Great room with tall windows, garden fireplace  
 • Formal dining room, den, island kitchen with nook  
 • Finished lower level, golf cart storage in garage  
**\$369,000 Ask For: Cecelia Brown (248) 656-4401 AU571**



**TROY - BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS**  
 • Updated quad offers new carpet, fresh paint and more  
 • 2,300 sq. ft. with two master bedroom suites  
 • Lower level family room with doorwall to tree yard  
 • Side load garage. All appliances stay. New roof  
**\$263,000 Ask for: Colleen Hood (248) 646-4024 BI253**



**ROCHESTER HILLS - GARDENERS DREAM!**  
 • This home sits in a premium location with a lovely yard featuring a rose garden and many trees  
 • Hardwood entry and kitchen floors, vaulted ceilings  
 • Dynamite master suite with garden tub & shower  
**\$257,900 (248) 651-8850 SA128**



**ROYAL OAK - CLASSIC DETAILS**  
 • This beautiful colonial home has lots of appeal!  
 • Sunny living room with windows galore; hardwood floors, gracious entry hall, tasteful decor throughout  
 • Master bedroom w/ walk-in closet. Brick patio  
**\$229,900 (248) 641-1660 WO210**



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**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP - NEW CONSTRUCTIONS**  
 • Phase 2 Now Open; Only 12 lots remain.  
 • One acre wooded walkout sites  
 • Four bedrooms, 2+ baths, two car attached garage.  
 • 2,150 square feet. Prices starting at...  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS - ROMANTIC VIEWS**  
 • Beautiful and neutral decor throughout this Colonial  
 • Delight in gorgeous views of secluded site adorned with pines and boulders from wrap around deck.  
 • Family room and dining room, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths  
**\$219,411 (248) 324-3800 CE311**



**HOLLY - NEW CONSTRUCTION**  
 • The "Poplar" model in brand new Irwin Meadows  
 • Covered recessed entry welcomes you! Open foyer, two story great room with large windows and fireplace  
 • Large kitchen and nook, dining room, three bedrooms  
**\$209,900 Ask For: Geoffrey Leach (248) 646-6000**



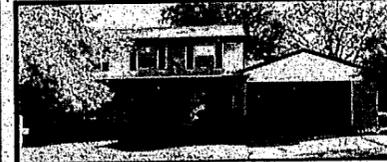
**2902 Bamlet W. of Crooks, E. off Woodward S. of 13 Mile**  
 • Gorgeous dark hardwood floors in living, dining room  
 • Three bedrooms are spacious plus 1.5 baths  
 • New windows, electrical, driveway + updates galore  
 • Location is ideal, great neighborhood plus deck!  
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**TROY**  
 • Super sharp and nicely updated in Troy Meadows  
 • Remodeled kitchen w/ new appliances & new floor  
 • Newer carpeting, roof, blinds and neutral decor  
 • Four bedrooms, firelit family room, wooded yard  
**\$195,900 (248) 647-6400 EL394**



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS - SOLID BRICK RANCH**  
 • Distinctive floor plan with two beautiful fireplaces  
 • Living room, family room, dining & breakfast rooms  
 • Bonus room perfect for 5th bedroom w/ bath & separate entrance! Mature landscaped yard  
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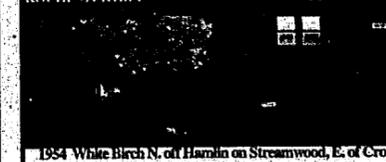
**SOUTHFIELD**  
 • Neat, clean & well maintained Twyckingham Colonial  
 • Dining room w/ lovely bay window, family room with natural fireplace and sliding doors to patio & yard  
 • Four bedrooms, 2 full baths, two car garage  
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**17342 Jeannette St. E. off Southfield N. of 10 Mile**  
 • This ranch home is a great buy in Sherwood Village  
 • Nearly 2,000 sq. ft. w/ hardwood flooring throughout  
 • Family room with fireplace, all appliances included  
 • Master suite with walk-in closet. Lovely private lot  
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**3190 Kennicott W. of Haggerty off Oakley Park**  
 • Spacious Oakley Acres ranch in move-in condition  
 • Freshly painted interior and neutral decor thru-out  
 • Lovely master suite, fin. basement w/ family room  
 • Pella French doors lead to patio and fenced yard  
**\$179,900 (248) 547-2000 KE319**



**1954 White Birch N. off Hamlin on Streamwood, E. of Crooks**  
 • End unit 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse w/ A/C  
 • Deck off dining room balcony off master suite  
 • Attached garage, basement, newer roof, neutral decor  
 • Clubhouse pool, tennis court, river & pond (WH195)  
**\$154,500 Ask for: Betty Hoffman Dowhan (248) 651-8850**



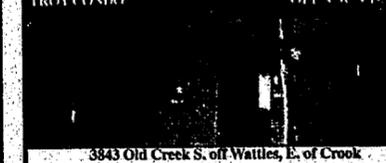
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 • Updated and well-maintained three bedroom home  
 • Hardwood floors throughout, fresh paint, new windows  
 • Three season sun room, fireplace in living room  
 • Newer mechanicals, air conditioning, two car garage  
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**1546 Maryland Club W. off Main**  
 • Walk to downtown from Maryland Club!  
 • Better than new, clean light neutral decor. Light oak kitchen with ceramic flooring. High ceilings Attached garage.  
 • Beautiful grounds. Steps from pool.  
**\$149,800 (248) 641-1660 MA154**



**1075 Collingwood E. off John R. S. of Auburn**  
 • Open floor plan with three bedrooms and family room  
 • New kitchen w/ oak cabinets, Swanstone sink  
 • New bath '94 with tub, tile, oak cabinet, vinyl  
 • Newer windows & roof, sidewalks & fenced yard  
**\$135,900 (248) 651-8850 CO107**



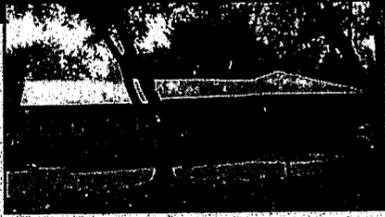
**3843 Old Creek S. off Wattles, E. of Crook**  
 • Fabulous location backing to stream, trees & pond  
 • Updated kitchen with light oak cabinets Gracious master bedrooms w/ walk-in closet & deck overlooking pond.  
 • Lighted double carport. Troy Schools  
**\$128,900 (248) 641-1660 OL384**



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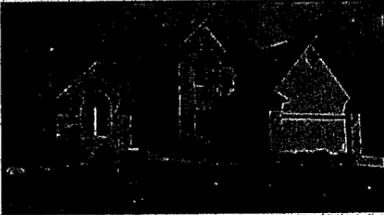
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS.** Fabulous modular contemporary ranch condo with finished walkout lower level. Over 3200 sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. 1st floor master shows spectacular elevated ceiling. \$424,900 (64ALE) 248-642-8100



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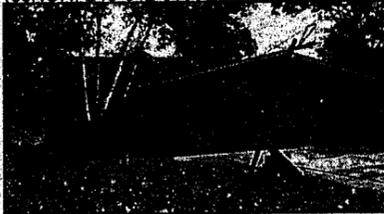
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**TROY.** 3 bedroom colonial with numerous updates throughout. Master suite with his and her closets. Appliances included. Newer windows, furnace, roof, carpet, garage door and opener and more. Call today! \$185,900 (92BEA) 248-524-1600



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**NOVI.** Hurry! This one won't last! 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, Andersen windows. Oak railings. Ceramic tiles in bathrooms, newer roof ('95). New hot water heater, painted interior and exterior. Close to schools and x-ways. Pool in sub. Home warranty. \$164,900 (23NIL) 248-626-8800



**TROY.** Redone from top to bottom! 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial in popular Sylvan Glen Subdivision. Newer roof, windows, furnace, kitchen. This home is loaded with amenities. Home Warranty! \$231,900 (96FAL) 248-524-1600

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**LOCATION, LOCATION.** Newer home in Maple Ridge, walking distance to Walled Lake Western, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, open floor plan, large yard. \$209,900 (46SIL) 363-1200



**OXFORD.** Custom built on 10 acres this 4 bedroom, 4 full bath contemporary home with lots of wildlife. Great room with two fireplaces. Lots of windows. Kitchen with oak and ceramic. 3 car attached garage. \$489,900 (75FAR) 248-524-1600



**TROY.** Attractive 3 bedroom tri-level with updated kitchen and baths. Newer carpeting. Large family room, den. Central air. Kitchen appliances included. Lovely landscaping. Florida room. One year Home Warranty! \$159,900 (77OTT) 248-524-1600



**LAKE ORION.** Adjacent to Indianwood, large lot with mature trees, on cul-de-sac, neutral throughout, move in condition. Large kitchen, oak cabinets, expansive master with 6 ft. garden tub. \$304,900 (26LAK) 248-652-8000



**GET AWAY FROM IT ALL.** But stay close enough to commute. This beautiful, well updated, 4 bedroom colonial features entry level living room and family room with fireplace, formal dining, doorwall to custom deck, gorgeous kitchen & Huron Valley Schools. \$169,900 (41CUR) 363-1200



**LAKE ORION.** 3 bedroom colonial located on cul-de-sac. Newer roof, hardwood floors in foyer and kitchen. Wood deck. Walkout finished basement. \$159,000 (12MIL) 248-524-1600



**TROY.** 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath ranch home. Huge basement. First floor laundry. Family room and living room with a 2 way fireplace. Brick paver walk in front of home. Sprinkler system. Outside lights. \$222,800 (42TRE) 248-524-1600



**FIVE MINUTES TO ALL ROCHESTER OFFERS!** Be it Meadowbrook, Oakland University, Chrysler World Headquarters, this lovely home brings all to your doorstep. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and beautiful grounds. \$279,000 (19BUR) 248-652-8000



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**TROY.** Nice and clean 3 bedroom colonial in very desirable Raintree Subdivision. Beautiful wooded lot. Much to offer! Call today! \$184,900 (01WAK) 248-524-1600



**TROY.** Nice 3 bedroom tri-level sitting on interior lot of subdivision. Family room with fireplace. Andersen windows. 2 1/2 car attached garage. \$154,900 (05RAI) 248-524-1600



**LAKE ORION.** Keatington tudor. Why build when you can purchase this 2600 sq. ft. 1989 built home across the street from pristine Lake Voorhels? Newer sun room overlooking professionally landscaped private yard. Huge master bath with Jacuzzi and separate shower \$269,900 (68CED) 248-652-8000



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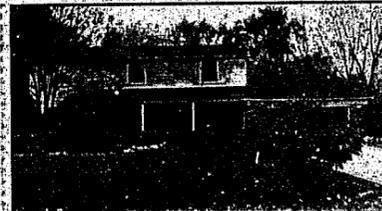


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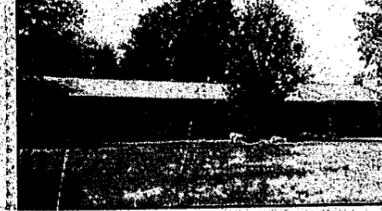
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD.** Beautifully maintained colonial. 5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2700 plus sq. ft., formal dining room, office, family room, living room, finished basement. Deck backs to private, treed lot. Master suite, updated kitchen. \$279,900 (84MAC) 248-642-8100



**BEVERLY HILLS.** Unique, charming tudor colonial. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths on a gorgeous side lot that gives privacy and character. Family room, Florida room, central air. Many more features! \$279,000 (66BEE) 248-642-8100



**BLOOMFIELD.** Immaculate brick ranch. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. New: cherry kitchen '96, roof '94, central air '97. Large lot, brick patio, 2 1/2 car heated, side entry garage. 2 fireplaces. Extra large master suite with walk-in closet. \$278,500 (25DUR) 248-642-8100



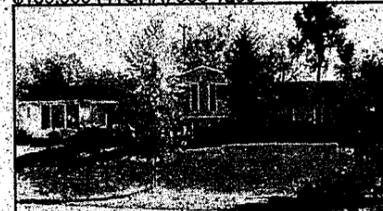
**CANAL/RIVERFRONT TO COMMERCE LAKE.** Completely remodeled 3 bedroom ranch with open floor plan, fireplace in living room, new white kitchen, vaulted ceiling in dining & bedroom, skylight & hardwood floor in dining room. \$168,900 (71BLU) 363-1200



**NEED ROOM TO ROAM?** This 3-bedroom, 2 bath, brick ranch has it all. Almost one fenced in acre! Stone fireplace & wood floors in living room. Oak cabinets & Corian top in kitchen, large partially finished basement. Sun room type breezeway. Home Warranty. \$164,500 (35POT) 363-1200



**BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED INSIDE & OUT!** Bring your fussiest buyers to this one. 3 bedroom, 1800 sq. ft., 2+ car attached garage, fireplace, pool, extensive decking, large patio, too many new items to list. Close to many lakes, ski lodges, lots of recreation. \$159,900 (41GFA) 363-1200



**WATERFORD LAKE PRIVILEGES.** Move in condition, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, large lot & perennial gardens. Totally updated, like new, spacious rooms, quiet tree-lined street. \$159,900 (76YAR) 363-1200



**COMMERCE LAKEFRONT.** 2 bedroom cottage with 70' of frontage. Updated ranch has living room with fireplace, eat-in kitchen with doorwall & room to expand. Move in or tear down! \$149,900 (03VOL) 363-1200



**METICULOUSLY MAINTAINED** brick ranch, 1/2 block from Union Lake. Beautifully updated. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Neutral decor throughout! French doors lead to family room. Walkout lower level is a complete in-law suite. 3+ car garage. \$164,900 (16PLA) 248-626-8800



**MOVE RIGHT IN! ONE YEAR NEW HOME!** Bright & airy, open floor plan, cathedral ceiling, spacious kitchen. Huge family room, 2 1/2 car garage, extra insulation, professional landscaping. Transfer owner must sell this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Hurry! \$189,900 (41WES) 248-626-8800



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**TROY.** 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial built in 1988. View of pond, 30' day possession, 2 car attached side entry garage. \$264,900 (86CRO) 248-524-1600



**BEVERLY HILLS.** Move in condition ranch. Family room, sprawling lot with private yard. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, eat in kitchen, attached garage and lots more! \$236,500 (75AMH) 248-642-8100



**BIRMINGHAM.** Extremely well decorated and updated brick ranch. Professionally landscaped. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, central air, garage, professionally finished basement. \$179,900 (63ETO) 248-642-8100



**GREAT RANCH** in move in condition. Freshly painted inside and out. 3 bedrooms, 2 car garage, basement, sprinklers, central air, newer vinyl floor and hot water heater. Mature trees & new shrubs. Great curb appeal. \$162,500 (34DRE) 248-652-8000



**TROY.** Built in '86. Tastefully decorated and well maintained home offer 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, family room with fireplace, central air, attached garage, large corner lot, in-ground sprinklers, manicured lot and more! \$159,900 (54CON) 248-642-8100



**TRANSFEE- PERFECT!!** Ranch style unit in Rochester's hottest community. Premium site with private yard. \$20,000 in upgrades & extras, great room, library, white kitchen, security system, hardwood floors, gas fireplace, jet tub. Only 4 months new! \$268,500 (42ROC) 248-652-8000



**NEW CONSTRUCTION, IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY** 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with 3 car garage, fireplace, wood floors, completely carpeted, walkout basement, prepped for bath, master suite with garden tub & separate shower, quiet street. \$299,900 (38FIE) 248-652-8000



**WEST BLOOMFIELD.** Want to get away from it all? Picture yourself in this charming, secluded, 2 bedroom ranch with Pleasant Lake privileges HWF, huge master bedroom, white kitchen. Dining room with walkout to new deck. Heavily wooded and so cozy, you must see it! \$149,900 (24STA) 248-642-8100



**EXTRAS INCLUDED IN PRICE.** Extras, brick, attached garage, family room w/ fireplace, newer carpet & paint, hardwood floors, family room. Private yard w/patio. 2 1/2 baths, cove ceilings, cedar closet. Remodeled master bath. Weinberger home! \$194,900 (66AVO) 248-652-8000



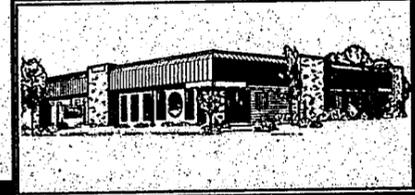
**3 BEDROOM RANCH** in Utica schools. Basement, attached garage, large kitchen. Family room with fireplace. Central air and all appliances. \$158,900 (24HAN) 248-652-8000



**LOVELY ROYAL OAK HOME** with original woodwork, remodeled kitchen, Jenn-Air range, hardwood floor, oak mantle with natural fireplace, 2 balconies, 2 car garage, newer carpet. Just move in. \$164,900 (10GAR) 248-652-8000



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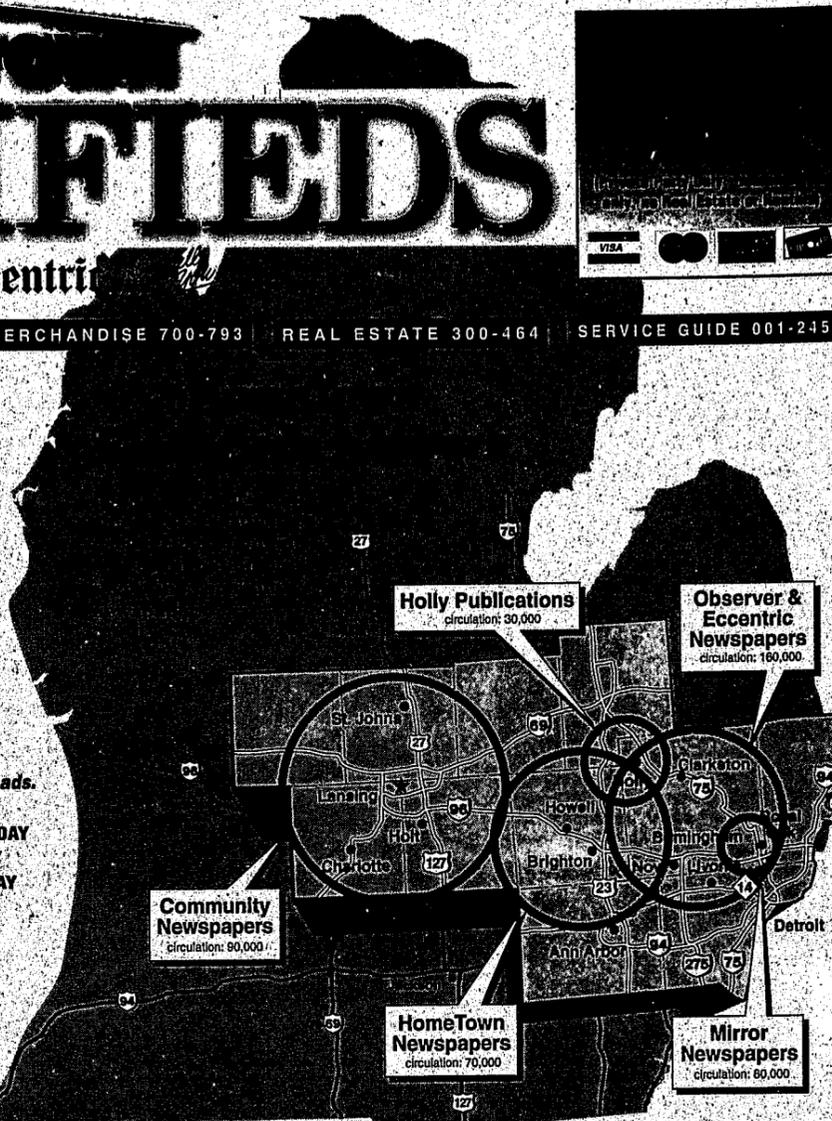
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<p><b>303 Open Houses</b> BIRMINGHAM: OPEN SUN 1-5. Beautiful 1998 2100 sq.ft. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, den, sea-thru fireplace, more! \$325,000. 942 Humphrey, W. of Woodward, N. of 14 Mile. (248) 594-1197</p>	<p><b>303 Open Houses</b> LIVONIA - OPEN SUN. 12-4. 4 bedroom colonial, 2 1/2 baths, S. of 6 Mile, W. of Wayne. \$229,900. 35600 Wood. 734-432-9325</p>	<p><b>303 Open Houses</b> OPEN HOUSE SAT 1-3 39181 Randolph Ct. Westland (S. of Cherry Hill, W. of Hix). Beautiful colonial with over 1800 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths. 3 years young! COLIN MEAD RE/MAX CROSSROADS Office: (734) 453-8700 Pager: (734) 797-2315</p>	<p><b>303 Open Houses</b> OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 PM 22760 N. Nottingham Beverly Hills (S. of 14 Mile, W. of Leland). Unique ranch in popular Nottingham Forest boasts an "Up North" feeling. This spacious home situated on a corner wooded, ravine lot offers 4357 sq. ft. of living space, 4 bedroom, 3.5 baths, formal living room &amp; dining room, family room &amp; great room w/wet bar in finished lower level, walkout, updates include roof down to the boards, exterior painted 1997, central air 1998 and some new Anderson windows. MARY ANN MCBROOM CRS RE/MAX in the Village 647-8600 (office) 788-0002 (direct line)</p>	<p><b>303 Open Houses</b> OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 1053 Woodward Heights Ferndale - N. side of Woodward Heights - E. of Woodward PREMIUM NEW CONSTRUCTION Premium built and unit townhouse condo with fireplace, one and half bath. Wood floors in first floor, two bedrooms \$119,900. (W105) Call for an appointment. ASK FOR BOB SHERIDAN RE/MAX PARTNERS (248) 435-1100 Visit my website at <a href="http://www.remax.metrodetroit.com/robertsheridan">www.remax.metrodetroit.com/robertsheridan</a></p>	<p><b>305 Birmingham/Bloomfield</b> A RARE JEWEL! Prime Birmingham residential lot located near million dollar homes. 700 sq. ft. trees and close to town. Great elevation. See lister for details \$495,000 (ECH-DOLIN) (871999)</p> <p><b>MAX BROOK REALTORS</b> (248) 646-1400</p>	<p><b>305 Birmingham/Bloomfield</b> BLOOMFIELD HILLS: HERON BAY LAKEFRONT on all sports Upper Long Lake. Executive home with the finest decor &amp; appointments being offered with a full compliment of choice furnishings, Lakeside master &amp; living room. Fully furnished family room &amp; library. \$4,500,000 (ECH-35HER) (871322)</p> <p><b>MAX BROOK REALTORS</b> (248) 646-1400</p>	<p><b>306 Brighton</b> Elegant Cathedral ceilings, 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 16 acre. Brighton Schools. \$259,900 (248) 488-9127</p> <p><b>308 Canton</b> ABSOLUTELY SUPERB: Very popular Augusta II Model - Fairway Pines Sub backs to woods at Pheasant Run Golf Course. Spacious home built 1998, offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths including unrivaled master suite w/His &amp; Hers walk-in closets, many windows w/curtains &amp; incredible landscaping plus basement, &amp; 3 car attached garage.</p> <p><b>MAX BROOK REALTORS</b> (248) 646-1400</p>	<p><b>308 Canton</b> BEAUTIFUL HAMPTON COURT SUB 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, quad-level with attached car garage. Over 2,000 sq. ft. of living space with full basement. Privacy fence and double tiered patio. Needs some repairs. \$165,000.</p> <p><b>REMERICA REAL ESTATE HOMETOWN ONE</b> 734-454-4400</p>
<p><b>BIRMINGHAM - OPEN SUN 1-4</b>, 1045-N. Old Woodward. Walk to town, secluded, wooded, quiet cul-de-sac, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath town home, Hardwood floors, updated white kitchen, finished room in basement. Immediate possession. \$179,900. Bloomfield Realty 248-647-8080</p>	<p><b>LIVONIA SCHOOLS WESTLAND</b>, 8201 TERRI OPEN SUNDAY, 1-5 South of Joy Rd./West of Merrimath, 3 bedroom brick ranch, features full basement, mechanical's dream 2 1/2 car garage, newer kitchen, bath, furnace, C/A, landscaping and much more! #865882, \$129,900.</p>	<p><b>OPEN SUNDAY 1-3</b> 637 Millard, Royal Oak S. of 14 Mile E. of Rochester MASTER BEDROOM SWEET! Royal Oak welcome home to this completely updated home with first floor laundry, three bedrooms, two baths and MUCH MORE! \$149,850. ASK FOR BOB SHERIDAN RE/MAX PARTNERS (248) 435-1100 Visit my website at <a href="http://www.remax.metrodetroit.com/robertsheridan">www.remax.metrodetroit.com/robertsheridan</a></p>	<p><b>OPEN SUNDAY 1-4</b> 32450 CHESTBROOK FARMINGTON HILLS West of Orchard Lake Rd. South off 13 Mile Spacious 4 bedroom home in Kentlandwood subdivision. Sharp kitchen updated for the 90's with new counters, cabinets and ceramic floor. Living room with cathedral ceiling, family room with walk-out to large tiered deck, updated powder room and bath, new central air, newer carpet, 2 car attached garage with new door. Close to schools, one year home warranty, immediate occupancy. \$189,900. Michelle Michael RE/MAX EXECUTIVE PROPERTIES (248) 737-8800</p>	<p><b>OPEN SUN. 1-4</b> 27098 Sutherland, Southfield. Beautiful 4+ bedroom colonial w/2 1/2 baths, updated kitchen &amp; breakfast nook, family room w/fireplace, finished basement, central air, carpeted, 2nd kitchen on lower level, attached garage, spacious backyard, great family home! Agent: J. Allen, 313-342-7325, office: 313-273-0600</p>	<p><b>BIRMINGHAM BUNGALOW</b> Completely renovated, 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, new kitchen, \$189,500. (248) 539-2802</p> <p><b>BIRMINGHAM COLONIAL</b> updated with formal living room, updated kitchen, hardwood floors, front deck, fresh decor. Walk-to-town convenience. \$189,900. (HUM989)</p> <p><b>HANNETT-WILSON &amp; WHITEHOUSE</b> (248) 646-6200</p>	<p><b>BIRMINGHAM: OPEN Sat &amp; Sun. 1-4pm</b>, 322 Wimbeldon, On desirable Poppleton Park, immaculate 3 bedroom Colonial, 2 1/2 bath, remodeled kitchen, french doors, hardwood floors, central air, 2 tiered deck. \$459,900. (248) 258-5810</p>	<p><b>308 Canton</b> A GLINT OF GOLD... Move-in condition, 3 bedroom colonial, 1 1/2 baths, natural fireplace in family room, quality updates throughout, a must see for only \$159,900. 734-451-9400 CENTURY 21 GOLDHOUSE</p>	<p><b>JUST LIKE A MODEL</b> Ready to move into. Two story foyer with wood floors. Living room &amp; dining room with high step ceiling. Lots of cabinets, center island &amp; beautiful terra cotta ceramic tile in kitchen &amp; breakfast room. Brick &amp; wood fireplace. Brick patio. Central air. Sprinkling system. \$314,000 Heppard &amp; Assoc. 810-713-1392 Pager: 810-316-7887 248-737-7290</p>
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<p><b>CANTON: OPEN SUN. 12-3</b> 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch, lots of updates, finished basement, fireplace, air. 1236 Brookline Dr. E/Shekoni, S/Saltz \$168,500. (734) 981-6397</p>	<p><b>LIVONIA</b> 37960 N. LAUREL PARK W. of Newburgh/N. of 6 Mile 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Condo in Green Villas Condo. Asking \$219,900.</p>	<p><b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> 22342 Derby Lane W. of Inlander/S. of 10 Mile 3 bedrooms, first floor master, 2 1/2 baths, 2,200 sq. ft. Cape Cod. Asking \$287,900.</p>	<p><b>ROCHESTER HILLS</b> - Great Starter Home! 3 bedroom, all appliances+nice amenities. Country setting. Immediate possession! By Owner. \$157,900. Open Sat &amp; Sun. 2-5pm, 2732 Pheasant Cr. 248-656-2405</p>	<p><b>TROY: Bungalow</b>, 2 bedroom, 1200 sq. ft., updated throughout, \$124,000. Open Sun. 1-5, \$369,900. (248) 819-0388</p>	<p><b>BLOOMFIELD</b> - by owner, Birmingham schools, 3300 sq. ft. 4-5 bedrooms, 3 baths, large inground gunite pool, new central air, boiler &amp; roof, much more. \$359,900. 248-737-4128</p>	<p><b>306 Brighton</b> ELEGANT CATHEDRAL ceilings, 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 1/2 acre. Brighton schools. \$259,900. (248) 488-9127</p>	<p><b>FOUR bedroom, 2 baths, 1650 sq. ft.</b>, Bi-Level Duplex: newer windows/furnace/air/kitchen. \$119,900. (734) 981-4954</p>	<p><b>Glenngary Village</b>, Pulte built Colonial, 4474 Fenwick, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, \$293,000. HELP-U-SELL (734) 454-9535</p>
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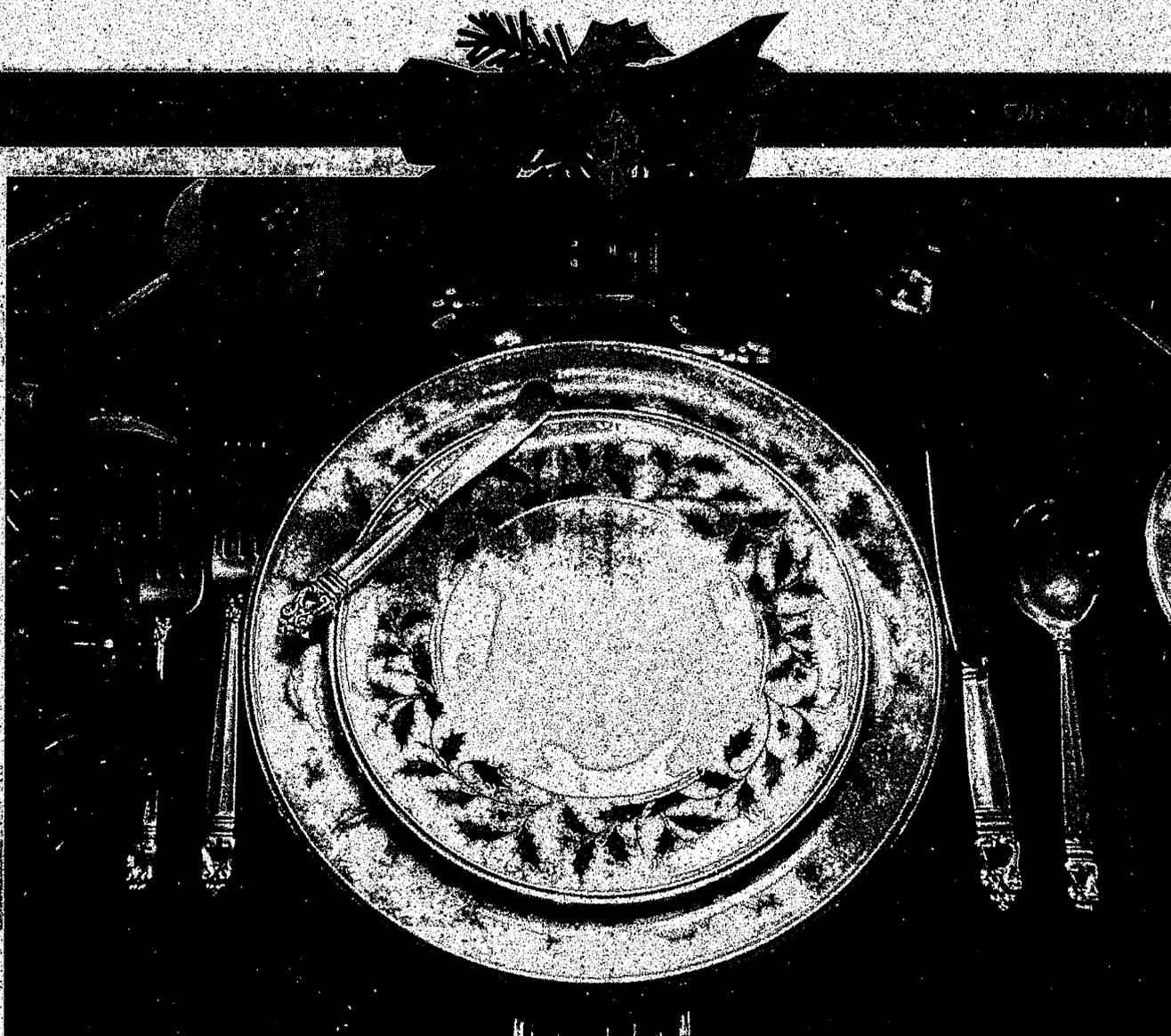
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appliance doctor

# Gas refrigerator could be deadly



JOE GAGNON

In the year of 1933 there was a company by the name of Servel who produced a gas refrigerator which was used by many who didn't have electricity coming into their homes.

Most people of that era had the ice man come to the door every week and bring in a block of ice, and I'm sure that only those affluent could afford a gas refrigerator.

In the year 1990 the United States Product Safety Commission announced a national recall on all models of this Servel refrigerator produced between the years 1933 to 1957. The report indicates that carbon monoxide leakage has taken the lives of 22 consumers and injured another 55. It has also been reported that some 60 people in Canada

have died as well.

I can assure you that there are vacation cabins and hunting lodges being used by someone you know and the lodging may have one of these refrigerators in it. The Servel Corrective Action Committee will provide a rebate package that includes instructions for disposing of a Servel gas refrigerator. The number to call is 1 (800) 782-7431. Those who dispose of an old Servel will receive a \$100 rebate plus reimbursement of reasonable disposal cost. More than 22,000 refrigerators have been destroyed since this recall program started in 1990, and the committee continues to receive almost 100 requests for rebates every month.

All indications point to the fact that there are still thousands of these refrigerators in use today. If there is a hunter in your family, why not cut out this article and tape it to the inside of the hunting cap?

On the subject of refrigerators and

safety, I would like to give you my opinions on food preservation in two words. "It stinks."

The refrigerator I have just described above was capable of keeping the food at 33 degrees as were many other models of that period. It just stands to reason that those kinds of temperatures will keep the food longer than the temperatures of 40 degrees or warmer.

Exactly what we are getting in today's modern refrigerator is a temperature range that is too warm and not capable of giving us longer food preservation. I think it's a crying shame that my grandmother's refrigerator would keep the quart of milk at 33 degrees and my current modern refrigerator keeps it at 43 degrees.

The health department states that the average American suffers food poisoning no less than six times year. They suffer cramps, etc., and most think they have the flu or something going around. Most blame is placed on the food estab-

lishments that we frequent, but I think that we are the ones most responsible. We could be causing these problems ourselves by keeping food too long in the refrigerator. I have a rule in my house which goes like this, "Any perishable item will stay in my refrigerator for three days only and on the fourth day, it is in the trash."

In just a few weeks, we will celebrate the Thanksgiving period, and it is that time of year when Americans suffer more food poisoning than any other time. I suggest that you use more logic and common sense around that kitchen and make sure that the food you thank God for is the food that God would want you to eat. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon was the president of Carmack Appliances for 20 years and is today a weekend talk show host on 760 WJR. He can be reached at (313) 873-9789. His book "First Aid on Appliances" is available in book stores and Damman Hardware.

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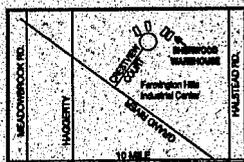
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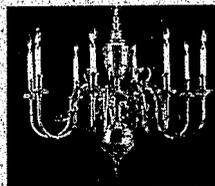
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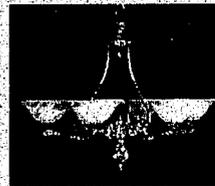


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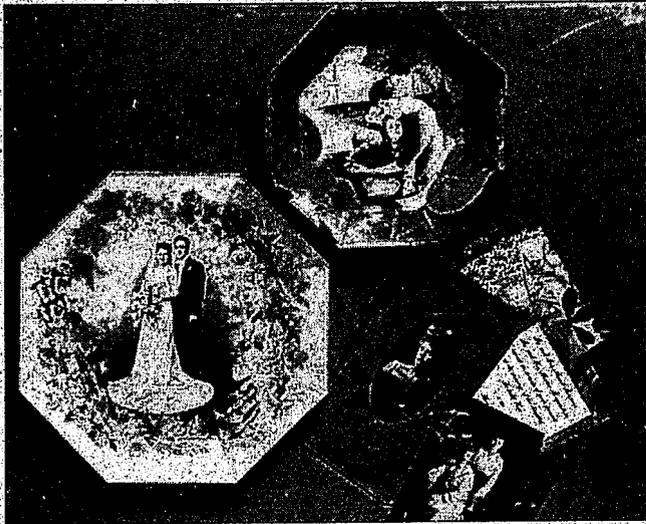
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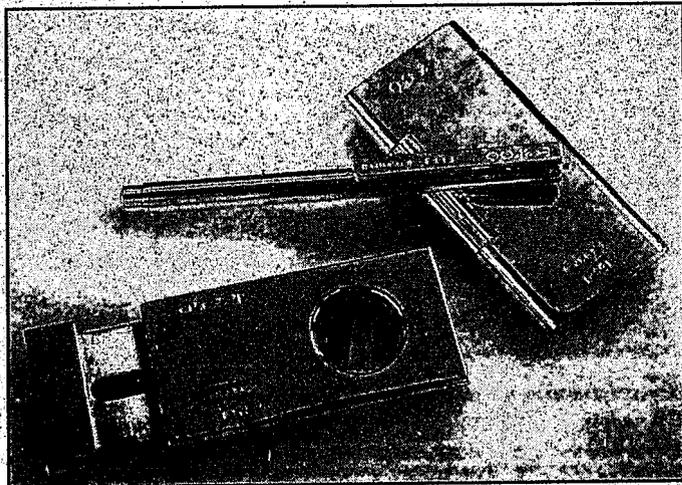
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# Thanksgiving: a holiday for everyone



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

There is something very special about Thanksgiving. This holiday elicits wonderful memories of family and friends. It is a time to reflect upon blessings received throughout the year. It marks the onset of the holiday season and serves as a reminder to think about what can be done to help others less fortunate. Thanksgiving brings people from all walks of life together for one day to give thanks for the food on the table, the roof overhead and the special bond shared on a holiday that means for much to so many.

Thanksgiving is full of tradition between family and friends. Cherish the memories of the time you spend with loved ones at the Thanksgiving Day parade or preparing your traditional holiday meal. Never take their pres-

ence for granted. Sometimes too much time is spent worrying about who sits next to whom at the dinner table and what type of food strays from the traditional holiday menu. More attention should be paid to what can be done to nurture relationships and build stronger bonds amongst family and friends.

Thanksgiving causes you to count your blessings for what you have rather than dismissing the day and yearning for tomorrow. When more time is spent Thanksgiving morning leafing through the post-Thanksgiving holiday shopping sales circulars than it is enjoying the company of family members and close friends, it's time to take a closer look at what it means to give thanks.

Thanksgiving reminds you of what you have that others do not, and causes you to reach out to those less fortunate. Whether or not you feel guilty for what you have that someone else may not, this is the time of year to think about what you and your family can do for your neighbor who cannot get around, a friend without any family to share

Thanksgiving dinner, or shelters who help those in need.

Thanksgiving is the day our society comes together to count our blessings. Stores close. For one day, the commercial aspect of daily life is removed. Your neighbors, who practice a religion different from the one you observe, celebrate the same holiday and prepare a similar meal. There is something very

special about Thanksgiving.

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## Tell us about your holidays!

The season of Christmas and Chanuka is upon us, and the spirit of giving is in the air. What better time is there to give a festive holiday party?

The Observer is looking for your ideas on how to give a truly memorable Christmas or Chanuka party, from soup to nuts, from music to merrymaking and everything in between.

We also want you to tell us about the best holiday party you ever attended and send us a picture of the event.

Start reminiscing and looking through that box of pictures now.

We plan to run a story on creative holiday parties in our At Home section Thursday, Dec. 4. As usual, we're on a deadline. Please submit your holiday party ideas and pictures to Hugh Gallagher, Features Editor, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich. 48106 (fax: (734) 591-7279 by Wednesday, Nov. 18.

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# Here are winning roses for 1999



MARTY FIGLEY

Roses, America's favorite flower, are still being bred for color, fragrance, disease resistance, bud and flower form, vigor, growth habit, hardiness and foliage. I understand the popular roses are ordered by growers early, so if one of them strikes

your fancy, you might want to order now to avoid disappointment.

All-America Rose Selections Inc. has chosen four roses as 1999 AARS winners. Color seems to be the focus for the coming year, so get ready for bright shades.

The majestic grandiflora, Candelabra, is alive with a blend of coral and orange petals that shine against the dark green, glossy foliage. The 4-inch flowers contain 25 lightly scented petals. Hybridized by Keith Zary, Bear Creek Gardens is the introducer.

Kaleidoscope, a landmark shrub, will remind one of the popular glass prism object with many different colors. The tan and lavender petals fade to a lavender-pink along the tip to create color variations, especially with movement of the sun or the flower itself. The dark green, glossy foliage is a perfect foil for the 3-inch flowers which are reminiscent of damask. Bear Creek is again the introducer and John Walden created the flower.

The first climber to win the AARS award in 23 years, Fourth of July bursts with velvety red and white striped flowers attached to long canes of 10 to 14 feet with stems wrapped in deep green, glossy foliage. The happy colored 4-1/2-inch flowers repeat the flowering all summer long with fragrance. Hybridized by Tom Carruth, it's introduced by Weeks Roses. This rose is the premiere honoree to come out of AARS's new three year trial for climbers. All other classes have two years of rigorous testing.

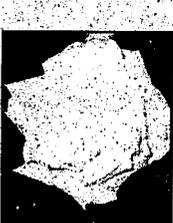
Ivory yellow, with a red edge, the floribunda Betty Boop, produces flower clusters early and often. The flowers are perfect among deep green leaves and dark red new growth, to add another dimension to this rose. An ideal landscape plan, she has naturally rounded, medium to tall growth and a sweet, slightly fruity fragrance. The elegant pointed buds mature into 4-inch flowers. Introduced by Weeks Roses, Tom

Carruth is the creator. As Betty Boop, the 1930's cartoon character would say, "Yip, Yip, Yippy" for remembering her 60 years later.

For a free brochure on these roses, send an SASE (business size) to All-America Rose Selections, Dept. 99, 221 N. LaSalle, Suite 3500, Chicago, IL 60601.

Conard Pyle carries these roses as well as many others. They, along with the House of Meiland in France, introduced in 1998 a new line of roses called Romantica Roses, "The Complete Rose for America's Gardens." All that time there were five in the series. Four additional ones will be available for 1999.

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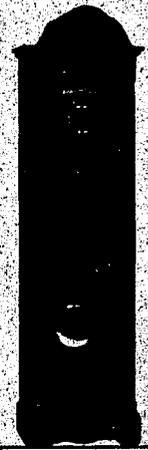
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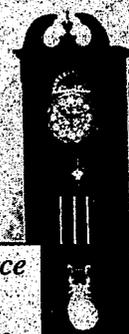
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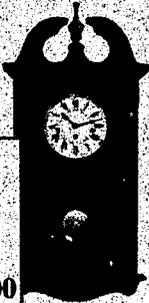
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# Tables take on personality for holidays



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER

**Form following function:** Thom Leffler says simplicity is key to creating a functional table. Create your own holiday centerpiece as Leffler did by attaching sparkling fruits to a pyramid form (below, right).

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Tired of serving family and friends at that same old table this holiday season. Hundreds of ideas for creating special memories take flight at the 23rd annual Holiday Tables in Cranbrook House Nov. 20-22 as 18 celebrity designers show how to spice up everything from dinner for two to a banquet for 12. Proceeds go toward restoration and preservation of the home built by George and Ellen Booth 90 years ago in Bloomfield Hills. Last year, \$25,000 was raised to restore a tapestry and paintings, and make other repairs in the house. A Preview Party for patrons has been added Nov. 18 to the Opening Tea Nov. 19 for anyone who wants a first look.

Plan to spend about an hour and a half viewing the Holiday Tables so as not to miss designs by Birmingham resident Mia Voparil of Watch Hill Antiques, Charles Clark and Dominic Phelps of Carlton James Galleries in Troy's Design Center, or the Cranbrook Academy of Art and Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary, sponsors of the event. Placards relay the names of silver and china patterns, linen and crystal for those who'd like to mirror the look. For creative souls, there's a gift boutique

## On the cover

Happy holidays: Thom Leffler accessorizes his Lenox china place settings called "Holiday" with flatware by International Silver and Georg Jensen.

with a range of items from ornaments to decorative accessories.

"A lot of folks come to Holiday Tables so that they can incorporate the ideas in their homes," said co-chair Kathy Staran. "We have a fabulous group of exhibitors this year including Marshall Fredericks' Family using his sculpture, Esther Gordy Edwards with artifacts from the Motown Museum, and a Charleston Celebration of New Year's Day complete with Hoppin' John and greens to insure health and prosperity."

As an artist Susan Lanciault tosses tradition to the wind. Years of striving for creativity in her acrylic paintings has carried over into everyday living. Prior to throwing a party, Lanciault spends hours painting placemats with sayings about love and life. You'll find no red and green themes at her holiday table.

Step inside Lanciault's dark charcoal formal dining room in Bloomfield Hills for a peek. What she calls a French American bistro table is set up in the corner waiting to welcome guests with pockets full of whimsy. An Eiffel Tower is the centerpiece under which she's planted a large wooden tray full of grass. A stack of books about Picasso and Toulouse Lautrec serve as the base. A painting from her Lady in Red series rests against a Parsons chair covered in white, red and shades of beige. The black and white canvas floormat she's painted adds pizzazz to the vignette.

"It's set up to come up to it and take whatever you want to make you happy—a handful of fortune cookies or a glass of wine," said Lanciault.

**Form following function**  
Thom Leffler finds tradition comfort-



**French theme:** Susan Lanciault sets a creative table with found objects and a few strokes of paint. Pockets full of fortune cookies and soft sculptured dolls offer visitors something fun.

PHOTOS BY BILL HANSEN



ing as old friends coming home for the holidays. In his Beverly Hills dining room, simplicity is key to creating a functional table. The owner of Thom Leffler Great Designs for Body and Home in Birmingham accessorizes Lenox's "Holiday" china with flatware by International Silver and Georg Jensen. But before deciding on a theme, he visited the Oak Room at Cranbrook House.

"Look at the surroundings before you decide on a design," said Leffler, whose home was featured in Better Homes & Gardens Remodeling magazine in spring 1998. "My inspiration came from the room. It's kind of masculine with English paneling so I wanted to use the antique English napkin rings with horse and rider."

The theme suggested by the ceramic holders is Christmas Eve supper after the hunt. Linen green placemats with tartan napkins provide the perfect background for International Silver "Royal Danish" and Georg Jensen "Acorn" pattern silver flatware. The gold artichoke candle holders, placed on each side of the centerpiece, are available at his store.

"The idea is too not make it something too elaborate," said Leffler. "I have a problem with people being overly creative at Christmas and using non-holiday colors. There's a certain tradition with Christmas. But don't try and get too creative. Remember that Martha Stewart has a staff of 100 and some people helping her. Don't try to make it overly elaborate. Remember there needs to be a place to set the gravy boat. You can't fill it with so much decoration, you



can't use it."

Leffler finishes off the table by gift wrapping it with a large green and red plaid bow and ribbons streaming down from the top of the centerpiece. Using a pyramid form, Leffler attached beaded fruit-shaped ornaments to create this sparkling idea in the center of the table. Originally, Leffler might have used fresh fruit but because it's perishable he decided to make the sparkly lemons, pomegranates and pears his choice.

"Christmas in my mind is still a celebration of bounty," said Leffler. "Historically, fresh fruit was a rarity. Only people of wealth were able to afford lemons because they were not native in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries."

## Holiday Tables

What: Clean hundreds of decorating tips from 18 spectacular tables, refreshments and Holiday Gift Boutique.

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. A black-tie Preview Party gives viewers a first look at the tables 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, catering by Fox & Hounds. Tickets are \$100. An Opening Tea takes place 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19. Tickets are \$50.

Where: Cranbrook House, 380 Long Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Parking and free shuttle service at Christ Church across the street.

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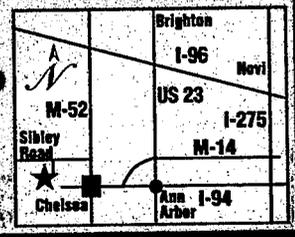
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# All You knead for holiday gatherings



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

When people meet me for the first time they have a certain impression—appearances can be deceiving...they often think I look very modern (that is usually interpreted as creative), live in a modern house, decorate with ultra sleek furniture and overstuffed couches—and that I own every modern kitchen accoutrement possible (based on what I do for a living). Well, that's probably as far from fact as one could get.

Sure I have a food processor, a bread machine and a dishwasher (although mine has been defunct for the past five months (and I haven't had the time to line someone up to fix or replace it) in my old farmhouse—but I also bake from scratch, make real chocolate pudding

(not the kind in a box), make pasta from flour and eggs (rolled out into noodles with a hand-cranked machine, not an electric one), stuff grape leaves individually (no rolling machine for me!), and love to knead bread and earthy baked goods.

There's definitely something to getting your hands 'moving and grooving' with that dough—back to basics, a release of daily tensions, or just the sense of simple serenity. For me, it's probably all three, along with a sense of deep satisfaction that I have achieved a skill—not innate, or developed by early example. Around the holidays, I always try to leave sometime to bake and prepare sweets for guests (and to give as gifts)—this year I am determined to include my friends in the holiday baking, and make it a gathering we can all share—coffee, tea, our jointly prepared baked goods and some heart-to-heart talking time before the rush and hubbub of last minute shopping, wrapping of

presents, and the arrival of out-of-state family visitors.

Biscotti made with cornmeal—crumbly and crisp. Load with your favorite dried fruits, or add yellow raisins and dried apricots (those are the favorites at my house). Serve with a lemon tea, a well-milked English black tea, or a deep crisp cup of unflavored coffee.

## POLENTA BISCOTTI

Yield: approximately 2 dozen (3-inch cookies)

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup sultanas (golden raisins)
- 1 cup dried apricots, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup ground yellow cornmeal
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla plus the scrappings of 1/2 vanilla bean
- zest of one lemon
- juice of one lemon
- 2 large fresh eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon cardamom
- 2 - 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- Melted chocolate (optional) - for dipping finished biscotti

In a sauce pan, cover dried fruit with water and heat for several minutes until fruit plumps. Drain and dry well, set aside.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or use a Teflon liner.

In a large bowl, cream the butter with the sugar and cornmeal. Stir in the vanilla,

vanilla bean scrapings, lemon juice and zest. Blend in eggs and mix to incorporate.

In a separate bowl, blend baking powder, salt, nutmeg, cardamom, and flour.

Fold slowly into batter; add plumped apricots and sultanas. With floured hands, spread and shape dough - to an 8-10 inch log; flatten slightly.

Bake in oven on a baking sheet until lightly browned (approximately 25-30 minutes). Let cool - using a serrated knife, cut log into 3/4-inch slices.

Don't cut on baking sheet!

Reduce oven to 325 degrees F, return slices to oven and bake, 15-20 minutes, turning at 8 minutes to brown evenly. Biscotti should appear dry. Cool well on cooling rack.

These can be dipped in melted chocolate if desired.

## SWEET BREAD COFFEE AND TEA SNACKS

Yield: about 2 dozen

### Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 6-7 tablespoons water
- Vegetable oil (for deep frying)
- Powdered sugar
- Honey
- Cinnamon-sugar

In medium bowl, combine 1 1/4 cups flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Gradually mix in enough water to form a moist dough (not too wet!). Place dough onto

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Lily pads shimmering on the surface of a pond, a cluster of fallen leaves, or a wave gently lapping the shore... each of these and many more can be just as exciting and picturesque as the more expansive view.

Any environment contains an inexhaustible supply of fascinating miniature landscape detail.

Other than a keen eye, no elaborate equipment is needed. At times, a set of close-up filters or a macro lens will help to move in close and a tripod should be used to maximize sharpness and depth of field.

Seeing "simply" is a good way to begin to photograph miniature landscapes. That is, start to look through the viewfinder and withdraw simple elements from the whole that, in themselves, make exciting, dramatic photographs. In other words, begin to see pictures within the picture.

The view of a majestic mountain across the lake will make a beautiful, overall landscape show, but don't overlook the miniature landscape produced by the velvety row of moss-draped rocks at the water's edge.

Rather than portray the whole plowed field in your country photograph, zoom in on a small section of freshly cut furrows.

Bond Falls in Michigan's Upper Peninsula has provided me with many sweeping and majestic waterfall picture opportunities. Yet isolating only an intimate detail as shown in the accompanying photograph, produced an image that "says it all" about these magnificent falls.

Miniature landscapes will give a



**Miniature detail:** Bond Falls in Michigan's Upper Peninsula provided Monte Nagler the opportunity to capture this miniature landscape on film. This was one of many pictures within the picture he took.

unique perspective to your picture and will emphasize textures and tones you often won't get by shooting the whole.

Remember, you're making photographs, not taking snapshots. Let your miniature landscape be a complete picture in itself while at the same time conveying the flavor and essence of the

whole.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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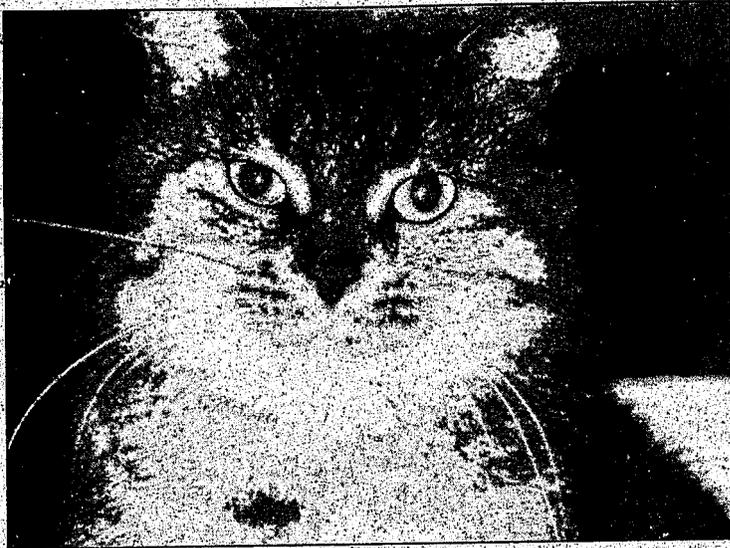
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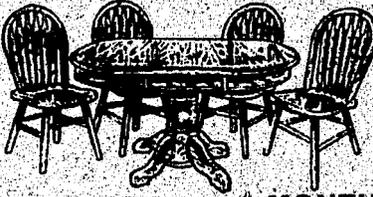


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floured surface; knead until smooth for 10 minutes (sprinkling with more flour, or moisten with more water, if necessary - add by teaspoonfuls).

Wrap finished dough in plastic wrap. Let rest at room temperature for at least 30 minutes (or up to 24 hours).

Pour 1-inch of oil into heavy skillet, heat to 350°F. Roll out dough on lightly floured surface to 1/8-inch thickness, then cut into squares (size of your choice).

Working in batches, fry dough for about 2 minutes or until puffed and golden brown, turning occasionally. Using slotted spoon, transfer to paper towels to drain.

Sift powdered sugar, drizzle honey or top with cinnamon-sugar while bread is still warm.

Cook's note: If you don't have a powdered sugar sifter, place powdered sugar in a hand-dled mesh tea ball and tap to release desired amount of sugar.

If you prefer a plain sweet bread - don't add sugars or honey - serve with fruit dips, cheese or pâtés.

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave a Voice Mail message for Ruth, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1902.

## at home calendar

Send information about programs, classes, receptions and other events in Wayne and Oakland counties related to the home and garden to: Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax (248) 644-1314. Calendar items must be submitted in writing.

■ Schoolcraft College will help potential home builders and current home owners create a structure that uses the latest methods to conserve energy. The workshops are coordinated by Jim Nawrot, director of Home Building Workshops of Livonia.

"Basement Types, Heating Systems and Air Exchangers" considers new basement options such as foam block and steel and evaluates heating and cooling systems. Class begins Tuesday, Nov. 17. Fee is \$145.

For information, call (734)462-4448.

■ The Community House in Birmingham presents "Plum Pudding: A Holiday Folk Art Show, Dec. 2 and 3.

The show features 41 well-known exhibitors who will display an eclectic,

upscale collection of folk art for home and garden.

The show will be open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. Admission is \$4 and will benefit The Community House. Call Special Events at (248)594-6403.

The Community House is at 380 South Bates St. in downtown Birmingham.

■ A juried exhibition of art by the members of the Palette & Brush Club will take place at the Southfield Centre for the Arts from Monday, Nov. 9, through Thursday, Nov. 19. The exhibition is open to the public 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The exhibition is free and open to the public. The Centre for the Arts is at 24350 Southfield Road, just south of 10 Mile.

■ "Holiday Tables Simply Elegant" is the theme for a program planned by seven garden clubs 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 12-13, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. The public is invited to view creative ideas for festive tables, taste samples from the new

cookbook published by the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan and learn about membership opportunities in the clubs. For further information, call (734)665-4703.

■ Hudson's Somerset will welcome Nambé designer Karim Rashid 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the store's Third Level China/Crystal department.

■ The 24th annual Boston-Edison Home Tour will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. All tours will depart from Sacred Heart Seminary on Chicago Boulevard at Linwood. The tour will include five homes decorated for the holidays. Tickets are \$12.50 and must be purchased in advance. Send checks made payable to the Historic Boston-Edison Association along with your name, address, telephone number and the time you would prefer to take the tour, to: Historic Boston-Edison Homes Tour, P.O. Box 06666, Detroit, MI 48206. To facilitate ticket handling, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your order. For more information, call (313)883-4360.

■ The Meadow Brook Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at

Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University. Judy Cornellier will discuss "Living Wreaths: Advent and Succulent." There is a \$3 non-member donation.

■ The Troy Garden Club will be sponsoring the 14th annual Festival of Trees, a benefit for Children's Hospital of Michigan. The club has volunteered to decorate six small trees and donate a decorated wreath in keeping with the theme "Making Spirits Bright." The Festival of Trees is Nov. 22-29 at Cobo Hall and is the largest annual special event fund-raiser for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

■ The Henry Ford Estate - Fair Lane will begin special holiday programs Nov. 22 with the Gingerbread House Workshop. Breakfast with Santa will be on Dec. 5. Annual favorites such as "Tea, Tour and Christmas Treasure" (Dec. 10, 11 and 21), Holiday Luncheon Concerts (Dec. 4, 10 and 11), Santa's Workshop (Dec. 11 and 18) and "Candles and Carols Dinners" (Dec. 6 and 13) and Candlelight Tours (Dec. 26-27) will all be featured again this season.

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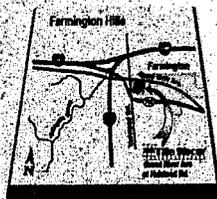
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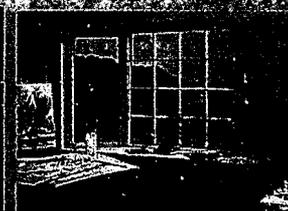
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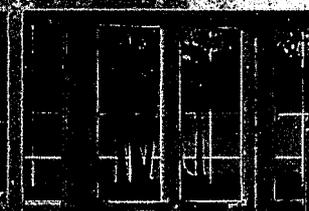
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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



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### SATURDAY



Jeanne DeLong stars as Amalia, and her sister, Patty Ward, is the choreographer, for the Village Players production of the musical, "She Loves Me," 8 p.m. at the theater, 752 Chestnut St., Birmingham. Tickets \$14, \$12 students, call (248) 644-2075. See story inside.

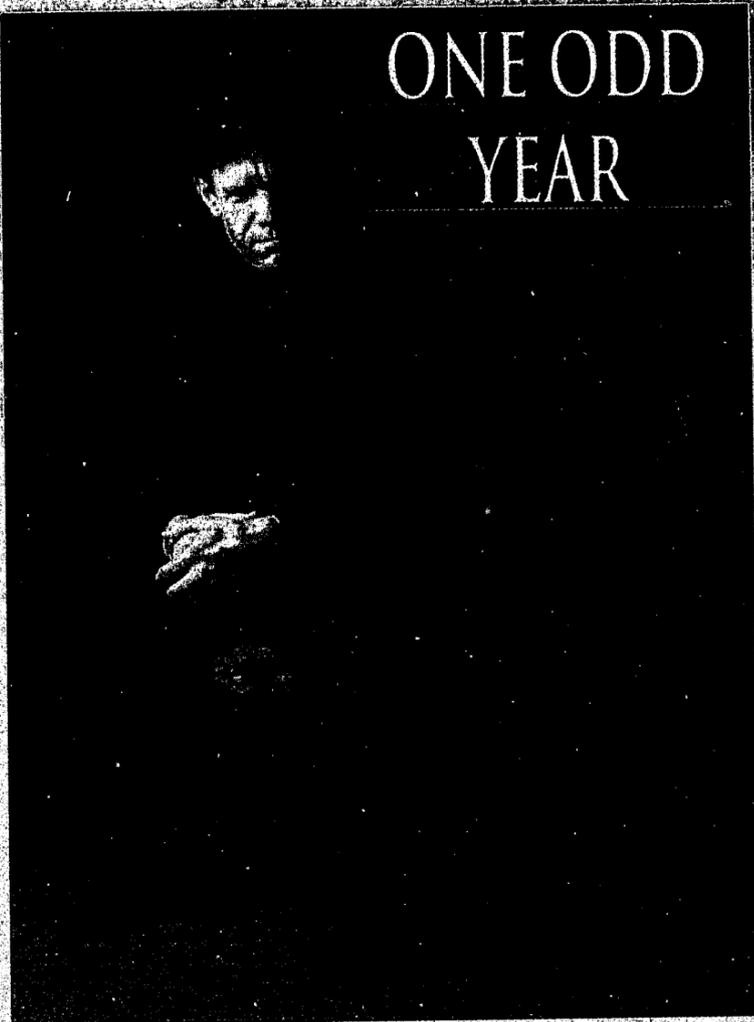
### SUNDAY



Youtheatre at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, presents the classic "Black Beauty," a heart-warming new musical for families with children ages seven and above, by New York's Theatreworks/USA. Curtain 2 p.m., tickets \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door, call (313) 963-2366.



**The Buffalo Soldier: The African American Soldier in the U.S. Army, 1866-1912, a new exhibit at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit, opens Saturday, Nov. 14, and continues through Sunday, Jan. 3. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 children (17 and under), and free for members and children under 6. Call (313) 492-6800 for information.**



## ONE ODD YEAR

Dual career: Randy Travis is taking time out from his busy film career to promote his latest album "You and You Alone" with a show at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

### RANDY TRAVIS LOOKS AHEAD AFTER A SAD AND BUSY 1998

Dual career: Randy Travis is taking time out from his busy film career to promote his latest album "You and You Alone" with a show at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

BY CHRISTINA LUGO  
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Country singer Randy Travis just can't wait for this year to be over.

As the first country artist signed to DreamWorks SKG label, he's been busy promoting his album "You and You Alone." Travis wrapped up two films, "Black Dog" with Patrick Swayze, and "The White River Kid" with Antonio Banderas and Ellen Barkin.

"This year has been going unbelievably fast. But when you work non-stop, it seems to go faster. We seem to be going from just one project right to the next, combining projects, writing music and recording," Travis explained.

On top of all that, death has surrounded Travis.

"It's been a strange year. My horse, the descendant I had from Trigger died. My mom died in May. I had a little strange incident with a limo driver who picked us up a month ago, he died when we were leaving the Los Angeles airport."

"It's been an odd year. When told the year is almost over, maybe next year will be better. He responded with a hearty laugh, "They have to be picking up." Despite the ups and downs,

WHO: Randy Travis and Matt Wills

WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14

WHERE: The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills.

HOW: Tickets are \$22.50 and \$10 reserved, \$32.50 for Superfan seating. The \$10 ticket price is in honor of The Palace's 10th anniversary. Groups of 20 or more receive \$2 off the \$22.50 and \$10 tickets. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>.

Travis was able to shoehorn time to record "You and You Alone."

"Because of the time restraints and filming, we recorded that while we were finishing filming "Black Dog." We recorded some in Los Angeles, some in Nashville, some in Las Vegas and some in North Carolina. Usually I don't do that. I usually record everything in Nashville," Travis explained.

Life was made a little bit easier, however, when he showed up to the "Black Dog" soundstage in Wilmington, N.C. There was a recording studio 100 yards away. All he needed then was material to record.

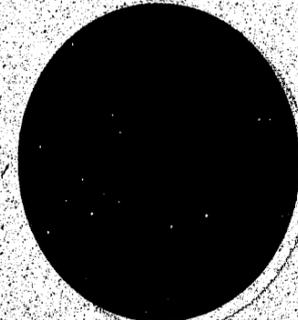
We were looking for material throughout filming "Black Dog." James Stroud and Byron Galimore, the two producers, and myself constantly looking for material for "You and You Alone" album. They would come and visit and we'd sit and listen to songs that they had found, or I had found. Slowly but surely, it took about five months, we put it all together," Travis explained.

While on the "Black Dog" set, Travis invited Patrick Swayze to sing background vocals on "I Did My Part," while Alison Krauss and Dan Tyminski lend their talents to "I'm Still Here, You're Still Gone."

Although Travis prefers to work at a slower pace, he is adamant about continuing his film and music career. Eight years ago, he and his wife, Lib, proposed the idea of venturing into film.

"I had some friends on the 'Young Guns' set and we visited them. I did a small little nothing part. I think 'fire' is the word that I said, or shoot or something like that. It was fun to do."

"But I've been a singer since I was 8 years old. I started working before an audience at 9. It's something I have to do," Travis explained.



Hayley Lauren Niederquell

### Eight-year-old enjoys playing role in 'Evita'

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
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Hayley Lauren Niederquell tried out for "The Christmas Carol" at Meadow Brook Theatre and got called back. She didn't get the part, but she's not too disappointed.

"It's a blessing that she didn't get in," said Hayley's mom, Leslie. Something else came along - "Evita" playing at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit through Sunday, Nov. 22.

The stage manager of "Evita" called Shirl Harris, publicist for the Fisher and Masonic Temple Theatres, on Monday, Oct. 26, and said they were looking for two children between the ages of 7 and 9.

Harris called Terry Carpenter at Meadow Brook Theatre and Cate Foltin at Stagecrafters in Royal Oak to get the names of some children who might be interested.

Eight-year-old Hayley, a third grader at Martell Elementary School in Troy, was one of the 12 she talked to. "She was so adorable and seemed so at ease," Hayley and her mom met with Harris on Thursday, Oct. 29, and began rehearsals for the Nov. 3 opening on Friday, Oct. 30.

While her friends were out trick-or-treating, Hayley was at the theater rehearsing for her three scenes - a girl scout at the Charity Concert and peasant girls in the Casa Rosada and Santa Evita scenes. She doesn't have any lines but has to know how to move on stage.

"I like the cast a lot and really like my director," said Hayley. "Everyone is so generous and nice."

Hayley and her family live near the Ridgedale Players playhouse in Troy, and enjoy going to shows. Hayley's been going to the theater since she was 2, and performed in her first show, a Junior Ridgedale Players production - "The Royal Easter Ball," when she was

**"Evita"**  
WHEN: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday through Sunday, Nov. 22.  
WHERE: Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple, Detroit.  
TICKETS: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday performances, \$50, \$42.50 and \$30; Friday-Saturday performances, \$55, \$45 and \$32.50. Call (248) 645-6666, or (313) 832-2232 or (313) 872-1000 for more information.

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## THEATER

### 'You ain't heard nothing yet': Burstyn plays Jolson

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
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Actor Mike Burstyn has appeared on stage as such bigger-than-life showmen as Mike Todd and P.T. Barnum but none bigger than his current role as "The World's Greatest Entertainer" - Al Jolson.

"He was gifted with an enormous God-given talent," Burstyn said. "He was unique for his time and any time. No one came up with the things he did. He simply used his talent and his ego to pioneer things in our business which we're benefitting from today."

Burstyn opens as the great singer in "Jolson: The Musical" Nov. 17 for a week run at the Fisher Theatre.

Burstyn said Jolson was to show business what the Wright Brothers were to aviation and Picasso to painting - an innovator who changed things forever.

He ticks off the Jolson firsts: first person to do a one-man show; first million-

WHAT: "Jolson: The Musical," a stage biography of the famous entertainer.

WHERE: Detroit's Fisher Theatre

WHEN: Nov. 17-22, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

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aire entertainer, pulling down \$17,000 a week in 1912; first singer to have a million-selling record; first entertainer to entertain troops during World War II; first entertainer to have two movies made about his life while he was still living; and, of course, first movie star to talk on screen.

Jolson first stepped on the stage in 1899 when he was 13. By 1912, he was



Showman: Mike Burstyn performs "Sittin' On Top of the World" with the Rooney Sisters in "Jolson."

Please see JOLSON, E2

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6. "I was always like I want to be in a play," she said. "I got just a little part, but people said 'wow, she's really good.'"

Hayley performed in the Junior Ridgedale Players annual Christmas play in 1996 and 1997, and the Easter play in 1997. Last April she was a member of the youth chorus for the Village Players of Birmingham production of "Bye-Bye Birdie."

She doesn't know where her acting talent comes from but says "it's just a special thing." Her mom says she was always acting and singing and goofing around. "She's very outgoing," said Leslie. "She's not a timid person. She didn't even care if we stayed when we took her to the Junior Ridgedale Players. She just went right up on stage, she wasn't afraid."

Seeing Hayley perform on stage at the Masonic Temple was a moving experience for Leslie. "It brought tears to my eyes; I thought she was great."

Performing at the Masonic Temple Theatre is Hayley's

**'I was always like I want to be in a play. I got just a little part, but people said 'wow, she's really good.'**

*Hayley Lauren Niederquell appearing in 'Evita'*

dream come true. "When I was a little girl my mom used to take me to shows," she said. "We went to see 'Annie,' and I leaned over and told her, 'mom, someday it will be me on stage,' and it is. I thought it would happen when I was 18 or 19, I never thought it would happen so fast."

Leslie remembers that moment and leaning over to tell Leslie, "I know it will be you on stage someday."

Hayley is having fun, even though it is a tough schedule. She starts school at five to nine, comes home at 3:40 p.m., has a snack, does her homework, eats dinner, and leaves for the theater at 7 p.m. She's home by 11 p.m.

Her mom, and dad, Brad and older brother, Derek, 13 are supportive. "My brother said, 'Wow Hayley, I'm so proud of you, and he tells all his girlfriends and friends,'" said Hayley with a giggle. One of her brother's friends even asked for her autograph.

Three weeks ago Hayley started voice lessons at Guszoppi's Music Center in Sterling Heights. She likes the oldies. "Leader of the Pack," is one of her favorite songs. "I love the singing, it's so perfect," she said. Her other favorites are, "My Boyfriend's Back," "Soldier Boy," "Johnny Angel," "Wild Thing" and "One Last Kiss."

Eight is a little young to know what you want to be when you grow up, but Hayley said she's like to be a teacher and an actress so she could teach and do acting.

Her favorite part about being on stage is seeing different people smiling "at what we do. I want to show other people how easy it is," she said. "I want other people to say they 'can do this too,' so I can see them on stage."

# Cast is absorbing in 'Jurors'

Ridgedale Players presents "Twelve Angry Jurors," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Nov. 22, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road (between Livernois and Crooks Road), Troy. Tickets \$11, seniors and students \$10 on Sunday, call (248) 988-7049. BY HELEN ZUCKER SPECIAL WRITER

The Ridgedale Players production of "Twelve Angry Jurors," directed by Larry and Linda Pellicioni, is absorbing. Sherman Sergel's adaptation of Reginald Rose's 50s drama about 12 hot and bothered jurors who discover what the concept of reasonable doubt means stands up surprisingly well. The cast of 15 manage to create characters with ties of their own who come together to decide the fate of a fellow citizen.

Dave Scott as Juror No. 8, the catalyst who disagrees with 11 jurors who want to declare a 19-year-old man guilty of murdering his father, brings a steady intelligence to the role. Scott's calm pervades the jury room, cutting

through the jumpiness of his fellow jurors. Kimberly Crucho as Juror No. 3 manages to convey the pain of a mother who hasn't seen her gang-member son in three years; she wants to punish the man on trial. Crucho's intensity gives her role heat and a sense of deep disturbance.

John Rowland as Juror No. 4, the self-made man and holdout, brings a sense of restrained intelligence to his role. Chuck Reynolds is an exasperated but firm Jury Foreman, hanging on to his sense of fairness as he takes vote after vote.

There's a lot of talk about slum life and its effects, and Laura Bell as Juror No. 5, a girl who's grown up playing in lots filled with garbage, and managed to leave it, is convincing. Jeffrey Jones is a nervous nelly as Juror No. 2. Jones dispenses cough drops and ticks off seconds as if his life is on the line. Pamela Shaw Heath as Juror No. 6 looks like a sweet Republican in her 50s outfit - until she

opens her mouth. Heath gives us a woman who knows her mind. Diane Tihansky as the immigrant Juror No. 11 gives us comic relief. As someone who appreciates the freedom Americans take for granted, Tihansky gives us another lady with a mind of her own.

Mark Bredow as Juror No. 7 manages to die well in a re-enactment of the murder scene, and sitting center stage, conveys the frustration of the hot room, the unending argument. Thom Griffen is wonderfully shrill as prejudiced Juror No. 10. Griffen fills us with revulsion and pathos, as his fellow jurors rise and huddle near the one window as if in need of air after he cries, "You know what they're like!" Dan Fuller as Juror No. 12, the advertising man afloat in a world filled with sharks, looks ready to leap out of the window as he throws ad phrases around. John L. Bros is indispensable as the elderly Juror No. 9. Bros brings an understanding to old age and his early bonding with Juror No. 8 is believable.

# Jolson from page E1

the toast of Broadway. His dramatic emotional singing style, his black-face minstrel showmanship and his enormous, non-stop energy made him the biggest star in show business. In 1927, he made the transition to movies in the first talking film, "The Jazz Singer," uttering the immortal phrase, "You ain't heard nothing yet!"

Burstyn comes from a theatrical family with ties to Jolson. His father Pesach'ke Burstein performed in the New York Yiddish theater and knew Jolson.

"My father was similar to Jolson except he performed in Yiddish. He came to the United States in 1924 and appeared at the same theater as Jolson. He became a recording artist for Columbia and performed Jolson's hits in Yiddish," Burstyn said.

When Burstyn was 10 he bought a Jolson recording and he's been a fan ever since.

Burstyn began performing himself, like Jolson, as a child. He started touring with his parents and sister when he was 7

years old. "We traveled everywhere there was a Jewish community that spoke Yiddish. I switched to Hebrew theater when we moved to Israel in 1962 and have been working there all my life," Burstyn said.

In addition to living and performing in Israel, Burstyn has performed on and off Broadway and throughout the world. He won an Outer Critic Circle Award nomination for his portrayal of Todd in "Ain't Broadway Grand" and a Drama Desk Award nomination for his portrayal of Mayer Rothschild in the musical "The Rothschilds." He has also played Barnum, Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof," Nathan Detroit in "Guys and Dolls" and other roles.

"Jolson: The Musical" was originally produced in Britain. Burstyn is now on a 34-city national tour before going to Broadway. It's a physically demanding role and one that begs comparison with Jolson,

himself, and with Larry Parks, who memorably played the singer in two film biographies.

"He had artistic and script approval over those films, which were caramelized, sugar-coated versions of his life, the life he wished he had lived," Burstyn said.

The musical doesn't pull punches, as it deals with the two sides of Jolson.

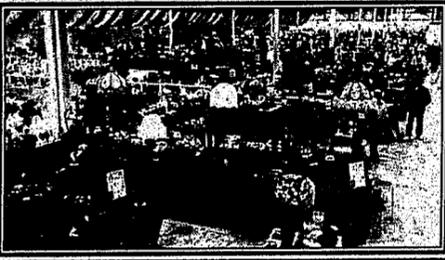
"On stage, he was magic, he made love to the audience. Off stage, he had an enormous ego and he wasn't liked by many people," Burstyn said. "We try to suggest where it comes from so that he doesn't become a monster."

The great songs associated with Jolson, and composed by some of the leading song writers of his time are used in the production, including "Let Me Sing and I'm Happy," "I'm Sitting on Top of the World," "Blue Skies," "April Showers," "Sonny Boy" and "Swanee," George Gershwin's first hit.

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# Zany 'Tuna Christmas' an early holiday treat

Farmington Players present "A Tuna Christmas" through Saturday, Nov. 28. Performances 8 p.m. except for matinees, 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. Performances Nov. 13-14, Nov. 20-22, and Nov. 27-28 at the Farmington Players, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (one-half mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills. Tickets \$12, call (248) 553-2955.

By Bob Weibel  
Special Writer

The Farmington Players are presenting an early holiday treat — an entertaining and lively production of the zany comedy, "A Tuna Christmas."

That's tuna as in Tuna, Texas (the state's third smallest town). One suspects Tuna has another record of sorts, the whole burg is dysfunctional. At least that's the impression one has from meeting 22 of them, played by two actors. Therein lies much of the fun.

Hank Bennett and Frank Markus are a hoot playing loony, but lovable good old boys and their women folk. Co-directors Margaret Gilkes and Vicki Grulke are to be congratulated for encouraging them to take chances in creating an attitude for each role.

Bennett and Markus play off each other like a comic team with years of experience reading each other's moves, timing and expressions. Very impressive. Especially when there are only so many ways to effect male and female versions of a Texas drawl.

Clever costuming by Barbie Amann and Marge Wetzel plays a major role. Dressers Mike Smith and Sue Rogers certainly earn their certain call (as Tuna Helpers) performing the many changes.

In a series of sketches, the play asks the questions: Who is the "Christmas Phantom" that's desecrating yard displays (and who

will win first prize); and, Will the lights be turned out on the local theater troupe's "A Christmas Carol" for not paying its light bill?

The answers are unimportant, Tuna, Texas is the most conservative town in the USA. Creators Ed Howard, Joe Sears and Jason Williams purpose (as was the case in their earlier hit "Greater Tuna") is to satirize the moral majority, narrow-mindedness, et al.

Arles Struvie (Markus) and Thurston Wheelis (Bennett), announcers at the local radio station (OKKK), alert citizens that the "Smut Snatchers" will be censoring hymns (Christians shouldn't be singing about "round young virgins"). One of Markus' more riveting characters is angry, wheezing, Didi Snavelly, gun owner with a motto: "If we can't kill it, it's immortal." Markus gives new meaning to taking a drag on a cigarette.

Bennett has a jolly good time as Bertha Bumiller, long suffering wife of a drunken husband and three bratty kids (all played deftly by Markus). Bertha is especially proud of a tree ornament made by her son, Stanley, in reform school. Daughter, Charlene, (with about the largest pear-shaped bottom ever seen) wants to be a cheerleader, an actress, or something.

Other exquisite Bennett characterizations include good ol' boy Sheriff Givens and Joe Bob Lipsey, gay director, direct from the big time (Lubbock, Texas). Perhaps his best is Pearl Barras, senior citizen with an ongoing battle with wildlife. "Only way to have animals is stuffed on the wall. Just dust 'em once a week."

Bennett and Markus give us the bachelorettes view of life as two daffy waitresses at the local Tastee Kreme. With biting humor, they poignantly try to get a life in Tuna for the holidays.



Comedy: Hank Bennett (left) and Frank Markus in a scene from the Farmington Players production of "A Tuna Christmas."

# Sisters have fun working together on 'She Loves Me'

Village Players of Birmingham present the musical "She Loves Me," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 15 and 22, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Tickets \$14, \$12 students, call (248) 644-2075.

By Keely Wygonik  
Staff Writer

When Patty Ward, who is choreographing "She Loves Me" for the Village Players of Birmingham, heard the soundtrack, she called her sister Jeanne DeLong, and said, "I think you should listen to this."

Ward encouraged her sister to audition for the leading part, Amalia. "I fell in love with the music, and the lady's voice sounded just like my sister," said Ward. "She fell in love with it

too, and I talked her into auditioning for the part."

DeLong is active with the Ayon Players in Rochester Hills and always wanted to work with her sister who is active with Village Players. "She Loves Me," opening this Friday, gave them the opportunity.

DeLong got the part, and Ward worked with her and the other cast members staging the movements that will bring the musical by Joe Masteroff with music by Jerry Rock and Sheldon Harnick, to life.

"There are a lot of songs where you have to stage movements such as a scene in a cafe with a waiter setting up tables," said Ward. "It's more of a singing song."

For Ward, whose first love is performing, working behind the scenes is a new experience. "It's interesting to see the whole puzzle, as opposed to just concentrating on what you're doing on stage," she said. "It's been really fun."

Working with her sister, the youngest of 13 children, is also fun. "We trust each other's judgment, and have been doing practice auditions for each other for years," she said. "It's nice to have another actress in the family, and to have that support."

Both women agree "She Loves Me," is a "like a little jewel no one's discovered. It doesn't have a hit song, but all the songs are precious, fun and romantic. All the characters are likable, even the villain, is a charming villain," said Ward.

Each song tells a story. There are hundreds of props, and for

Ward, the challenge is designing movement to enhance the songs, and not get in the way.

For both women, working in the theater is a treat. They're both busy moms. Ward has three children ranging in age from 11 to 15, and DeLong, two, ages 6 months and 4 1/2.

DeLong is enjoying working with her sister. "She was kind of my mentor," said DeLong. "She's my big sister and encouraged me."

Working on the show has been an interesting experience because DeLong said she hadn't thought about auditioning.

"It's going to be great. I'm thrilled to be doing this with my sister. She's a wonderful choreographer, very creative. We have a

wonderful cast. I think it's going to be a dynamite show," said DeLong. She describes "She Loves Me" as kind of an old-fashioned boy meets girl story. They meet through the Lonely Hearts Club column of a newspaper, which is what we refer to as the Personals today.

They start writing letters to each other and fall in love, not realizing that they work in the same perfume shop. At work, Amalia and George (portrayed by Jamie Mistry) don't like each other, and are always bickering.

The show takes place at Christmas time, making it a nice way to begin the holiday season.

"I think it's delightful, it's the cutest show," said DeLong. "There's a lot of singing, it's a really wholesome musical, you could bring your kids to it. There are no swear words, it's a family show."

As opening night nears, the sisters are excited and a little nervous, but not worried.

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Nov. 15, Grosjean Pointe Memorial
Church, 16 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse-
Pointe Farms. \$15, \$10 students and
seniors. (313) 882-5330

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHAEL RAMO
6-10 p.m. Mondays at Too-Chez, 27155
Sheraton Dr., Novi. (248) 348-5555; 7-
10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at
Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S.

PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAZZ JAM
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sundays, Bird of
Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor.
Free. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310
(vocal/plano/bass)

EXPLOSION CEREBRAL
9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, as part of
Mood Indigo night, Bird of Paradise,
207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21
and older. (734) 662-8310

KATHY KOSINS TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14,
Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham.
Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150; 9
p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, Duet, 3711
Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages.
(313) 831-3838

SHIELA LANDIS
With Rick Matle, 8-11 p.m. Friday, Nov.
13, Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward
Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248)
846-6022

MEDESKI, MARTIN AND WOOD
With DJ Logic, and Marc Ribot, Y Los
Ubanos Postizos, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday,
Nov. 18, Michigan Theatre, 603 E.
Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$22.50. All
ages. (734) 99-MUSIC or
http://www.99music.com

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With guest saxophonist Russ Miller and
guitarist Steve Carryer, 8-11:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 12, with guest vocalist
Patti Richards, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday,
Nov. 19, at the Botsford Inn, 28000
Grand River, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover
waived with dinner. Reservations rec-
ommended. (248) 474-2800

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY
8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 12-14,
and Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 18-21,
Duet, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
(313) 831-3838

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, Nov.
13 and 20, Edison's, 220 Merrill St.,
Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248)
645-2150 (vocal/plano/bass)

ROBERT PIPPO DUO
8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, Duet, 3711
Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages.
(313) 831-3838

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**POIGNANT PLEOSTOMUS**  
With The Buzzrats and The Draftsmen, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

**JOE SAMPLE**  
6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35, \$27.50 and \$21.50, reserved cabaret seating. All ages. (313) 961-5451

**PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET**  
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, Blvd of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

**URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDDSON**  
With Dan Koltun, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

**MATT WILSON QUARTET**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$15 rows 1-5, \$10 general admission. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net or http://www.kerrytown.com/concert-house

**ALEXANDER ZONJIC**  
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, B&C, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 253-1300

## WORLD MUSIC

**ASSAD BROTHERS WITH BADI ASSAD**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, Rackham Auditorium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$32. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

**ANTHONY B. AND HALF PINT**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (roots and culture reggae)

**MARY BLACK**  
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$36 gold circle, \$26 and \$21. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666. (Irish)

**DADDY LONGLEGS**  
With Uncle Booby, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (reggae/rock)

**GERARD EDERY ENSEMBLE**  
Presents a "Mosaic of Sephardic Song," 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 West 12 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. \$18, \$15 seniors, \$12 students. (248) 788-9338/(248) 288-3953 (Judeo-Sephardic)

**IMMUNITY**  
10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (248) 360-7450 (reggae)

## FOLK/BLUEGRASS

**JIM BUCKINGHAM**  
9 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 13 and 20, Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill, 5327 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Free. 21 and older. (734) 425-2434 (Irish folk)

**SAM BUSH BAND**  
With Danny Barnes, formerly of The Bad Livers, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass)

**KITTY DONOHO**  
8:10-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, as part of the Off-The-Wall Acoustic Coffee House at St. William Parish Hall, Walled Lake. \$10, \$20 family, \$7.50 student. (248) 624-1421

**DRY BRANCH FIRE SQUAD**  
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Oakland Community College's Lila Jones-Johnson Theatre, 739 S. Washington, Royal Oak. \$15, (248) 544-4903 (bluegrass)

**GORMAN/DELGORECO**  
8-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (folk/bluegrass)

**JAN KRIST**  
8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

**THE LEWIS FAMILY**  
8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, Oakland Community College's Student Center Arena, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. \$10, (248) 360-3186 (bluegrass/gospel)

## DANCE

**AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER**  
3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, celebration of 80th anniversary of Poland's independence and 20th anniversary of Pontification of The Holy Father, program, dinner and dance, at the center, 2975 East Maple, Troy. \$18. (248) 889-3636

**DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE**  
In concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14, at Henry Ford Community College, Adray Theater, McKenzie Fine Arts Building, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. \$12, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 965-3544. In conjunction with performances HFCC presents a day of dance classes in ballet, modern, jazz, and tap. (313) 845-5314

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING**  
With the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance, callers Eric Arnold, Helen White and Don Theykian, and live music by David West and Donna Baird, 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 665-8863

**HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Hosts a Dance Day Friday, Nov. 13, master classes run from 9:10 a.m. to

3:10 p.m., followed by a mini-performance from 3:30-4:30 p.m., in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Adray Auditorium, and the Dance Studio on the lower level of the Athletic Building, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. \$10. (313) 845-6314

**OAKLAND COUNTY TRADITIONAL DANCE SOCIETY**  
Contra and square dances with David Glick and Joyous Noise, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, First Baptist Church, 309 N. Main St., Royal Oak. \$7. No partner or experience is required. (248) 542-2093

**PETER SPARLING/EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE**  
Presents performances featuring new works, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14, in a shared program with the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble. In collaboration with the Ann Arbor Committee for Psychoanalysis and the Arts, there will be a pre-performance panel discussion about creativity and dance and a post performance afterglow with the artists and committee members 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the University of Michigan, Media Union Video Studio, Ann Arbor. \$17, \$10 students. (734) 764-0450

**SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE**  
Lessons offered 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings, no partner needed, beginners welcome, at Madison Heights United Methodist Church, 248 E. 11 Mile Road, east of John R. \$3, first visit free. (248) 546-5037/(248) 547-9823

**WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS**  
7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Nov. 14, Italian American Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial St., Warren. \$7, \$6 WSD members. (810) 573-4993

## COMEDY

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Shella Kay, Lisa Golch and Jill Washburn, Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 12-14; Lowell Sanders, from the movie "Jungle to Jungle," and Tim Lilly, Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 19-21, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$5), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$12), unless otherwise noted. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S**  
Pablo Francisco, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14 (\$12 and \$24.95), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 (\$10 and \$22.95); Chas Elstner, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 (\$8, \$20.95), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE**  
Elliott Branch, Thursday, Nov. 12 (\$8), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14 (\$10); Lewis Black, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 18-19 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**  
Rocky LaPorte and Tim Rowlands, Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 12-15; Billy Ray Bauer and J.R. Remick, Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 18-19, and The Amazing Jonathan and J.R. Remick, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 20-22 (\$17.50 Friday-Saturday, \$15 Sunday), at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

**SECOND CITY**  
"Viagra Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through November; "Dalmiers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, premieres Thursday, Nov. 19, and runs through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

## POPULAR MUSIC

**ABALON**  
With Bluecat, 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250 (R&B/rock)

**AHADA**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**AKS MAMMA**  
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests The Mad Butchers and Do It 4 Johnny, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (ska)

**BARBARA BARRETT**  
With Gimble, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free, \$5 suggested donation for adults and students. (734) 327-2041 (acoustic pop)

**BUGS BEDDOW BAND**  
8:11 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-9400 or http://www.bugsbeddow.com (blues)

**GORDON BENNETT**  
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700 (rock)

**BLACK OCEAN DROWNING**  
7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

**"BLIND PG SHOWCASE"**  
With Lo-Fi Scorpio, Bottle Prophets, Treblehead and The Prime Ministers, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

**BONNE TEMPS ROULLE**  
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 9 p.m. to midnight Wednesday, Nov. 18, Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road, Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (R&B)

**SUSAN CALLOWAY**  
With Michelle Perin and Barb Payton, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

**CALLIN' MARVIN**  
With Eden Seed, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6200 (rock)

**BLAKE CHEN**  
With The Gentlemen, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free, \$5 suggested donation for adults and students. (734) 327-2041

**CHICAGO RHYTHM AND BLUES KINGS**  
Formerly known as the Mellow Fellows, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show. (734) 213-6000 (blues)

**CHRONIC STREET**  
10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250 (rock)

**GEORGE CLINTON AND THE P-FUNK ALL STARS**  
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (funk)

**JAMES CLOYD GROUP**  
9 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 12 and 19, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard (at Van Born), Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 or http://www.siskos.com (blues)

**DANNY COX**  
8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (acoustic rock)

**TIM DIAZ**  
Keyboardist for Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 996-8101 (rock)

**DISCIPLINE**  
With Own, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (progressive rock)

**DREAD ZEPPELIN**  
9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 513-5030 (pop)



From the land down under: Australia's Men at Work, including founding members Colin Hay and Greg Ham (pictured), return to Detroit to play the Majestic with fellow 1980s hit-maker Howard Jones on Saturday, Nov. 14. The ska outfit Let's Go Bowling opens. Tickets are \$20 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (313) 833-9700 or visit http://www.99music.com.

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**GLEN EDDIE**  
8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 12-13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900 (blues)

**ELIZA**  
10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 888-8101; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi.

Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600; 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (pop)

**ETHOS**  
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (pop)

**EVERYTHING**  
With Far Too Jones, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (pop)

**THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY**  
Hosts acoustic blues jam, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard (at Van Born), Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 or http://www.siskos.com (blues)

**FASTBALL**  
With Joan Jones, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (pop)

**FOLISH MORTALS**  
10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (rock)

**FOUR GUYS DRINKING BEER**  
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill, 6327 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Free. 21 and older. (734) 425-2434 (blues)

**GARBAGE**  
With Girls Against Boys, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

**GODSMACK**  
With Psycore, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, \$8 day of show. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (alternative rock)

**GRAVITY KILLS**  
With Econoline Crush, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

**G.R.R.**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Second City's 5 Hole, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222; 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856; 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 6761 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 988-1357; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (rock)

**BUDDY GUY**  
With Blind Boys of Alabama and Billy Boy Arnold, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$20, \$25. (734) 99-MUSIC or http://www.99music.com (blues)

**JOHN HIATT**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Canceled. 21 and older. (248) 546-7610 (pop)

**AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900; 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and solo 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

**LISA HUNTER**  
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 994-3940; 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, Lonestar Coffee, 207 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 642-2233 (acoustic rock)

**J. TRAIN**  
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450; 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (rock)

**BILLY JOEL**  
8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, postponed from Monday, Oct. 5, and 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$38.50. All ages. (248) 377-0100 (plano-driven pop)

**MIKE KING**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (rock)

**KUNG FU DIESEL**  
10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458 (rock)

**SLEEPY LABELF**  
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# 'Waterboy' quenches thirst for football fun

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

I laughed; so sue me. Adam Sandler's ambition to be the next millennium's Jerry Lewis has made him easy pickings in films like "Billy Madison" and "Happy Gilmore." That won't change with "The Waterboy." But it will be harder, at least, to deny that the writer/actor is for real.

Using his "Cajun Man" character from "Saturday Night Live" as a springboard, Sandler's big screen version is one sorrowful schmoek. It worked for Lewis as "The Bellboy," "The Errand Boy" and "The Geisha Boy." Why not "The Waterboy"?

Bobby Boucher is a socially

inept, 31-year-old stuttering simpleton from the swamps of Louisiana. His mama (the wonderfully-loud Kathy Bates) has home-schooled him right there on the bayou, with only a toilet-drinking live-in mule as a classmate. Typical science lessons: Happiness comes from the sun's rays, alligators are mean because they have so many teeth and no toothbrush, and Mama herself invented electricity. Don't mess with Mama if you think otherwise.

Bobby lives to dispense "high quality H2O" to the local college football players, who rag him mercilessly. When our waterboy ("I'm a Water Distribution Engineer") is fired by the coach (coun-

try's Jerry Reed), he gets a similar job with Reed's rival, Coach Klein (Henry Winkler), whose Mud Dogs have amassed a 40-game losing streak.

Bobby is put on the team when his imagination morphs the faces of opposing players into those of his tormentors — including Mama — and he becomes a lean, mean tackling machine. The lanky linebacker is a one-man highlight film. He delivers such bone-crushing, breath-sucking sacks that the team makes it into the Bourbon Bowl, his chance for ultimate redemption covered by ESPN. That is, unless Mama finds out; she doesn't approve of Bobby "playin' no foose-ball."

All right, Sandler stiffens his lower lip and stays in one groove the whole film through. All right, almost all the big laughs stem from those sound-enhanced hits on the field. And all right, almost none of the many "Airplane"-style quick-cut sight gags even approaches funny.

But there are an awful lot of young filmgoers who are going to find enough to like to make "The Waterboy" a big hit in this pre-holiday season.

Sandler's character, after all, is a lot more reachable here than in "The Wedding Singer," which has taken in \$120 million at the box office and video stores. He's a dope who wears his daddy's old leisure suits, but he's our dope.

Winkler's droopy-dog coach looks at life like it's a third down, and very, very long, and who hasn't been there? And Bates' swamp queen might be the one person rejected by The Jerry Springer Show.

"Forrest Gump" it isn't, but when the stadium crowd roars "Water-boy, wa-ter-boy," you don't want to be the one staring at him across the line of scrimmage.



Thirst quencher: Shy, socially inept, Louisiana bayou native Bobby Boucher (Adam Sandler, right), is a college football team waterboy who after being fired from one team, is hired by the coach (Henry Winkler, left) of another team where he proves to be a waterboy with a talent for tackling.

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LIVING OUT LOUD (R)  
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WATERBOY (PG13)  
WIZARD OF OZ (G)  
VAMPIRES (R)  
SOLDIER (R)  
PLEASANTVILLE (PG13)  
BELOYED (R)  
BRIDE OF CHUCKY (R)  
PRACTICAL MAGIC (PG13)  
ANTZ (PG)  
RUSH HOUR (PG13)  
SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)

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WATERBOY (PG13)  
WIZARD OF OZ (G)  
BELLY (R)  
VAMPIRES (R)  
BELOYED (R)  
BRIDE OF CHUCKY (R)  
RUSH HOUR (PG13)  
PRACTICAL MAGIC (PG13)

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Telegraph  
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Continuous Shows Daily

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BELLY (R)  
PLEASANTVILLE (PG13)  
PRACTICAL MAGIC (PG13)  
ANTZ (PG)

**Showcase Pontiac 6-12**  
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Telegraph  
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Bargain Matinees Daily  
All Shows until 6 pm  
Continuous Shows Daily  
Late Shows Fri, & Sat.

LIVING OUT LOUD (R)  
WATERBOY (PG13)  
WIZARD OF OZ (G)  
VAMPIRES (R)  
APT PUPIL (R)  
GHOST OF DICKENS (G)  
BELOYED (R)  
BRIDE OF CHUCKY (R)

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SIEGE (R)  
BELLY (R)  
WHAT DREAMS MAY COME (PG13)  
URBAN LEGEND (R)  
VAMPIRES (R)  
GHOST OF DICKENS (G)  
SOLDIER (R)  
BRIDE OF CHUCKY (R)  
NIGHT AT THE ROXBURY (PG13)

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ANTZ (PG)  
SOLDIER (R)  
URBAN LEGEND (R)  
BELOYED (R)  
BRIDE OF CHUCKY (R)  
APT PUPIL (R)  
THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)

**Star John-R**  
at 14 Mile  
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NP THE SIEGE (R)  
NP JOHN CARPENTER'S VAMPIRES (R)  
NP PLEASANTVILLE (PG13)  
PRACTICAL MAGIC (PG13)  
WHAT DREAMS MAY COME (PG13)  
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248-353-STAR  
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RUSH HOUR (PG13)

### Birmingham Theatre

211 S. Woodward  
Downtown Birmingham  
248-644-3419  
NP Denotes No Pass Engagements

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NP THE WATERBOY (PG13)  
NP THE WIZARD OF OZ (G)  
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PRACTICAL MAGIC (PG13)

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RUSH HOUR (PG13)  
A NIGHT AT THE ROXBURY (PG13)  
SIMON BIRCH (PG)

**United Artists 12 Oaks**  
Inside Twelve Oaks Mall  
248-349-4311

THE WATERBOY (PG13) NV  
THE SIEGE (R) NV  
LIVING OUT LOUD (R) NV  
ANTZ (PG)  
RUSH HOUR (PG13)

**United Artists West River**  
9 Mile  
2 Block West of Middlebelt  
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WIZARD OF OZ (G) NV  
THE SIEGE (R) NV  
JOHN CARPENTER'S VAMPIRES (R) NV  
PLEASANTVILLE (PG13) NV  
BELOYED (R) NV  
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BRIDE OF CHUCKY (R) NV  
ANTZ (PG) NV  
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### COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 13

**"AMERICAN HISTORY X"**  
Exclusively at the Main Art. Contemporary drama about a family torn apart by hate and racism. Stars Edward Norton.

**"MEET JOE BLACK"**  
Romantic fantasy about an otherworldly presence who assumes a human identity in order to reach a powerful businessman, only to fall in love with his daughter.

**"I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS"**  
Romantic comedy about a young couple on a cross-country mission to return home for the holidays.

**"THE CRUISE"**  
Bennett Miller's homemade, video-lensed documentary chronicles the life and times of an eccentric New York City tour guide.

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 20

**"CELEBRITY"**  
A comedy written and directed by Woody Allen set in New York with all-star cast including Kenneth Branagh, Judy Davis, Leonardo DiCaprio, Melanie Griffith, Winona Ryder.

Exclusively at the Main Art. Historical drama that chronicles how a young queen overcame internal conspiracy, assassination attempts and foreign opposition to emerge as one of Europe's most powerful monarchs during the 16th century. Stars Cate Blanchette, Geoffrey Rush, Joseph Fiennes, Richard Attenborough.

**"ENEMY OF THE STATE"**  
Action drama from producer Jerry Bruckheimer about how a chance encounter with an old friend destroys one attorney's life when he is framed for murder. Stars Will Smith, Gene Hackman, Jon Voight, Scott Caan, Regina King.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Nov. 25

**"HOME FRIES"**  
An offbeat comedy about two brothers



Holiday comedy: Jonathan Taylor Thomas (right) stars as Jake Wilkinson, and Jessica Biel as his girlfriend Allie, in "I'll be Home for Christmas."

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 18

**"JACK FROST"**  
Fantasy adventure about a man who becomes a real father after returning to life as a cooler guy than he'd ever imagined possible — below freezing to be precise. Stars Michael Keaton.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 11

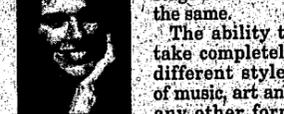
**"WAKING NED DEVINE"**  
A comedy fable about the true meaning of fortune. Someone in a small Irish town wins a lottery and the towns people want to share.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 18

**"YOU'VE GOT MAIL"**  
A romantic comedy about two book store owners, rivals who accidentally fall in love in cyberspace with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

## British band Candyskins plays on Backstage Pass

**BACKSTAGE PASS**  
ANN DELISI



Detroit is a city that welcomes diversity in the arts, and here at Backstage Pass we do the same. The ability to take completely different styles of music, art and any other form of entertainment you could think of and bring them all together is not easily accomplished. At Backstage Pass, on Detroit Public Television, we strive to bring you the viewers a little taste of everything, and I do mean everything. On this week's show we will go from a British pop band to the beauty of Pewabic tiles.

The Candyskins are one of Britain's best loved pop bands. And they are stopping by Backstage Pass to give us a live demonstration of just how musically talented these five guys are together. It has been five years since their last U.S. release and their fans were definitely ready for another Candyskin fix.

**'The Candyskins are a band in the great tradition of British Pop. They are inventive, energetic and have their own unique world views that make their songs consistently interesting.'**

Gary Graff  
Backstage Pass

Q Magazine has praised the band's "driving pop-rock energy, tuneful choruses and sparkling melody." That was not the end of the media attention for this group. Vox commented, "Like some chancer in a rowing boat pitching up in Calais and announcing he's discovered France, these Oxford types have laid a claim on Britpop."

This band has really stirred up a frenzy when it comes to praise, but I am not done yet. I spoke to segment host Gary Graff and he also had nothing but great things to say about the band. "The Candyskins are a band in the great tradition of British Pop. They are inventive, energetic and have their own unique world views that make their songs consistently interesting."

Pewabic tiles are not something new to the Detroit area, probably because they were founded in Detroit in 1903 by Mary Chase and Perry Stratton. This was a major part of Detroit's Arts and Crafts movement between the 1900s and 1910s. The goal of this movement was to produce handmade, practical works of art. And another major goal was to stress craftsmanship and uniqueness over a mass-produced object. Segment producer David Torongian will take us all through a more in-depth look at the Pewabic tiles on this week's Backstage Pass.

All this and much more on this week's Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television. Check your local listings for dates and times.

# Farmington's Aks Mamma CD spreads ska energy

When 1996 Roeper School graduate Paul Royal joined Aks Mamma, he wasn't schooled in the genre of ska, a speeded up form of reggae.

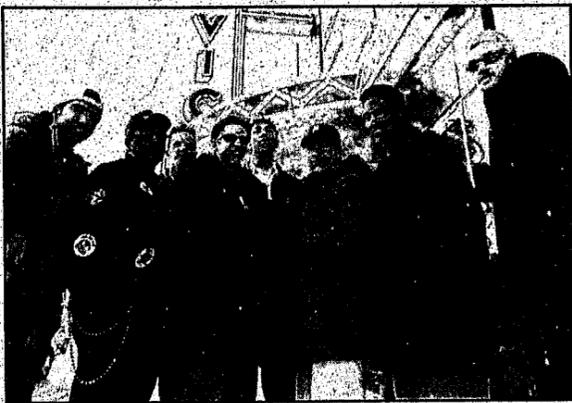
"When I joined the band I didn't know what ska was. I didn't click with it at first. But I love it now. It's fun," explained Royal, bassist.

"It's a celebration of life. You can sit back and listen to something that makes you feel good. It just energizes you."

Aks Mamma is having a celebration of its own on Saturday. The Farmington-based band is releasing its debut CD "Jolly Holidays" on the Wisconsin label Kick Save.

The album, recorded the summer of 1997 and spring of 1998 at Sound Camp studios in Warren, is a collaborative effort between every member of the band - Jeff Gandolfo, lead vocals/guitars, Pete Thrubis, backing vocals/baritone and tenor sax, Kevin Hall, trombone, Brian DeLeon, keyboards, and Jason "Skippy" Spitsbergen, alto sax, all of Farmington; and Matt Thomas, trumpet, and Arthur Curtis, drummer, both of Livonia.

"I think it reflects a lot more every member of the band. We



**Celebrating release:** The local ska band Aks Mamma - from left, Jeff Gandolfo, lead vocals/guitars, of Farmington; Pete Thrubis, backing vocals/baritone and tenor sax, of Farmington; Paul Royal, bass, of Detroit; Kevin Hall, trombone, of Farmington; Matt Thomas, trumpet, of Livonia; Mike Connor, who has been replaced by Arthur Curtis, drummer of Livonia; Brian DeLeon, keyboards, of Farmington; and Jason "Skippy" Spitsbergen, alto sax, of Farmington - play St. Andrew's Hall.

all have creative input," said Royal, who is studying architecture at the University of Detroit-Mercury.

The band formed in 1994 as a four piece but added a horn section a year later. Already Aks Mamma has had plenty of oppor-

tunities to be heard. It was nominated for two Detroit Music Awards and shared the stage with top acts The Toasters, The Pietasters, The Suicide Machines, Mustard Plug and The Pilfers. Coolie Ranx of The Pilfers, formerly of The Toasters,

makes a guest appearance on "Jolly Holidays."

Recently, the group played Coney Island High, a legendary punk club in New York.

"I heard a lot about it. It was really cool. The Stubborn All-Stars were playing upstairs."

Over the past four years, Royal explained, Aks Mamma's music has been fine tuned.

"It used to be a lot more abstract and harder to orchestrate. Now it clicks and we're real happy with it."

Aks Mamma celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests The Mad Butchers and Do It 4 Johnny, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$5 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com>. Aks Mamma's Web site is <http://pilot.msu.edu/user/spitsber>

## Returning to Ferndale

"Everything" is an apropos name for the Sperryville, Va., band who scored a hit with "Hooch." Mixing turn-table scratching, R&B, funk, rock and soul, Everything has something for everyone.

"The essence of pop is popular. We mix all those styles together. We're having good success with it. People like that too. It's refreshing. People who have only heard 'Hooch' will show up at our shows not knowing the other

material. But they hear some of the more crazy songs and they're hooked into it," said lead vocalist/guitarist Craig Honeycutt.

Honeycutt's influences are just as varied. He grew up listening to rock 'n' roll - "AC/DC and whatnot" - but his parents instilled in him the melodies of show music and church music.

"Then later on I got into funk and hip-hop and world beat and jazz."

The six band members - Nate Brown, Wolfe Quinn, Rich Bradley, David Slankard, Steve Van Dam - began playing together six years ago at James Madison University in Virginia. Everything released three albums, which sold more than 50,000 copies, before signing to the Sire Records-affiliated Blackbird Records.

In recording its latest CD "Supernatural," the band retreated to a converted pre-Civil War manor house/studio in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.

"Hooch" is the first hit single for the band and has given Everything some pretty interesting opportunities.

"We've been able to hang out with some big people. We went to Rick Dees morning show in Los Angeles. It was bizarre for a band like us to go into a pop station. We were playing 'Hooch' on there with Lionel Ritchie. (Stuff) like that makes your day."

"This guy's written some of the most amazing songs in the last 30 years. It was really encouraging to have him play with us. One thing I've noticed is the bad ass cats are really down to earth."

Everything and Far Too Jones perform Saturday, Nov. 14, at Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$8 in advance for the 18 and older show. Doors open at 8 p.m. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>. Everything's Web site is <http://www.ecolon.com>

## VAST history

Jon Crosby knew early on that

he just may have a career in music. At age 13 the now 22-year-old musician was spotlighted by Guitar Player magazine.

"I think it made me realize there were people who were out there making music. They weren't superheroes, they were regular people," said Crosby who now performs under the name VAST (Visual Audio Sensory Theater).

"I got letters from all over the world. I also got 20 letters from a guy in prison. That was a little creepy."

Crosby takes his influences of goth, metal, classical, electronic and pop, and infuses samples from the Bulgarian Female Choir and the Benedictine Monks of the Abbey of Saint-Maur, Clereaux on his self-titled debut.

Although his album was released earlier this year, Crosby has a few ideas for his sophomore effort.

"I feel like we're growing. I didn't have a band making the record. So the next record is going to be a lot more of a live thing because I have a band. It was VAST with an orchestra and computers or whatever. The next one will definitely be like more of a collaborative effort."

VAST performs Saturday, Nov. 14, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$7 in advance for the all-ages show. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

## Misc:

Tickets go on sale Saturday, Nov. 14, for the "WKQI Holiday Concert" with Bryan Adams Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. For information about ticket prices, call (248) 645-6666 or visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com>.

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# Garbage backs 'comfortable' sophomore CD

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When the pop band Garbage pulled up to St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit in November 1995, guitarist Steve Marker admitted it was a nerve-wracking experience.

"That was our fourth show ever. We had not the slightest idea what we were doing. It was scary to actually see lines of people outside. We had people showing up looking for autographs and stuff," Marker said.

At the time, Garbage was touring in support of its self-titled debut. When the band recorded the album, it hadn't planned on touring or playing the material live. So the attention was all a bit of a shock to the foursome of Marker, drummer/loop guru Butch Vig, vocalist/guitarist Shirley Manson and guitarist/keyboardist/six-string and fuzz bassist Duke Erikson.

"It (touring) hadn't even occurred to us," Marker said of

playing live. "The record company gently suggested that it might be wise to play a few dates to support the thing. We agreed to that. That was four years ago, and we basically haven't stopped since."

Garbage is once again on the road. This time supporting "Version 2.0," its appropriately titled sophomore effort. Marker explained that when the band recorded "Garbage" the three men and Manson were just getting to know each other. The trio recruited Manson as their lead singer after Vig saw her video with the band Angelfish on MTV.

With "Version 2.0," the quartet felt more comfortable with each other.

"It was different because we had played that year and a half (together live). We made the first record and we didn't really know each other very well. We didn't know Shirley that much. So we were a bit more tentative," Marker said.

"The new record's more of a

real band. It felt like we were an actual rock band. We had spent all that time on the road. We wrote it more as four of us in one room rather than individuals bringing pieces of songs and putting it together. We just set up our live stage gear in our room and started making noise and improvising and seeing without much thought being put into it just sort of making noise again. Gradually some sort of songs emerged out of that muck."

This time around, Manson contributed lyrics.

"The first record was the four of us putting ideas in the head, and cutting and pasting them together. She felt more secure with writing entire songs. She was putting her viewpoint more strongly together. I think that comes across in her performance too."

"Version 2.0," he added, was "a long process." It took "one day less than a year" to record, master and mix.

"Part of it is because equip-

ment is blowing up all the time and we have to get it fixed. We enjoy being in the studio. It's always been our goal to take pop songs and give them an interesting sonic twist. We try to make them sound interesting to us and that involves playing around in the studio. That's what we like to do."

Marker said that listeners have had varied responses to "Version 2.0" but the bottom line is beneath all the samples, guitars and vocals, Garbage is still dark.

"Some people say, 'I can't believe how upbeat and happy this record is. Some people say it seems more positive and some people say they can't believe how dark it is. Different people get different things,' Marker said.

Garbage and Girls Against Boys perform Thursday, Nov. 12, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The all-ages show is sold out. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 961-5451.

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DINING

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

**D**o you want to spend more time with family and friends and away from the kitchen this Thanksgiving? Relax! Area restaurants make it possible. If this sounds appealing, check out these Thursday, Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day options available at the following restaurants. Reserving in advance is strongly advised and in some cases essential.

■ **BOTSFORD INN** - 2800 Grand River, Farmington Hills (248) 474-4800.

Seatings for a Thanksgiving buffet in the main dining room begin at noon and can be scheduled on the hour until 4 p.m. In the coach house, seatings are on the hour between 1 and 4 p.m. The bountiful buffet includes salads, relishes, vegetable with dip in addition to roast turkey, savory dressing with all the trimmings, sliced roast beef with mushroom sauce, smoked cider-baked ham or baked cod fish. Choose from warm apple and cherry pie, bread pudding with bourbon sauce or pumpkin pie for dessert. Cost is \$19.95 per person plus \$1.50 beverage. Children age 10 and under half price.

■ **CHARLEY'S CRAB** - 5498 Crooks Road, Troy, next to Northfield Hilton, (248) 879-2060. From noon to 9 p.m., in addition to favorite Charley's Classics from the dinner menu, there's traditional fresh Amish roast turkey with rosemary creamed Brussels sprouts, sage stuffing, candied yams and Michigan cranberry relish \$13.75. Children's portion is \$6.75. Also offered with fresh autumn side dishes are Canadian goose with Port wine demi-glace \$18.75; braised Colorado lamb shank with mushroom au jus \$14.50; and panko crumbed

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■ **CLARKSTON CAFE** - 18 S. Main, Clarkston (248) 625-5660. From noon to 6 p.m., the Clarkston Cafe offers a traditional turkey dinner with stuffing, yams, cranberry sauce, vegetable, mashed potatoes and gravy \$15.95. Children under five years old get a free turkey dinner with purchase of an adult entree. Other choices include, prime rib, pork loin or whitefish. Prices range \$15-20. All come with choice of soup or salad and bread basket.

■ **EXCALIBUR** - 28875 Franklin Road, (corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway), Southfield (248) 358-3355. Open for dinner 2-10 p.m. Service will be from the dinner menu and Thanksgiving specials.

Or pick up a complete Thanksgiving dinner package for 6 to 8 people for \$125. The pre-booked package comes with reheating instructions and includes a whole fresh-dressed turkey, traditional stuffing, butter-whipped potatoes, sweet potatoes, gravy,

cranberry relish, fresh buttered green beans, mixed organic greens, rolls and flat bread, pumpkin and apple pie. This package must be reserved ahead and picked-up between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thanksgiving Day.

■ **HISTORIC HOLLY HOTEL** - 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208. From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner along with entrees such as garlic-roasted leg of lamb, poached Norwegian salmon or grilled New York strip steak, for those wanting to skip turkey. Included are cream of butternut squash soup, harvest greens salad and an assortment of desserts. Cost is \$20 per person. Children \$9.

■ **MACKINON'S** - 126 E. Main, Northville (248) 348-1991. From 1-6 p.m. roast Amish turkey & dressing with all the trimmings is \$20, but there's also a dazzling array of a la carte appetizers \$5-8 plus five other entrees in addition to turkey. If turkey is not your choice, you can opt for house-smoked cherry-wood ham with lingonberry reduction sauce \$21; 12-ounce prime aged New York strip \$27;

roast lamb loin with rosemary reduction \$25; sweet potato encrusted whitefish buerre blanc \$24 or spinach wild mushroom linguine \$20. All entrees include choice of seasonal vegetables, potato and choice of soup of the day or house salad.

■ **MERIWETHER'S** - 25485 Telegraph Road, Southfield (248) 358-1310 from 2-8 p.m. Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings, \$16 and \$6 for kids 12 and under. Selections of seafood, pastas and steaks from the regular menu range \$14-17.

■ **ROCHESTER CHOP HOUSE** - 306 North Main, Rochester (248) 651-2266. "Thanksgiving at our home" is the special theme from 12:30-6:30 p.m. Fresh Tom turkey served with buttered mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, spaghetti squash and cranberry relish is \$15. Children's portion for ages 13 and under \$6. But if you'd prefer roasted fall goose \$17; Michigan venison loin \$22; or cedar plank Atlantic salmon \$21.25 they're also on the Chop House menu with appropriate vegetables and potatoes.

■ **ROCKY'S BRIGHTON** - 5311 Brighton Road, Brighton (810) 227-7900 will only serve a Thanksgiving Day Buffet from noon to 8 p.m. at \$17 for adults and \$10 for children. Youngsters under age 5 eat free.

■ **ROCKY'S NORTHVILLE** - 41122 West Seven Mile Road, Northville (248) 349-4434 offers a "Thanksgiving to Go" package serving 4-6 for \$56 or 8-10 for \$66. It includes a whole ready-to-cook turkey and all the fixins. Orders must be placed no later than Wednesday, Nov. 18 for pickup on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

■ **SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE, CULINARY ARTS DEPARTMENT** - 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Roads, just west of I-275), Livonia (734) 462-4491 offers a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner to go for eight to 14 people, ready for pick-up Wednesday, Nov. 25. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, Nov. 18. The meal comes with a fresh turkey, ready to put in the oven according to the accompanying directions, savory stuffing, a fresh vegetable medley using seasonal vegetables, candied

yams, branded cranberry-orange relish and giblet gravy. The dinner can be ordered with a 14- to 16-pound turkey, ready to feed 8 to 10 people for \$82.50, or with a 20- to 25-pound turkey for 12 to 14 people that costs \$98.50. Additional items for sale include fresh breads, pumpkin, cherry, apple or mince-meat pie, and pumpkin cheesecake. Call for details.

■ **STEVE & ROCKY'S** - 43150 Grand River Avenue, Novi (248) 374-0688. Chefs Steve Allen and "Rocky" Rachwitz have a memorable experience planned with their limited sit-down menu. Turkey with all the trimmings is \$14 and \$8 for children. In addition, 10 choices, some of them autumn favorites such as goose and venison, range \$14-22.

■ **TOWNSEND HOTEL RUGBY GRILLE** - 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham (248) 642-5999. From noon until 10:00 p.m. the Thanksgiving Day menu is pre-fixed (all-inclusive with the exception of beverage) with a variety of entree selections. Traditional Thanksgiving with all the fixings is \$45; child's portion for 12 and under \$19.

The following additional entrees are priced for adults. Child's portion is half pan roasted filet of Atlantic salmon over wilted greens \$47; filet mignon of beef with lobster and forest mushroom stuffing and sauce medley \$49; roast rack of lamb in a pecan maple crust with sweet potato gratin and caramelized shallot sauce \$52; and pumpkin-filled ravioli with sage butter, asparagus spears and julienne vegetables \$42. Price includes entree plus choice of appetizer, soup, salad and Thanksgiving dessert selection. Late planners be forewarned, Thanksgiving in the Rugby Grille sells out every year.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecom.net

■ **BIG ROCK CHOP & BREW HOUSE** - Second annual Brewmaster's Dinner, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 245 S. Eton, Birmingham. Seating is limited, the cost is \$65 per person, call (248) 647-7774 for reservations/information.

■ **CAFE BON HOMME** - Franciscan Estates Wine Dinner, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, 844 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 453-6260. Cost \$75 per person. Call for reservations/information.

■ **ALCATRAZ BREWING COMPANY** - Opens Thursday, Nov. 12 at Great Lakes Crossing, 4362 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Menu features salads, wood-fired pizzas, sandwiches and main courses. Alcatraz will be open for lunch and dinner. Call (248) 745-3400 for details.

■ **VAN GOGH'S IMPROV GRILL**, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road) will open Nov. 23 with an interactive dining theme. General Manager Stewart Sloan described the experience as one where "you will be able to choose everything you want to eat and watch it being prepared at the grill in the middle of the room. Something like The Mongolian Barbeque;

only we won't be strictly Asian. We'll have a lot of choices." Van Gogh proprietors are William Gitre and Duane Gmerek who also own Roosevelt's Billiards Bar & Grill across the street from Van Gogh. They've named Patrick Houston, formerly with Larcos in Troy as executive chef. In the future, stay in touch with DINING for a

review of the menu and an explanation of the Van Gogh name.

■ **MADRIGAL DINNERS** - The king, his queen and court will assemble for Schoolcraft College's 22nd Annual Madrigal Dinners, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 10-12. Tickets are \$35 per person, call (734) 462-

4417. The college is at 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Roads, west of I-275) in Livonia.

■ **THE GOLDEN MUSHROOM**, 18100 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield, has reopened its popular Mushroom Cellar, closed temporarily for a facelift. New carpeting with an upbeat Art Deco

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