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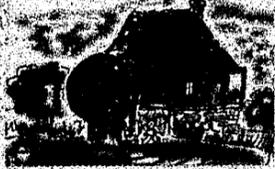
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Gems about us

Beware of passing by Tierra Fine Jewelers on Main Street. Even a quick gaze may invoke a deep desire to purchase a few classically-cut rocks. Store owner Buck Kopietz recently made a 20-minute video of his custom jewelry and is now showing the video from a television screen displayed in one of the store's windows. Talk about city beautification.

Runaway wheels

On Nov. 11, a runaway wheel caused an accident on White Lake Road. The rear, right wheel fell from a black GMC truck traveling east-bound on the road. The wheel bounced along until it hit a blue Oldsmobile, driven by a Clarkston woman. There were no injuries.

Strap on your walking shoes

Sashabaw Middle School welcomes area residents who use the schools for indoor walking sessions. Between 5-8:30 p.m. on school days, the school allows walkers to join in. After Jan. 26, walkers will move over to the Clarkston High School indoor track.

Residents protest proposed warehouse



Independence Township residents fear a 450,000-square-foot warehouse proposed for the Sashabaw and I-75 area will increase traffic and pollution and undermine property values. The facility would store parts for GM's Orion plant.

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Independence Township's meeting room was brimming Thursday evening with residents who oppose a proposed

auto parts warehouse, saying they fear the community may be on its way to becoming a city, perhaps even an abandoned industrial locale.

The 450,000-square-foot warehouse project was being presented to township planning commissioners on an

informational basis.

"Congratulations, you're probably the biggest group we've had before," Planning Board Chair Steve Board told residents.

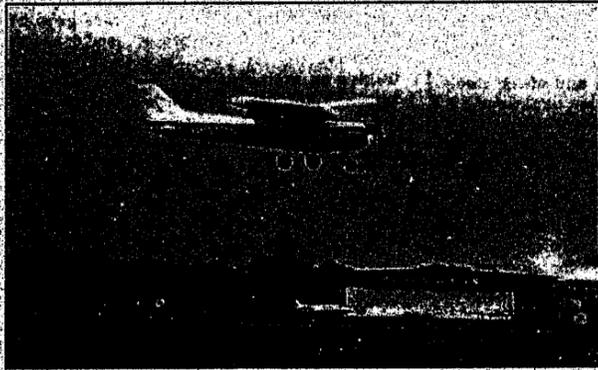
The meeting was also unusual in that the company proposing to build the warehouse, Ryder Integrated Logistics, which supplies automotive parts to General Motors Corp., was appearing before the board on an informal basis.

A formal review of the proposed

warehouse, which would be located off of Bow Pointe Drive near Sashabaw, south of I-75 between Maybee and Waldon, is slated for Nov. 19 in a special meeting of the Planning Commission. The board will consider whether to grant the project conceptual site plan approval at that time, said Board.

Located on about 30 acres, the warehouse would store car parts for GM's Orion plant, run two shifts between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. at least.

Please see **WAREHOUSE, A2**



Bringing it in: Sarah O'Brien, 17 (pictured right), lands at Pontiac Flight Service in her Cessna 152, a two-seater jet. The Clarkston High School senior has been flying since July.



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Before take-off: Pilot Sarah O'Brien makes a safety check before taking to the skies.

Reaching new heights

Sky's the limit for Clarkston apprentice pilot

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At 17, Sarah O'Brien has set her sights sky high. On certain days that's where to find her — flying a red and white Cessna into the open sky. The Clarkston High School student started flying lessons last July and expects to receive her pilot's license by the end of the month. Flying was never really a life goal, O'Brien said,

though her grandfather did serve in the Air Force. It was just an idea she got while driving past the local airport one summer day.

"I spent last summer not really doing anything that I felt was very productive," she said. "So I decided to spend the last summer before my senior year of high school learning how to fly."

O'Brien has set her sights on becoming a professional pilot and has been traveling around the country in search of the right college in which to

learn the trade. She often flies a Cessna 152, a two-seater jet.

Mike Ematis, certified flight instructor at Pontiac Flight Service, said his student is doing very well. He remembered the day O'Brien came in with her mother to ask about flying lessons.

"She was just smiles and we signed her up," he said.

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From eye doc to patrol cop; Deputy content with new career

This is the second in a series of stories about Clarkston-area residents and employees who made significant career changes.

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Some incidents can change the course of our lives forever. They leave an unforgettable imprint upon us and the decisions we make. Just ask Deputy Dennis Finney, 46,

how he ended up in uniform — a sheriff's deputy uniform to be exact.

"In high school, a couple of friends were killed in traffic accidents," said Finney, who works for Oakland County's Springfield Township substation. "I had to do something to be able to help."

Law enforcement became a career option, but not one he would pursue until later in life. After graduating high school in



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Cop convert: After Dennis Finney realized his true calling, he went on to become an Oakland County sheriff's deputy.



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five days per week, and generate between eight and 10 truck trips per hour, according to Steve Guidos, who spoke on behalf of the project's construction company.

About 90 employees would work at the location, a former gravel pit that is zoned industrial and borders other industrial sites to the west, Guidos said. Residential districts are located to the east and south of the site.

East of the property, the closest resident to the site would be about 260 feet from the warehouse, Guidos said. Also, Pine Knob Elementary would sit about 1,000 feet from the location's southwest property line, he said.

However, residents said they were beside themselves over the project, fearing a decline in property values, a marked increase in traffic along Sashabaw and environmental pollution, from excessive noise to water contamination.

While the township harbors several industrial facilities, including Pontiac Coil, which conducts manufacturing activities in the community, residents seemed to view this project with greater fear and suspicion than might otherwise be expected, because of the proposed warehouse's connection with GM.

"GM can be very impressive and demanding of their suppliers," said Walt Wittala, who lives east of the property and doesn't believe hours of operation will be confined between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Other residents, some who are former and present GM employees, not only questioned

'I moved here with the intention of living in a township, not a city. Let's use all of GM's empty buildings (instead).'

*Lorraine Grabowski
resident opposed to GM plans*

the proposed hours of operation but also voiced concerns about environmental pollution.

Ray Waechter, who works at GM's Orion plant, told commissioners that they should carefully consider proposed hours of operation, given the overtime and erratic operation hours at the Orion plant.

"I would like this committee to consider a pollution study," said Sandy Boone, another area resident.

Other residents said they feared that the warehouse would be used and then abandoned, and asked why such a facility couldn't be located in Flint, Grand Blanc or Pontiac, where GM has operations.

"I moved here with the intention of living in a township, not a city," said Lorraine Grabowski. "Let's use all of GM's empty buildings (instead)," she said.

Others urged commissioners, who accepted comments even though the forum wasn't a public meeting, to reject the project, given its potential to reduce property values.

"Everybody is ready to put up for sale signs just to get out of here," said Cari Zywicki, an area resident.

Gary Taylor, who was particularly worried about area property values and spoke several times during the meeting, said,

"Turn this thing down and do not destroy our homes and our property values."

Taylor also admitted, somewhat apologetically, that news of the project had shaken him. "I am little alarmed and shaken up by this ... I have some grave concerns," he said.

Commissioners, too, said they had many concerns about the proposed project, from environmental to the structural.

And, Board ran down a list of requirements he felt managers of the project needed to address, saying, "You have lots of work to do, folks."

Several commissioners described the project as intimidating. Commissioner Dan Travis said, "It ... reminds me of Jackson Prison."

But Travis, and other commissioners, also explained to residents that the project was "zoned appropriate." Relative to other facilities that could go up at the location, it is also a low-intensity use of the property, they said, urging residents to consider those realities.

"It is a change for your neighborhood, but something is going to go there ... (The area) is going to change to a developed area," Travis said. The site "is close to I-75 ... it was a gravel pit ... that's the reason it is zoned industrial ... that is the plan."

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Durand, Finney held different jobs from construction worker to apprentice as an optician. He completed the apprenticeship in only nine months and intended to use those skills to pay his way through college.

That's just what he did, Finney ran an optical company in Flint — Bayne Optical. His skills included cutting, manufacturing and fitting glasses and contact lenses. Finney also made artificial eyes.

In the meantime, Finney enrolled at Mott Community College in 1972 to pursue criminal justice, his true passion.

"I hated being inside," said Finney of his former line of work. "I didn't like retail. It felt like we were cheating people."

Finney said the cost of contact lenses and glasses was so far below what people paid for them, he didn't feel good about selling those items. But he viewed it as a means to an end.

After obtaining an associate's degree in criminal justice, Finney attended Ferris State University.

Taking on multiple responsibilities, Finney continued working in optics, while serving as a college police officer and carrying a full class load.

"I gained a lot of practical experience and learned to work with a variety of people," said Finney, reflecting on his experience.

He said that the job gave him a compassion for people, which has proved useful as a deputy. He would like to see others show more compassion toward his line of work.

"People should realize that police officers are not an entity; they're another human being."

After graduating college, Finney began working at the Ionia County Sheriff's department. But he had his heart set on working in Oakland County.

"I like the area better," he said. "It's a more populated area, a bigger department. There are a lot of different opportunities."

Finney would use that diversity to his advantage beginning in 1979. He has taken on several roles in the sheriff's department. He worked as a patrol officer for

several years, followed by work at the Oakland County Jail — where he booked and placed the inmates in the jail.

A master scuba diver, Finney also worked on a dive team for five years, in which he helped search for drowning victims and evidence that had been discarded from crime scenes. His favorite work included time as a canine handler, working with tracking dogs.

"I loved the dogs," he said. "I got to do a lot of things — assisting other departments ... I'm still training dogs for the department."

Finney's canines have been transported to help with police work in Muskegon, Detroit, and even Las Vegas.

Finney worked as a canine handler while working for the Brandon Township substation. There he met Deputy Sheriff Dave Rheaume.

"He's a dear friend of mine," said Rheaume. "He one of the rare guys who really likes the job."

Rheaume described Finney as a trust-worthy, level-headed man who's always telling jokes.

But the most challenging aspect of his work, Finney said, is "not losing faith in humanity" while serving. He said that all police officers should have some measure of common sense, compassion and a willingness to fight if necessary.

Finney's motto is that police officers should always be bored — because that means everyone's safe and the work is done.

"Basically, by maintaining a police presence in the community, I think it keeps some level of criminal activity down," he said. "Over the years, I've had a lot of contact with the kids to personalize (the work)."

Finney has worked the day shift in the Springfield substation for about one year. But he's more than familiar with the surrounding area. After about 18 years of working the afternoon shift in Addison, Brandon and Commerce townships, he's covered a lot of ground in Northern Oakland County. But what keeps him here?

"I like the north end of the

'I hated being inside. I didn't like retail. It felt like we were cheating people.'

Dennis Finney

county," said Finney. "I live in the north end and I like the general attitude of the people. There's still a sense of community here."

Sgt. Pat Miles of the Springfield Township substation has worked with Finney since April. Miles recognized Finney's dedication to the area.

"He's a diligent officer who works well with supervision and employees," Miles said. "He's always willing to lend a hand."

If Finney, a father of two teenage girls, had not pursued a career in law enforcement, he said, life would be quite different.

"I'd have more money. I'd have a lot more time with my family. And it would probably be nowhere near as interesting."

Finney said that as a result of doing police work for the county, he decided to get his master's degree in guidance and counseling from Oakland University — something he might've missed if he were still constructing glasses and contact lenses for a living.

"It relates to what I do here," said Finney of the master's degree. "When I retire I'm thinking of doing some type of counseling program, specializing in kids."

For now, Finney said, he's still known for his sense of humor.

"He brings a certain amount of humor to the substation," Miles agreed.

But Finney doesn't take his work lightly. If anything, police work has taught him just how fragile life is.

"We're all just here for a very short time," said Finney. "We've gotta have a good time and plan everyday and enjoy it."

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Local actor treads difficult path

Aspiring youth undaunted by task of succeeding in competitive craft

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Aiming for Broadway, local actor Jason Groh concentrates on reality rather than the fantastical world of musical theater.

Groh, a performing arts major at Oakland University who resides in Independence Township, also doesn't cut corners or take the easy route — the curse and the beauty of the actor's life.

"There are dreamers and there are doers," said Groh, a sophomore specializing in musical theater. "Setting realistic goals is very important in this business. People say, 'I'm going to Broadway,' to which I say, 'What are you going to do about it?'"

But Groh's day-to-day activities — more so than his words — really speak to his commitment, sense of discipline and point of view.

The 5-foot-6, 125-pound actor with a tenor voice that one would likely envision coming from a man of robust proportions, rises daily at 7 a.m. (Groh's ordinarily cherubic face

■ **'It's the applause, the reaction from the audience.'**

Jason Groh
aspiring actor

also belies his deep, rich voice and mature stage presence.)

After several hours of class at Oakland University — Groh is taking 12 credits plus private piano and voice lessons — he heads to Hudson's

in the Somerset Collection in Troy, where he works 32 hours a week.

Groh also picks up shifts waiting tables at Cooker's in Auburn Hills.

After work, Groh heads to the Birmingham Village Players where he is currently performing "She Loves Me."

Rehearsals — the play is now in production and runs through Nov. 28 — had Groh at the theater from about 7 to 10:30 p.m. several days a week. With the show now running, Groh won't be able to leave the theater until 11 or 11:30 p.m.

Upon returning home, he usually calls his girlfriend, who is pursuing an acting career in Chicago.

"It's the applause, the reaction from the audience," said Groh, trying to explain his motivation for chasing such a demanding and competitive profession.

"It's not about the personal attention — it's about the recognition," he said, trying again. "It's an amazing feeling. It's hard to explain."



Hard at work: Aspiring Broadway actor Jason Groh (right), of Independence Township, rehearses a piece from "She Loves Me," which he is performing in with the Birmingham Village Players.

Groh, who is currently seeking professional acting and voice work in the Detroit area, has also performed in summer stock theater productions. His short-term goal is to accumulate as much professional experience before graduating from Oakland University as possible.

"I have a belief," he said. "I believe that the more experience I can get now... the more jobs I will get," he said. "In this business, it is so rough. You have to have the experience and the training."

But, Groh's long-term goals also reflect his realism. In five years, he'd like to be touring in the musical "Grease," he said. "I'd rather be touring with 'Les Miserables,' but I'll look too young."

Reigning in his dreams, Groh has made performing in "Les Mis," as he calls it, his goal in 10 years.

Today, Groh has met with his voice instructor and Oakland University faculty member Jan Albright to work on a piece from "She Loves Me."

Like a seasoned professional, Groh follows his instructor through a series of exercises designed to warm up his vocal chords and muscles.

The names of the exercises and Albright's instructions remind one of an unintelligible secret code devised by young children, but Groh never blinks during the half-hour session.

His eyes fixed on his instructor's facial expressions and gestures as the two move through a series of musical scales and interval sections of "She Loves Me," Groh is out



Focused: In performance, Jason Groh, who stands 5-foot-6 and weighs 125 pounds, has the stage presence and voice of a man much older and larger.

of sync with Albright only when it comes to an assessment of his work.

"I can never get that. I always have a hard time with that," says Groh.

"You know what you gotta hear is the 'D,'" responds Albright, who seems surprised by Groh's comments.

"Yeah," Groh nods, and again vocalizes the word in question.

"That's it. That's it," Albright calls out.

"You did it. It's perfect."

Strangely, Groh, an admitted perfectionist, doesn't seem convinced.

"I always feel I have more to go," he said later. "I always feel like there's more to push for."

For information and tickets about "She Loves Me" at the Birmingham Village Players, call the box office at (248) 644-2075.

Springfield denies water park rezoning

Planners expect to return to court

BY CAROLYN WALKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Stepped-up efforts in Oakland County Circuit Court will be the likely outcome of Springfield Township's decision to deny rezoning for a \$10 million water park at the Indian Springs Metropark, said Dan Duncan, chief of planning for the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority after a meeting Thursday night.

"This was part of the procedure we were indicated we should go through," Duncan said in a conversation following the board meeting. He was referring to the fact that circuit Judge Nancy Grant had previously recommended that the HCMA go through the township's site-plan process in an effort to build a proposed family aquatic center.

The HCMA was requesting a Planned Unit Development rezoning for 41 acres, 20 of which would be built into the water facility. Currently, the site is zoned for recreation. A PUD allows for multiple uses on a single parcel of land, and strict guidelines are enforced for such rezoning. Those guidelines mandate, among other things, that the proposal demonstrate a significant contribution to the area that cannot be accomplished under any other zoning.

"I'm sure we'll end up in the circuit court of Oakland County," Duncan continued. "It's unfortunate because, as we've indicated, this is for the kids."

Springfield officials and the HCMA have been debating the merits of the water park for more than two years. The HCMA wants to put in a center that would include water slides, a wave pool, a children's pool, a lazy-river ride and other amenities because there are no swimming opportunities at the park.

The township, however, has vigorously opposed the plan, saying that a facility of this type would violate the township's master plan and zoning ordinances, that it would jeopardize natural resources and that it would conflict with the rural atmosphere surrounding the 2,250-acre Indian Springs, off White Lake Road.

Following the meeting, township attorney Greg Need said it is conceivable that the matter could escalate in court. The HCMA could file a counter-suit to one

previously initiated by the township or it could seek new action in the ongoing court case, he said.

In June of 1997, Grant ruled in a lawsuit brought against the HCMA by the township — that the HCMA must abide by local zoning ordinances. A ruling on two related issues, including the HCMA's contention that they have a prior, existing, non-conforming use not subject to local zoning, is sitting in "limbo" in circuit court awaiting an evidentiary hearing, Need said.

The second issue being contested by the HCMA is that they were not properly notified when zoning of their property was changed, a contention that township officials dispute.

The HCMA is a state-mandated authority that oversees several metropolitan parks. It is funded by tax dollars from five counties, including Oakland. Officials of the HCMA have long contended that the authority should be exempt from local zoning rules.

At Thursday night's meeting, board members voted unanimously to deny the PUD rezoning request. In doing so, they cited many of the same concerns they have expressed over the long haul.

"It's my opinion that there are significant plan problems," said Supervisor Collin Walls, who made the motion to deny the request. "I have very significant problems with what we have been told this evening."

Trustee Dick Miller said, "I have not seen any indication of support... from citizens or people of Springfield Township, outside the HCMA itself. Am I missing something?"

Walls responded to Miller that while citizen input is important, the board's decision must come from the ordinance criteria.

"I don't see where a PUD of this magnitude would be of any benefit to our community at all," said Trustee Elaine Field-Smith.

Unlike previous meetings that drew standing-room-only crowds wishing to express their concerns, only one Springfield resident and one White Lake Township resident expressed their opinions before the board's vote.

"I opposed it in 1996. I still oppose it. It's a commercial venture and should be treated as such," said Wanda Rothermel.

POLICE CALLS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships Nov. 8-12.

Springfield Police

Home Invasions

On Nov. 11, a doorwall was reported as shattered at a home on Hidden Trail. Jewelry and furs were reported stolen.

Damaged vehicle

On Nov. 10, a fallen tree was reported as scratching a parked Jeep and Chevrolet pick-up truck on Autumnlo.

Vandalism

On Nov. 10, five feet of fencing used to contain an emu pen was reportedly cut on French Lane. Several emus escaped, but were found and secured.

On Nov. 11, paint from a paint gun reportedly damaged the side

ing on a house on Clark Road.

Independence Township

Vandalism

On Nov. 9, the side window of a Suburban was reportedly broken while parked at a residence on Turtle Walk.

On Nov. 9, two abandoned autos were reported on Clintonville Road. One vehicle was a brown 1985 Chevrolet station wagon, while the other was a white 1979 Pontiac Bonneville.

Damaged property

On Nov. 10, a fallen tree reportedly hit a truck parked on Lakewood due to stormy weather and high winds.

Thefts

On Nov. 9, a gold opal and diamond ring was reported stolen from a building on Heron Parkway.

On Nov. 11, a CB antennae was reported stolen from a vehi-

cle parked on Sashabaw Road.

In Nov. 11, a diamond ring was reported stolen from a residence on Allen.

On Nov. 11, a snowmobile was reported stolen by use of trickery.

The owner, a resident of Cedar Grove, told police he gave the snowmobile to a man to have it fixed. He cannot locate the man or his snowmobile.

Independence Fire

Between Nov. 9-11 firefighters responded to 14 calls. Among them were seven medical calls, one personal-injury accident and one lockout.

On Nov. 10, Stickney Road, east of Pine Knob Road, was reported blocked by a fallen tree due to storm conditions.

On Nov. 10, electrical wires had fallen on Madison but did not cause an immediate hazard. Detroit Edison was notified.

OBITUARIES

Leona L. (Bailey) Taylor

Leona L. (Bailey) Taylor of Clarkston died Nov. 11, 1998, at age 90.

Mrs. Taylor retired as a dedicated cook from the Oakland County Boy's Ranch and was a 4-H leader and member of the Extension Club. She was an active member of the Seymour Lake United Methodist Church and her ancestors pioneered in

Clarkston.

She is survived by her daughters, Marilyn (Ron) Lovell of Oakland, Sally (Bob) Delisa of Marshfield, Mass., and Carol (Cork) Tinervia of Coldwater. She is also survived by a sister, Elaine Walstead; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, brother-in-law Basil Taylor and many nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were

entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. A funeral service was held at the funeral home with Pastor Ronald Brown officiating. Interment was at Seymour Lake Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Seymour Lake United Methodist Church, 3191 Clipper Court, Oxford MI 48371 or Hospice of SE Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075.

AGENDAS

Springfield Township
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Planning Commission
7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16
Tentative Agenda
Call To Order
Minutes: None
Approval of Agenda:
Request to Adjourn Public Hearing Item No. 1
Public Comment: Items Not On Agenda
Public Hearing
1. Amendment of Zoning Map-N.E. Corner of Section 24 from R-2 to RC

2. Amendment of Article II Section 2.00-Definition of Building Height and Article XXV Section 25.00 Schedule of Regulations Limiting Height, Bulk, Density and Area by Land Use
3. Amendment of Article XIV, Sections 14.04, 14.07, 14.08 and adding Section 14.09-Planned Unit Development District
4. Amendment of Article XVII Section 17.08-Environmental Performance Standards for Glare and Exterior Lighting
Old Business: None
New Business
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Other Business
Adjournment

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Good Thinking

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Emaus said an individual must be at least 17 to get a private pilot's license. He was about 18 when he started flying. As for O'Brien, he considers her "very motivated."

In turn, O'Brien said she's learned a lot from her instructor. "He knows everything," she said. "He's very friendly and excited about what he does. I've learned so much from him. We have a really good time."

Though she flies planes regularly, O'Brien said she's hardly a daredevil. She never liked flying on big jets, and she doesn't enjoy the rollercoasters at Cedar Point.

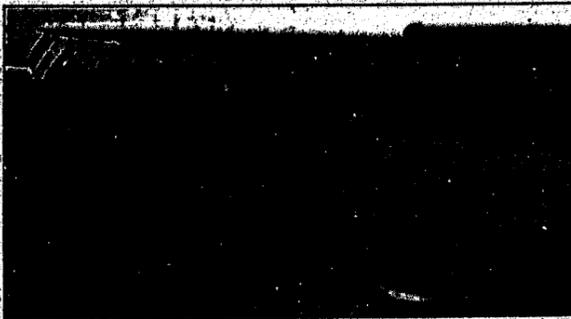
"This is as adventurous as I get," she said.

But at least since she began taking flying lessons, she's gotten over that peaky fear of heights.

Brent Folks, another instructor at the airport, said that O'Brien seems eager to learn. Since he's worked at Pontiac Flight Service, more than one year, he has only known one other student around the same age who stuck with it.

Learning to fly encompasses several lessons, and getting a pilot's license is a lot more difficult than getting a driver's license, O'Brien said.

It all starts with ground instruction and learning the basic rules of safety. From there, O'Brien started flight instruction to grasp the basic procedures and maneuvers of the plane. She later began taking the necessary solo flights to places like Bad Axe and Jackson. O'Brien has yet to take her long-distance solo flight, of at least 150 nautical



Good grounding: Pilot Sarah O'Brien has been flying a two-seater since taking up the pastime this past summer.

miles, which may take her as far as Mt. Pleasant or Lansing.

Though frightened at the first thought of flying alone, and away from the airport, O'Brien said it has all gone well.

"I think flying is the easiest part," she said. "Book learning is the hardest thing. I really enjoy the actual hands-on flying."

Before obtaining her license, O'Brien must fulfill a long list of requirements. For example, she must complete 10 hours of solo flying; five hours of cross-country time, which means going a distance of more than 50 miles; three hours of night-time flying; 10 complete take-offs, landings and full-stops at a control tower airport; 20 hours of dual instruction with Emaus; and one cross-country trip of more than 100 nautical miles. Afterward, she must pass a written exam and take a flight test with an FAA administrator.

"The scariest thing will be

proving to them that I know what I'm doing," she said.

Flying is a costly venture. She is responsible for paying depending upon how long the engine is running. Flight time costs about \$40 per hour. Instructor fees cost about \$24 per hour, Folks said that flying is a financial commitment as well as a personal one.

"It's so hard because it's so fun to do," she said. "Someday I hope somebody will be paying me to fly."

O'Brien hopes to take afternoon trips with friends once she's a licensed pilot. Of course, she said convincing her parents to allow their children to fly with her might be a challenge. However, she said her friends are really excited about it.

For O'Brien, who turns 18 on Nov. 23, driving a car and flying a plane are two different things. A licensed driver for two years now, she called driving two-dimensional while flying, she said, is three-dimensional, giving the pilot an option to go up and down.

"They say that (flying) is safer," she said. "But I think it's because the pilots are really safety-conscious. It's not just anybody that can get their license."

But when it happens to her, she said, she'd like to work toward becoming a pilot for a major airline.

Her parents said they support her in this life choice.

"I think it's great and I'm not worried at all," said Julie O'Brien, Sarah's mother. "It's no different than her driving out in a car. She's very responsible and mature."

Sarah's father, Howard O'Brien, has also provided encouragement.

"We have always encouraged our children to pursue what they want," he said. "This is a very significant undertaking."

That doesn't mean that seeing his daughter soar through the air isn't a little unnerving.

"I'm scared out of my mind," Howard O'Brien said, adding, "Sarah's pretty level-headed."

He said the most important lesson associated with her flying is that just because she's a young woman does not mean she's unable to pursue her dreams. The saying the O'Briens often use — "Her altitude is only limited by her attitude" — certainly applies.

When O'Brien isn't in the air, she enjoys horseback riding, reading, and is a member of the National Honor Society. She has also taken theater classes at Oakland Community College and has done improvisational theater at Second City in Detroit. She still considers acting as a career option, a back-up to flying.

"Being a good pilot, she said, means having a great desire to learn and possessing the communication skills necessary to work with others. The longest time she's spent in the air is about three hours, but she said it usually goes by too quickly.

"I'm up for about two hours and it feels like 20 minutes," O'Brien said. "There's a lot of things for you to do up there."

"Sometimes it's just nice to look out the window."

Grant to help develop alternative middle school for Clarkston district

BY DEBRA PASCOE
STAFF WRITER
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Students who don't fit into the traditional education setting should still be afforded an opportunity to learn, educators believe.

That's why administrators from Clarkston Community Schools, the Lake Orion Community School District and Waterford School District have

formed a consortium to develop an alternative middle school setting for students who, for a variety of reasons, can't excel in the normal classroom setting. Lending a financial hand is the Oakland Intermediate School District.

The ISD awarded each district a grant to develop joint programs that focus on school restructuring to integrate the needs of special-needs students.

Funds for those grants were derived from nearly \$3 million in savings the ISD realized by economizing operations and paying off a \$3.6 million technology bond early.

Clarkston Community Schools plans to use its \$75,000 allotment to integrate technology and create supplemental long-distance learning sites. Those changes, according to

David Reschke, assistant superintendent for elementary and middle school operations, will enable students to remain attached to the education system while having their special needs met by teams of social workers, counselors and teaching specialists from the consortium.

"A number of educators talked about what to do with those students that just aren't comfortable in the regular setting and we

started to creatively explore options," Reschke said.

"We started with the concept of the alternative high school and what we would like to see done different. Then we heard about the grants and partnership with other districts."

While it may be assumed at first glance that those qualified for the alternative education concept would be deemed poor

or disciplinary students, Reschke said personal situations, such as a medical condition or physical injury, can keep students out of the mainstream school setting.

"Some students need to be removed from the traditional education setting for a variety of reasons and the grant gives us the ability to provide an adequate and healthy educational environment for them," Reschke said.

Students who may benefit from the alternative middle school program include those who have not achieved academic or social success, have non-productive relationships with other students or teachers or have truancy issues or disciplinary problems.

Clarkston is reviewing a number of approaches to the alternative middle school concept and is now reforming the team of educators who wrote the grant request to make recommendations. He, however, believes the team will focus on creating a distance learning environment that may include summer classes for kids.

With the use of video, e-mail, data transmission and other technological advances, Reschke said the district can reach students in a variety of ways at different times of the day.

"We will basically be bringing people together at one site to improve educational opportunities for those at other sites," he said.

In some cases, Reschke said students may be removed from the traditional classroom setting for either all or part of the day. The distance learning center, he said, will be what links those students to the district.

"Some kids may learn right out of their own home," Reschke said.

Reschke believes a portion of Clarkston's alternative middle school programming should be on line by April with a complete program ready for students when they return for classes in the fall.

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David Reschke
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Clarkston schools

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County officials vote selves, successors a salary boost

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

They haven't taken the oath of office, but newly elected Oakland County Commissioners are already scheduled to get a pay hike.

As of Jan. 1, when the new term begins for all 25 county commissioners, their salary will go from \$25,111 to \$26,743. That's a percentage increase of roughly 6.5 percent, or about 3.25 percent on an annual basis.

Under state law, county commissioners and other elected officials cannot vote a salary increase for themselves. But outgoing county commissioners can — and do — vote for pay hikes for incoming

county commissioners.

Since there are eight new commissioners taking office in January, 17 commissioners voted on pay hikes for themselves. Commissioners will not be eligible for another raise until January 2001.

Pay increases are nothing new for county employees or elected officials. Nonunion employees, appointees and department heads generally get pay hikes in the 3 percent range annually, and 1998 was no exception. Unionized employees get negotiated raises, usually on an annual basis.

Elected officials also get pay increases annually. Effective Sept. 26, the county executive, clerk/register of deeds, drain commissioner, treasurer, sher-

iff and prosecutor received pay hikes.

Those pay hikes were:
■ County executive, from \$126,182 to \$129,967.

■ Clerk/register of deeds, from \$97,102 to \$100,015.

■ Drain commissioner, from \$97,102 to \$100,015.

■ Treasurer, from \$97,102 to \$100,015.

■ Sheriff, from \$97,102 to \$100,015.

■ Prosecutor, from \$109,069 to \$112,341.

Commissioner Sue Ann Douglas, chair of the county board's finance committee, said raises for commissioners are comparable to those awarded to the county's other 4,530 full- and part-time employees.

Here comes the judge...early

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Colleen O'Brien will be going to work as Oakland's newest circuit judge sooner than expected.

Within a week of being elected to succeed the late Robert Anderson, O'Brien was appointed to also finish out Anderson's unexpired term. That means the Rochester Hills attorney will be sworn Wednesday, rather than after the first of the year.

Her appointment was announced by Gov. John Engler Friday, three days after O'Brien won a hotly-contested race with Steve Kaplan of West Bloomfield. "I am pleased to give Colleen this opportunity to begin serving the residents of Oakland County on the circuit court," Engler said in a press release.

O'Brien Tuesday said she wasn't surprised by the appoint-

ment, although she expected to be sworn into office around Jan. 1. "I had planned on going back to work anyway. This means I won't get as much vacation as I had hoped."

O'Brien expected to take a few days off with her husband, attorney Tom Cory, after the Nov. 3 election. Instead, she will be sworn into office Wednesday (Nov. 18). "This is a very busy time for me," she said.

Since the August primary, O'Brien and Kaplan had run tough, but clean campaigns emphasizing voter contact, direct mailing, yard signs and

advertising. At a time other political races featured name calling and negative advertising, their campaign seemed refreshing.

O'Brien finished first in the primary — a tight three-way race. In the Nov. 3 election, she pulled 161,464 votes — or 54.5 percent of the total — compared with Kaplan's 134,815.

Judge Anderson was scheduled to retire in January, but he suffered a stroke in March and died in August. Visiting Judge J. Phillip Jourdan, a retired Wayne Circuit judge, was to handle the docket until January, but will no longer need to

STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

A circuit judge can't tell the Michigan High School Athletic Association how to run a wrestling meet, a unanimous state Supreme Court has ruled.

The high court overturned decisions by the Court of Appeals and Genesee Circuit Judge Geoffrey Neithcut holding MHSAA executive director John Roberts in contempt of court. The high court also overturned Judge Neithcut's fine of the MHSAA \$250 and charging it attorney costs for the father of a Lake Fenton High wrestler who sued.

Reason: When high schools join MHSAA, it amounts to the board of education's agreeing in advance "to be bound by any ruling that is within the scope of the arbitrator's authority." One can't sue after he has agreed to arbitration.

It added: "The MHSAA is an association that includes nearly every public and private high school in Michigan." The court cited its own 1991 decision against Cardinal Mooney High

in Detroit and the Court of Appeals' 1985 decision against North Farmington High. Both upheld MHSAA's rule against participation by 19-year-olds.

The Lake Fenton case started Feb. 15, 1995, when it lost a match by one point to New Lothrop. On the bus trip home, the Lake Fenton coach discovered New Lothrop had violated a rule by using a wrestler in the wrong weight class. James Kirby, father of a Lake Fenton wrestler, and the school sued the MHSAA for a spot in the regional finals.

The MHSAA ruled that a defeated team can't advance, even if the apparent winner (New Lothrop) forfeits. Kirby also won a court order that Lake Fenton be permitted to compete in the regionals — two minutes too late. The MHSAA's Roberts refused to stop the scheduled match, and Lake Fenton didn't compete.

Peters moves up

Sen. Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township moved up in the Democratic hierarchy last week when he was elected caucus chair. Peters, who won a second four-year term on Nov. 3, succeeds Dianne Byrum of Onondaga.

Senate Democrats, their numbers shrunk from the current 16 to 15 as of Jan. 1, re-elected John Cherry of Clio as minority leader and Virgil Smith of Detroit as minority floor leader. Sen. George Z. Hart of Dearborn retains his post as assis-

tant caucus chair.

The public won't see Peters at work. The Open Meetings Act allows legislative party caucuses to be closed. Peters will preside

when Democrats thresh out the positions and proposed amendments on controversial bills.

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Sunday, November 15, 1998

True confessions: Hairdressers dish the dirt

Have you ever looked at yourself when you go to your salon to have your hair done? It is not a pretty picture!

Doesn't it stand to reason that on the day of your appointment you do your hair and makeup to the best of your ability? Let us see your handiwork so we can tell you where you are going wrong or what you're doing right.

BEAUTY AND THE BEST



JEFFREY BRUCE

This leads me to today's topic. I asked several of my favorite stylists just what gripes they have about their customers. I also asked for suggestions to help the client. Some responses may surprise you. Many, I'm afraid, will not.

Elaine Sovinsky, owner of Mafalda's Salon in Livonia (734-476-1383), advises you to check on the licensing of the stylists. Many salons utilize unlicensed personnel. Also, make sure that the staff is up on the latest techniques. There are hundreds of hair shows each year. Are they pursuing their education or are they back in the "Dark Ages?"

As for color, Elaine says if you have done your own color, be prepared to spend the time and the money to have it repaired.

Michelle Hirschuk, owner of Salon 140 in Rochester (248-656-4990), wants you to be realistic in your expectations. Do not bring in a photo of Cindy Crawford and expect your artist to duplicate the look. Discuss the feasible possibilities: price, maintenance and frequency of visits.

Mary Alice Sawyer, owner of Tantalus Salon in Livonia (734-421-0078), stresses that to maintain the look your hairdresser has accomplished, you must have the proper tools. "We are not trying to take your money," says Sawyer, "but by using the correct brush, styling gels, etc., you will get closer to what we have done in the salon."

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She also has a thing about Rapunzels who want to keep their long thin hair. It's not flattering and definitely detracts from your natural beauty.

Donna Wallace, owner of Charles & Company in Canton (734-981-5311), considers over-bleached blondes a major issue. "When a woman comes in and wants corrective color and will not do foiling (highlights), the hair will have no depth and will look too flat," she says.

Wallace also says her staff has to train dictatorial clients who feel that they know more than the hairdressers. "We," she stresses, "are the professionals."

And now it's my turn. When you come to see a makeup artist, come with an open mind. The reason why I ask you to come in with no makeup on is that I do not want any preconceived notions about how you think you should look. I want to be objective about your subjective situation. And remember, you are not a season. You are a human being. Do not fall victim to color fads or people who advocate them. Go to a professional for a makeover. Which leads me to a most important announcement.

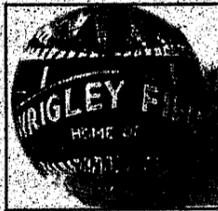
After nine years in Birmingham, I will be changing my base of operations for your personal makeovers. The beautiful Hotel Baronette in Novi at Twelve Oaks Mall will be our new home. This luxurious new surrounding offers me a superb Presidential Suite from which to work, and is there nothing jollier than Santa Jeffrey wielding his magic in an opulent space?

I have added a week in January when I will be doing your makeovers, personally. Groups of four will be with me for 2 1/2 hours and the session will include makeup application, a makeup lesson, a complete skin care lesson and lots of advice on your hair. The minimum purchase of \$125 is applied to any Jeffrey Bruce alcohol-based products you would like.

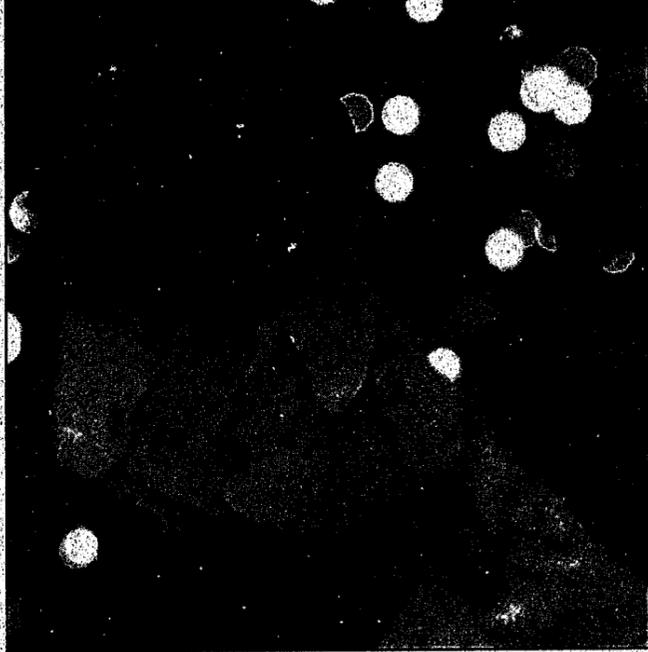
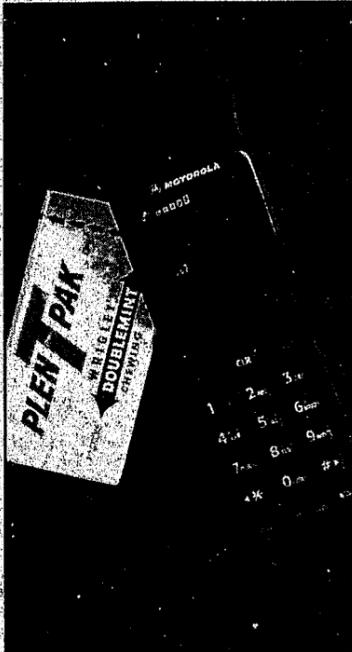
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Next month: Winter skin care. And promise it won't be boring.

Turn ho-hum into ho-ho-ho



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Present perfect: (clockwise from top left) Pillow pals, The Unforgettaball, "Pearls pour la pet" from Jacobson's, Burberry doggie trench coat, diminutive cell phone from Let's Talk Cellular and the paper suit from Hugo Boss. Staff photos by Tom Hoffmeyer

BY LINDA BACHRACK
STAFF WRITER

By now you've been inundated with catalogs tempting you with all manner of gift ideas, from fruit baskets and feathered bras to talking Santas and sushi plates. How do you wade through the myriad gewgaws and gadgets to find the most distinctive gifts for giving this holiday season?

Says Linda McIntosh, marketing director at the Somerset Collection, "Our array of shops offer something unique for everyone, priced from \$10 to \$10,000." To illustrate, the stores at Somerset chose a few of their most distinctive gifts for a pre-holiday presentation. We share some of our favorites:

• Back when bars were built into the paneled wall of the basement Rumpus Room, shelves were lined with high-precision bar ware, like perfectly calibrated jiggers and double-action stirrers. You likely would have found a nickel-plated cocktail shaker in the shape of a penguin, with a screw-cap at the tip of the beak. Originally produced in 1936 by the Napier Company of Meridian, Conn., the penguin shaker is again available for pouring drinks to the beat of Louis Prima, at Restoration Hardware (\$48).

• Pop Art comes in all guises, including paper suits. Hugo Boss recreates the legendary DuPont Tyvek suit made famous by artist James Rosenquist in the 1960s. One of the suits is on permanent display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute. For information on purchasing one of the remaining 24 shabby-chic ensembles, contact Hugo Boss (248-816-6091).

• Remember the classic "I Love Lucy" moment when Lucy and Ethel had meltdowns in the chocolate factory? Madame Alexander dolls capture the memory. Dressed in factory uni-

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• From Grate & Barrel, a glass

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• For those thoughtful correspondents who forgo e-mail and continue to express themselves on paper, nothing communicates your love more than words penned in scented French inks from Savoir Faire at Crane & Co. Choose from French perfume fragrances (\$36) or men's colognes (\$34).

• Burberry's classic trench coat, the universal standard in rainwear, is now available in five sizes for Fido. Yes, your best friend can hit the neighborhood sidewalks in style. How's that for pampered pedigrees? Exclusively at Burberry's (\$210-\$240).

• Perhaps the ideal pen pal is the mini-massage pen (\$25) from Chiasso. It writes as effectively as it relieves head and neck pain. A perfect stocking stuffer for the stressed-out college student. Also from Chiasso, a thermoplastic vase that bends and

shapes to hold daisies as well as long-stemmed roses (\$28).

• Pack the ultimate picnic in a woven basket with leather fittings and all of the necessities for a special occasion alfresco feast. This basket contains cutlery with staghorn handles, hand-painted dishes and glasses, food containers and a leather condiment caddy. An Austrian linen cloth completes the gourmet basket from Ghurka (\$2,900).

• No more wedging the cell phone into an over-stuffed purse. There's always room for a pack of gum, and at 2.7 ounces, that's the size of Motorola's new phone with a built-in answering machine, voice recorder and 90-minute talk time. The smallest phone available, Motorola B3620 can be found at Let's Talk Cellular (\$900 with activation).

• Avid sports fans can keep their favorite team mascots with them through the holidays. Just place these Santa dolls next to the remote control—they stand over two feet tall and wear Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Lions and U-M uniforms. Handcrafted by Mary Beth Designs, the Santa dolls can be found exclusively at Saks Fifth Avenue (\$250-\$290).

• The buyers at Jacobson's also have come up with some incredibly distinctive gift ideas. Consider an Unforgettaball, a limited-edition hand-designed baseball depicting such venerable stadiums as Wrigley Field and Yankee Stadium (\$24). Need a little jewelry to go with Fido's Burberry coat? "Pearls pour le pooch" is a stretch pearl necklace with a bone charm (\$15). Also available with bone charms for kitties. Your child can snuggle up with his own plush Pillow Pal and watch all of the holiday TV specials. Available in Santa, snowman or reindeer, \$25.



Big Al: Alfred at your service, \$8,000, Sharper Image.

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 6 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

ALL ABOARD

Richard Scarry's Busytown Express visits Livonia's Wonderland Mall today only. Kids can help build the world's largest wooden train.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WELCOME MR. CLAU

A horse-drawn sleigh flies Santa to Oakland Mall where he'll lead a parade to his Department 56 fantasy snow castle at Center Court, 7 p.m. Santa arrives at "Santa's Winter Village" in MeadowBrook Village mall. A horse-drawn carriage delivers him to his own winter wonderland, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

SANTA SIGHTINGS

Santa arrives by horse and carriage outside

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Entrance 6 at Westland Mall. The Mopo Bears and Westley Holiday Bear join Santa for a holiday performance, 11 a.m.

Fairlane Town Center welcomes Santa and his masquerade-costumed elves. Santa will rock to Opryland Productions' "Ring Them Bells," 1 p.m.

At 8 a.m., the Somerset Collection welcomes Santa and The Royal Court for breakfast in the Peacock Café. Breakfasts every Saturday through Dec. 24. \$5. Reservations taken next to Santa's Castle in Somerset North.

Marc Thomas and Max the Moose join Santa at Tel-Twelve Mall to help celebrate the mall's 30th anniversary, 1 p.m. Center Court.

Kick off the holiday season with a special appearance by Santa and several Radio City Christmas Spectacular Rockettes at Twelve Oaks. Noon in Center Court.

FOLK ART

Internationally known folk artist, Barbara Bourgeois-Richards will be signing her work at her

Birmingham gallery, B. Bourgeois-Richards, 12-4 p.m. She will premiere four new prints and her 1998 Holiday print, 154 West Maple, Birmingham.

NATIVE TALENT

Buffalo Spirit Native Dance Theatre, Canada's premier Native dance troupe, entertains festival-goers at the Sixth annual Native American Festival and Mini Pow Wow, today and Sunday at the Novi Expo Center, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. today and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. \$6 ages 3 and up.

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

The San Francisco Music Box & Gift Company in Twelve Oaks mall introduces a line of collectible musicals inspired by Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Each Dickens piece purchased will be signed by Jeanne-Marie Dickens, great-great granddaughter of the author, 1-6 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

BEAR BASH

The 1998 Festival of Trees presents The Teddy Bear Brunch, a benefit for Children's Hospital of Michigan, 11 a.m. Cobo Conference & Exhibition Center \$10, \$8 children under 12. (248) 650-8733.

Lawmakers want more speeders to pay the price

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Smart speeders know they have an excellent chance of beating a freeway ticket in Oakland County if they contest it in court. Reason: State Police troopers can't be in two or three district courts at once, so there's a strong possibility the judge will dismiss the case when the ticket-writing trooper doesn't show up.

"I've had 5,000 violations dismissed in a year," Lt. Steve Krafft, commander of the Michigan State Police metro north post in Oak Park, told the Senate Judiciary Committee on Nov. 10.

"One-third of the tickets are challenged. They (violators) know what's happening," he said. "I've had days when I have 14 troopers, and they're all in court. I've had all the troopers in court at once."

Krafft's post covers Oakland and half of Macomb County. It patrols the I-696, I-75, I-94 and I-96 freeways. Any ticket is handled by the district court in which the stop is made.

Southeast Oakland County, in particular, has many tiny cities, each with its own district court. "There are three different judicial districts within a mile," said Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, who has a bill that would help Krafft.

Krafft wants the Senate, in its closing days of the 1998 session, to adopt Gubow's House Bill 5741. It would give the state court administrator, MSP and local courts the option of designating which court a batch of tickets would be assigned to rather than the district where the stop was made. "Senators didn't like it."

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"Could a person who gets a ticket not appear in front of the local judge?" Asked Sen. Ron Cisky, R-Huntington Woods, Michigan law enforcement officials.

"Yes," Gubow said. "But venue (location of the court hearing) is not a constitutional requirement. We're altering that for the purpose of (only) by the Michigan State Police. It would leave a vast resource of local government."

"One-third (challenged) somebody's writing based on the fact that 100 percent of their time in court," Krafft said, adding that "48 percent of my overtime cost is in court—\$150,000 a year."

Even Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, a former FBI agent, was unsympathetic to Krafft. "We're going to inconvenience people for the sake of the State Police? I think we oughta get our act together first," Rogers said.

Gordon Gots, representing the Michigan State Troopers Association, faulted MSP administrators. "MSP has chosen to

close posts and open superposts (like north metro). Management has centralized the process. I question whether management has done enough," Gots said.

"We don't view (Gubow's bill) as something to be proud of," picking the judge, Gots said.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Hills, was more sympathetic to the bill. "It doesn't give me a lot of comfort to have troopers scattered across municipalities courts. The key is the troopers on the high-way."

The Gubow Bill would amend the judiciary act to allow negotiation of the processing of MSP tickets. It is narrowly crafted to apply only to quantities of more than 700,000. Wayne, Oakland and Macomb and excludes Detroit's 248th District Court because of its size.

Because district courts are viewed as revenue sources as well as halls of justice, the bill acquires all affected funding units (cities and townships) to approve the agreement. They may cancel a deal on six months notice.

Seeing his members split, chair William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, took no vote, casting doubt over whether the bill could be reported out in time for a final Senate vote by the end of the year.

Refer to House Bill 5741 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, PO Box 30036, Lansing 48909.

Detroit, suburbs renew revenue-sharing battle

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Business people are weighing in on behalf of older cities to preserve their state-shared revenue. It promises to be a fight down to the closing hours of the Michigan Legislature.

The Republican-controlled Senate in June passed a bill that cuts Detroit's share and gives more to growing suburban cities and townships (SB 1181). The House has passed HB 5989, giving Detroit \$62.5 million a year for the next six years.

"Revenue sharing should reward those municipal governments that attempt to keep taxes low, provide efficient services and improve economic competitiveness," said Sarah Hubbard of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.

She was joined by Gretchen Couraud of the Lansing Regional Chamber and Kevin Korpi of the Michigan Chamber. In a State Capitol news conference, they called for a new and "more evenly weighted formula" protecting cities with old infrastructure.

"Additionally, the chambers will remind legislators that shifts of funding away from urban centers could hurt business efforts to revitalize downtowns and support renaissance zones."

Born in 1971, state revenue sharing has rewarded Detroit with its high property taxes, personal income taxes on commuters and residents, and utilities tax.

Critics—usually conservative Republicans and the Michigan Townships Association—say it's a loot the treasury to reward high tax cities.

"The bill will appear to be steering a large amount of state aid to cities. It will encourage more efficient, particularly in the process."

The chamber said he had no new ideas on how to better utilization of existing resources and discourage unplanned growth and development.

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Sen. Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids

a payback for special Detroit corporate welfare." He cited Detroit's using its power of eminent domain to accumulate land for General Motors' Poletown plant, bulldozing people's homes, small businesses and churches to make room for the new casinos and stadiums, and the city's loss on buying and reselling Chrysler's equipment for its Jefferson Avenue plant.

Author of the Senate bill is Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids. "For a quarter century," Steil said, "Michigan's cities, townships and villages have been shortchanged by a revenue-sharing formula that is biased toward one city - Detroit."

The Senate approved 30-6 Steil's new formula for sharing \$1.4 billion with local units. It limits any local unit to 8 percent in one year. Most importantly, it crimps the "relative tax effort" standard, a formula that benefited units with already high taxes—namely, Detroit.

SB 1181 was supported by all area Republicans along with Senate minority leader John Cherry, D-Cllo, and Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem.

Opposed were George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, and five other Wayne County Democrats. Detroit won't be the only loser, objected Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit. Once SB 1181 is fully phased in, South Lyon, Southfield and even Northville would lose significant chunks of aid down the road.

The Senate Fiscal Agency said the next year's pot will be up 2.5 percent from the current year and estimates future annual increases at 3 percent.

Steil's formula would give Oakland County a boost of 7.4 percent or \$23.7 million. Wayne County would take a cut of \$48 million, or 9.1 percent; Detroit would lose \$306 million, or 7.5 percent. Due for the full 8 percent increases are Livonia, Northville Township, Garden City and Westland.

Other winners would be townships and growing cities such as Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, East Lansing, Sault Ste. Marie, Escanaba, Mt. Pleasant, Lapeer, St. Clair Shores, Midland, Farmington Hills and dozens more," Steil said.

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Appointments
Gov. John Engler has appointed...
Lof... of Bloomfield Hills to the Michigan Humani...
Council, an independent...
organization that fo...
... traditions...
... devotes much time to

charitable causes, including child abuse, the Goodwill Foundation, Public Broadcasting, Detroit Historical Museum, Michigan Humane Society, Temple Beth El, the Detroit Institute of Arts and Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony.
Keith Harrison of Holt to the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency science advisory board. Harrison is executive director of the Michigan Environmental Science Board. Engler made the nomination to the federal government last April. Harrison is a certified ecologist with degrees from Michigan State and Western Michigan universities.

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TWIST ON TRADITION



CHEF RANDY EMERT

Thanksgiving can be an adventure

Even though I am a firm believer in tradition — Super Bowl Sunday, Batman & Robin, Maize and Blue — I feel Thanksgiving sometimes needs a boost. Don't get me wrong, turkey, stuffing, corn, cranberries and mashed potatoes all are my favorites. But there's nothing wrong with adding a twist on tradition.

This Thanksgiving, it's my turn to cook dinner. For years my family has taken turns cooking the 15-pound turkey and the vat of stuffing, but this year I am going to try it differently. Starting with the family favorites and transforming them into something unique is quite the challenge. My family shouldn't be too concerned, as I'll still cook a small turkey for those non-adventurous types!

You may ask yourselves, why the change? Well, why not? Cooking is my passion, but creating is my love. This Thanksgiving, I'm trying something new and hope you enjoy adding these dishes to your Thanksgiving menu. Hey if the Pilgrims hadn't, where would we be now?

SEARED TURKEY MEDALLIONS WITH MUSHROOM-PEAR STUFFING AND NATURAL SAUCE

SERVES 4

For Turkey:
1 (two pound) fresh turkey breast, cut into 2 1/2 ounce medallions salt and pepper
Olive oil spray

For Stuffing:
1 pound of mushrooms, julienne (a mix of shitake, oyster and button are recommended)

4 slices stale and dried, large diced, fat-free bread
2 pears, cored and diced
3 egg whites

1/2 cups chicken broth, fat free
1 large onion, small diced
2 stalks celery, small diced
3 large shallots, minced
3 cloves of garlic, minced
4 tablespoons of fresh sage, chopped fine
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup toasted walnuts optional

For Natural Sauce:
1 pound Turkey bones
1 quart chicken broth, fat free
1 onion, rough cut
1 stalk celery, rough cut
1 tablespoon of fresh chopped thyme
3 bay leaves
6 cracked black peppercorns
Salt and pepper to taste

For stuffing:
In a large sauté pan add onions, celery and mushrooms and cook over low heat, covered for about 6-8 minutes. Add the shallots, garlic and sage and cook another 6-8 minutes until everything is cooked. Add the pears and walnuts and remove from heat. Let cool. In a bowl mix in the egg whites, bread, vegetable mixture, chicken stock and salt and pepper. Put mixture in an oven safe pan and bake at 350 degrees F. for 30-35 minutes.

For Turkey:
When the stuffing has only about 20 minutes left you can start on the Turkey medallions. In a hot large non-stick pan, sprayed with olive oil, place the seasoned medallions and cook over medium high heat about 4-5 minutes on each side. Cook until an internal temperature of 165 degrees F. or until white all the way through.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Cheers for Beer
- Thanksgiving treasures



Family favorite Samira Yako Cholagh presents some of her favorite Middle Eastern dishes: Fried Syrian Kibbeh (front to back), Rajma, Broz, Chick Pea Dip, Stuffed Dates, Lita Lita Crisps, and Toasted Bread Salad

MOM SHARES MIDDLE EASTERN TREASURED DISHES

BY KERRY WYGNONIK
STYLIST: JANE WALKER

Samira Yako Cholagh, who has a mother and grandmother, never learned to cook until she was 16. But when she decided to compile some of her favorite recipes for a cookbook, she had to learn.

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meals, bread and yogurt too. The oldest of seven children, Cholagh is a graduate of Wayne State University, and Vincent is a graduate of the same school.

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annances the flavor of Middle Eastern dishes, which are also helpful in the kitchen.

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Celebrate the 1998 harvest with Beaujolais

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

The third Thursday of November (the 19th this year) is cause for Bacchanalian harvest rites around the world. At the stroke of midnight, Beaujolais Nouveau is introduced in France and then flown all over the world to be enjoyed.

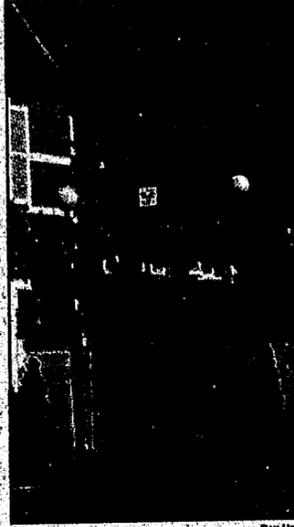
Beaujolais is not only the most southerly Burgundy wine region, it is "art de vivre" as the French would say. Although made from only one grape variety, gamay, it is a wine of many faces. It is first bottled as the playful Beaujolais Nouveau, the new wine from the recent harvest. Then, the following March, it is released as Beaujolais Villages or one of the 10 cru Beaujolais that has matured in vats of barrels.

Whatever its various permutations, the fresh, fruity flavors are enjoyable. Especially so at the American Thanksgiving dinner table. No wine complements the wide range of tastes from turkey with stuffing and cranberry sauce to sweet potatoes like Beaujolais.

In Paris restaurants and bistros, Beaujolais Nouveau is welcomed like a film star. With one exception. It makes its appearance in all of them at the same moment. There is a wild, celebratory atmosphere as people vie to be the first to drink the

cellar selections for holidays in the future. 1995 Silverado Cabernet Sauvignon Limited Release \$53. Since 1981, only seven vintages merited the Limited Release label. This is the first to be blended with cabernet franc and merlot and it's a winner! Two new Cabernets from Caketbread show distinct vineyard differences. The French call this terroir: 1995 Caketbread, Three Sisters Cabernet Sauvignon \$65 and 1995 Caketbread Benchland Select Cabernet Sauvignon \$65. Very different from each other, we give the edge to the Benchland!

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Wine museum: Georges Duboeuf's "Le Hammeau du Vin" (The Hamlet of Wine), an extraordinary wine museum in Romaneche-Thorins, France in the heart of Beaujolais is open to visitors year round.

- Here are some tips from Samira Yako Cholagh's kitchen to yours.
- When using raisins and nuts with batter, coat them well with flour. This will prevent them from sticking to the bottom.
- To figure out whether baking powder is still active, place 1 teaspoon in 1/2 cup cold water. If the water bubbles or foams immediately, the baking powder is still good.
- To be sure eggs are fresh, place them in a bowl of cool water. If they are fresh, they will sink. If they are medium-fresh, one end will be sticking up. If they are bad, they will float. The color of the yolk has no significance.
- Orange juice can be substituted for water in yeast breads. Yeast works well with fruit-sugar.
- Milk gives a brown color when used in dough. It makes a soft crust if brushed on the outside before baking.
- Preheat oven for at least 15 minutes before baking.
- Plastic wrap is ideal of the first rising of yeast bread. It keeps the moisture in.
- To prevent eggplant from absorbing any oil while frying, salt sliced eggplants and leave for 1-2 hours. Then dry each slice with a paper towel. Another option is to soak the slices in salted water and let stand for 1-2 hours, then dry.
- To prevent cauliflower florets from discoloring, add salt after cooking. For a milder flavor, cook cauliflower in an equal amount of milk and water.
- To prevent yogurt from separating when cooking, stir on low heat with a wooden spoon in only one direction.

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For Sauce:

Place all ingredients except salt into a 1 gallon stock pot and simmer uncovered until liquid has a good turkey flavor. Strain and season with salt.

APPLE CRANBERRY STRUDEL WITH VANILLA SAUCE

- Serves 4
- 2 Granny Smith Apples peeled, diced and seeded
- 1 cup fresh cranberries
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 3 sheets of phyllo dough
- Olive Oil spray

Cook apples with spices and half

of the brown sugar, over low heat, just until tender, in a small covered sauce pan and set aside. Cook the cranberries in a covered sauce pan with the orange juice and the other half of the brown sugar, over medium heat, until all the cranberries have split.

Let both apples and cranberries cool then mix together. Lay out one sheet of phyllo and spray with the olive oil then do this two more times. Cut the dough into four making cross sections. Divide the mixture into four equal parts and put in the center of each piece of Phyllo dough. Fold in the corners of the dough and place on an oiled pan with the seam down. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown. Serve with or without sauce.

FOR VANILLA SAUCE

- 1 cup of skim milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 egg white

Place all ingredients into a double boiler and whip continuously with wire whisk until mixture begins to thicken. Let cool before serving.

SWEET POTATO GNOCCHI WITH FALL VEGETABLES

- Serves 4
- 1 small sweet potato, roasted, peeled and mashed (must be same size as Idaho potato)
- 1 small Idaho potato, roasted, peeled and mashed (must be same size as sweet

- potato)
- 1 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 1 egg white
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- salt and pepper to taste
- extra all purpose flour for rolling dumplings
- 1 large onion, julienne
- 1 small bulb fennel, julienne
- 1 small parsnip, julienne
- 1 small carrot, julienne
- 1 leek, top removed, julienne
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Mix together sweet potato and Idaho potato in medium size bowl. Scrape bowl, then add egg whites, flour, spices and seasoning. Mix

thoroughly, but careful not to over mix. The dough should not be sticky. Let the dough rest for 1 hour in the cooler. Bring to a boil about 1 quart of water with salt. Put some all purpose flour onto a flat surface for rolling the dough. Roll the dough into a thin long log shape, then cut the dough with a knife about every 3/4". Press the dumpling lightly with a fork. Put the gnocch into the water and boil for about 5-6 minutes or until the center is not doughy. Strain and cool immediately, then coat with oil spray to keep from sticking and set aside.

In a large sauté skillet add all of the vegetables, cover and cook over low heat until slightly tender. In another large skillet put the tablespoon of olive oil over medium high heat. Once the oil comes to a

smoking point add the gnocchi, sauté until golden on both sides, add the cooked vegetables, garlic, salt and pepper. Cook an additional 2-3 minutes and serve.

Randy Emert of Clarkston is the Executive Chef at Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, 4480 Orion Road, Rochester, (248) 651-8361. He is a graduate of Schoolcraft College in Livonia, and was captain of the 1996 Michigan Culinary Team, which won seven medals at the World Culinary Salon, a prestigious competition held every four years in Germany. An active member of the American Culinary Federation and the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association, Emert loves to cook, and teach people about food. Look for his next column in Taste on Sunday, Jan. 17.

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Don't take it seriously

Fruity Beaujolais Nouveau is easy to drink and not meant to be taken too seriously. On this account, it has been "put down" and denigrated by wine snobs in the U.S. We've even heard about wine shops that won't carry Beaujolais Nouveau.

Don't pay attention to these people. Put some fun back into your wine drinking - drink some Beaujolais Nouveau with friends and family as early as you can this year. Pretend you're in a Paris bistro and laugh together a lot! Conviviality and the hard

to-define magic of Beaujolais Nouveau are the perfect way to usher in the upcoming holiday season.

The fruity aromas and taste of Beaujolais stem not only from the gamay grape but from the way Beaujolais is made. The method is called carbonic maceration which preserves fruit qualities and maximizes color extraction, while minimizing tannins from grape skins that can cause bitterness.

Grapes are fermented whole, quickly and at relatively warm temperature. Must in the fermentation tank is rarely pumped

over the cap. Contact between skin and juice is two to three weeks at most under a blanket of carbon dioxide gas.

Beaujolais Nouveau production modifies this regimen slightly. No carbon dioxide is used and the skin to juice contact time is only three to eight days at most.

Recognized king

The recognized king of Beaujolais is Georges Duboeuf. You can tell that Duboeuf enjoys Beaujolais. His Beaujolais wine labels are different each year and are the most colorful and attractive. His enthusiasm

caused him to create "Le Hamlet du Vin" (The Hamlet of Wine), an extraordinary wine museum in Romanèche-Thorins, France, in the heart of Beaujolais.

In our opinion, Duboeuf Beaujolais is consistently and reliably good. According to Duboeuf, the 1998 Beaujolais harvest began on Sept. 8. The region's good weather and precocity of the crop hold the promise of a superior 1998 vintage. "The month of August always influences quality," he said. "August in Beaujolais was very, very hot, which has led to very good maturity.

The 1998 Beaujolais Nouveau has beautiful red color. It exhibits a broad aromatic palette of well-ripened red fruits - raspberry, strawberry, cherry and blackberry. No single fruit dominates as it does in some vintages. In 1998, aromas are blended and interlaced, resulting in more finesse, elegance and freshness than last year.

Expect to pay around \$9 for Duboeuf Beaujolais Nouveau this year.

Celebration

Celebrate Beaujolais Nouveau at The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, 8-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, cost is

\$35 per person. The event is sponsored by Merchants Fine Wines with proceeds benefiting C.A.T.C.H. and the Music Hall. Taste this year's crop of Beaujolais Nouveau along with fine wines for the upcoming holiday season accompanied by an assortment of foods. Call (313) 563-8700 to reserve.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Middle Eastern recipes are family treasures

See related story on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Samira Yako Cholagh, author of "Treasured Middle Eastern Cookbook."

SKEWED CHICKEN KABOBS WITH YOGURT

- Serves 4-6
- 3 chicken breasts (2-3 pounds)

- 1-cup yogurt
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt

Mix yogurt, lemon juice, curry powder, olive oil, and salt in a small bowl. Blend well.

Wash chicken breasts with

cold water and dry with kitchen towel. Cut into cubes and place in a large mixing bowl. Pour yogurt mixture over chicken and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for 4-8 hours or overnight.

Prepare the grill

Place chicken cubes on skewers and grill over hot coals for 15-20 minutes or until tender and golden. Use pita bread to remove the kabob from skewers.

350°F oven until golden brown and crispy, about 5-10 minutes. Set aside.

Chop lettuce leaves. Peel cucumber and cut into large pieces. Chop parsley and cut tomatoes in small wedges. Chop green and red peppers into small pieces. Peel onions and slice. Chop fresh mint leaves. Place all vegetables in a large salad bowl and mix well.

Mix salad dressing ingredients and pour over vegetables. Add toasted bread and toss well. Serve immediately before bread gets lumpy.

Wash lentils well with cold water and place in saucepan. Add 2 cups water and bring to boil. Cook lentils until half cooked and drain into colander.

Heat 2 tablespoons vegetable oil in a large saucepan. Drain rice, add to saucepan, and stir. Add hot water. Ensure that at least 1 inch of hot water is above rice. Add salt and cumin. Bring to boil and cook for 2-3 minutes.

Reduce heat, cover pan, and cook for 10 minutes. Add cooked lentils and stir gently. Cover and cook on low heat for 10-15 minutes. Turn off heat and leave for 10 minutes.

Heat remaining vegetable oil until hot. Pour over rice and lentil mixture. Add fried onion, mix gently, and serve.

PITA BREAD

- Makes 12 loaves
- 8 cups bread flour
- 3 cups warm water
- 2 envelopes dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt

Dissolve yeast in 1/4 cup warm water, sprinkle with sugar, and let stand until foamy (about 5 minutes).

Place flour and salt in a large mixing bowl. Add yeast mixture

and remaining water. Knead well by hand or with electric mixer to form a smooth, soft dough.

Turn dough out onto lightly floured board and knead, adding additional flour only as needed to prevent sticking, until dough is smooth and pliable.

Form dough into a smooth ball. Place in an oiled bowl, turn to coat all surfaces, cover with a kitchen towel, and let rise in a warm place for 1 hour or until it has doubled in size.

Punch the dough down, cover, and let rise again until double in size.

Punch down, knead gently, and divide into 12 equal portions. Knead each portion and form into a ball. Cover and let rest for 20-30 minutes.

Preheat oven at 500°F. Place baking sheet on lower rack.

Roll out each portion on floured board into circles 1/4-inch thick. Bake on baking sheet for 4-5 minutes until it puffs up like a balloon and is golden brown. Remove the bread and wrap with a cloth to keep warm and soft. Repeat with remaining loaves.

Optional: Whole wheat flour or half mixture of white and whole wheat flour may used.

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TOASTED BREAD SALAD

Serves 4-6

- 2 pita breads
- 1 head romaine lettuce
- 1 large cucumber
- 1 small bunch parsley
- 2 large tomatoes
- 1/2 green bell pepper
- 1/2 red bell pepper
- 1 large white onion
- 2 tablespoons fresh mint leaves or 1 tablespoon dried mint leaves

Salad dressing

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons sumac
- Salt to taste

Cut pita bread into small squares using kitchen scissors or knife. Brush with olive oil and place on a baking sheet. Toast in

MUJADARAH

RICE WITH LENTILS

Serves 4-6

- 2 cups long grain rice
- 1/2 cup brown lentils
- 2 large onions
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 4-5 cups hot water
- Salt

Wash rice well and soak in cold water for 15-20 minutes. Cut onion in half, peel, and slice. Heat 2 tablespoons vegetable oil in a large saucepan, add sliced onion and fry until golden brown. Remove from pan and set aside.

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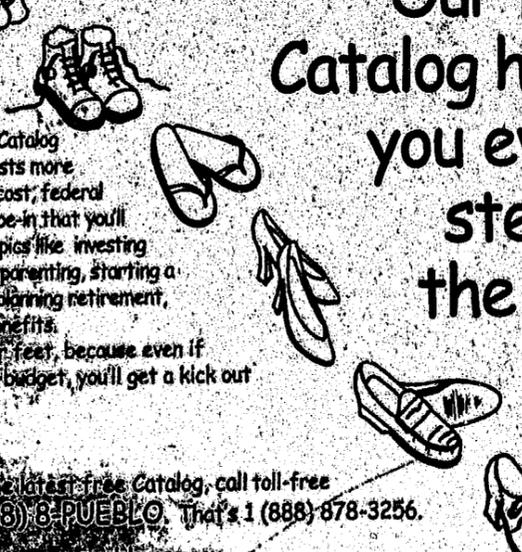
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CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

Museum views history through grandfather's eyes

In Anthony Powell's lectures about how the West was settled, there's no John Wayne hulking around the horizon with a coxswain machismo. Nor is there a Gary Cooper-type staring down tumble weeds, and defiantly spitting tobacco in the eye of anyone with a twitch of opposition. Powell's view of American history isn't the typical sanitized Hollywood version of the old West, but a rendition from the eyes of his grandfather, a black soldier who served for more than 40 years in the U.S. Army, including a charge up San Juan Hill during the Spanish American War. No, that's not a reference to a grudgingly played World Cup Soccer match between Spain and the U.S. But to the 1898 battle made famous by Teddy Roosevelt.

The only historical inaccuracy, however, is that it wasn't Sir Teddy who first claimed the strategic Spanish post, but a group of black soldiers. History is never quite reducible to a Hollywood poster.

The dream & nightmare

In an exhibit that opened Saturday, the Museum of African American History presents an intimate portrayal of the life and times of black military men, popularly known as Buffalo Soldiers.

The name, by the way, was given to the soldiers by Native Americans. A respectful reference, said Powell, to the Native American's most sacred prey.

About one in five soldiers in the U.S. Cavalry were black, and nearly 85 percent of the soldiers in the battles with Native Americans were also black.

"Buffalo Soldiers were part of an American policy of genocide (targeted at Native Americans), there's no denying that," said Powell. But he quickly points out that there isn't one account where Buffalo Soldiers were part of a massacre of an Indian tribe.

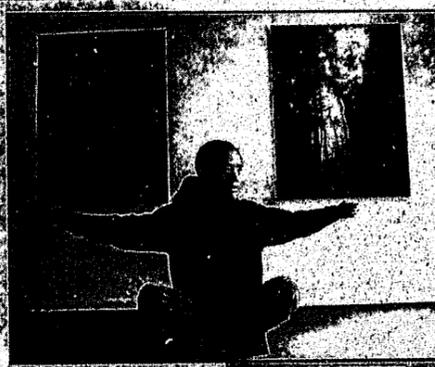
Amid the nightmare of genocide, Powell contends that the Buffalo Soldiers carried themselves with pride, honor, and even earned the respect of their "enemies."

Learning about the history of the black soldiers who fought in the Native American Indian Wars after the Civil War, the Spanish American War, the Philippine Insurrection and overseas during World War I isn't just a walk through American military

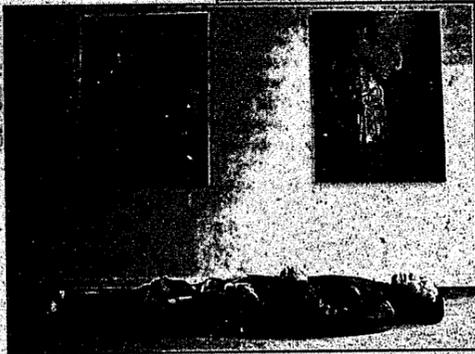
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FROM THE COLLECTION OF ANTHONY L. POWELL
Soldier: Regimental Commissary Sergeant Buck, 25th Infantry, Fort Lawton, Washington, 1909, is one of the pho-



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORZLAND
East meets West: Artist Lui Liu combines an extraordinary technique with a sense of myth and mystery in his paintings.



CHALLENGING THE WAY WE SEE THE WORLD

Pushing art to the borderline

BY FRANK PROVENZANO • STAFF WRITER
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Perhaps it began with the notion of "modern." Or with the blind allegiance to the cult of personality. Either way, the main message is different or "to create something new." It has been an obsession for western artists since Picasso and Braque set the bar in the early century with cubism. With many of today's cutting-edge artists exploring issues of gender, self-identity and turning the materials of art into its own subject, the seeming inaccessibility and esoteric nature of contemporary art could be a consequence of individualism gone awry.

At least that's the provocative view of Lui Liu, one of China's most promising painters who immigrated to Canada in the early 1990s after a year in hiding because his satirical drawings of Chinese government officials were widely circulated after the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre.

"Self-expression is not great art," he said. "It's just the opposite. Great art is possible when (the artist) removes his individuality from the work."

Lui Liu was in the area last week for the opening of his exhibit, "The Utterable Element Still Unuttered," at Galerie Blu in downtown Birmingham. The exhibit runs through Dec. 5.

"Everyone is trying to be different, to be individualistic," said Lui Liu. "It's excessive individualism. There's no way in Chinese culture you can stand apart and be different."

Yet for all his desire not to draw attention to himself, Lui Liu is gaining international recognition for his extraordinary

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Dipping into the collective unconscious

"The Utterable Element Still Unuttered"

Paintings and sculpture by Lui Liu
When: Through Saturday, Dec. 5
Where: Galerie Blue, 568 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, (248) 594-0472
Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday

New Paintings by Todd Murphy

When: Through Saturday, Nov. 28
Where: Robert Kidd Gallery, 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham, (248) 642-3909
Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

In these days when images can be recorded, rearranged and reinterpreted, Todd Murphy's paintings are strikingly timely. Murphy's most recent work is on exhibit at the Kidd Gallery in Birmingham through November 28.

Building his representational paintings from a black-and-white photograph placed on canvass, then adding Plexiglas, oil paints and layers of tars and resins, Murphy has developed a process that creates the illusion of untethered 3D images floating in space and time.

Those images are sometimes from the mundane world. Or images rendered from dreams merged with film-splicing efficiency, such as an androgynous figure wearing a head full of birthday candles. Or a blurred impression of a woman in a white-lace gown waving a butterfly net.

Process of illusion: Todd Murphy's paintings create a haunting world of untethered 3D images.



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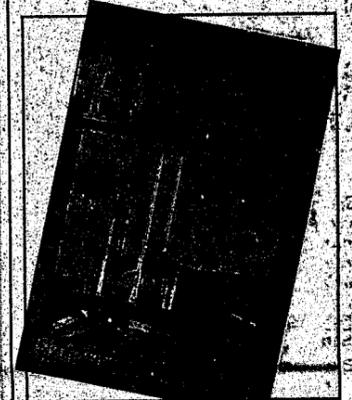
Reporter pens mystery

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Christopher Meehan wouldn't mind giving up his day job to write novels full time. But being a reporter for the Grand Rapids Press has been a great source for ideas.

"Journalism tends to fuel what I do and gives me the opportunity to talk to cops, militia members, doctors and lawyers, a lot more than if I was sitting at home just writing my books," he said.

Meehan's third mystery novel, "Blood on the Bridge" (Thunder Bay Press, \$14.95) was partially inspired by a story he was working on as a medical



reporter for the Press and partially by the Oklahoma City bombing.

Meehan is a Redford native and a 1967 graduate of Redford Union High School. He began his newspaper work as a stringer for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"I always wrote novels or tried to," he said. "It was an English professor at the University of Detroit who said to get into journalism to make some money. So I got into journalism to make money but also to learn the tricks of writing."

But the novel writing was put on the backburner until Meehan received a journalism fellowship at the University of Michigan where he studied creative writing.

He published his first book, "Deadly Waters" in 1995 with a local Grand Rapids publisher.

"Blood on the Bridge" is a multi-character mystery with a dramatic climax on the Mackinac Bridge. Arly Fleck, a former postal worker and ex-con with Tourette's Syndrome, has a plan to blow up the bridge to spoil a ceremony planned by Gov. Frank Bone. Bone has arranged to honor his father, a bridge worker whose body is embedded in one of the bridge pilings.

Fleck kidnaps a Macomb Daily reporter, Cully Gannon, and takes

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SILHOUETTE

New director plans to integrate teaching, exhibits at Paint Creek

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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The historic, 100-year-old white clapboard house a few blocks west of downtown Rochester, doesn't give any appearances that changes are underway.

But inside the former Avon Township Hall, the new administration at Paint Creek Center for the Arts has begun to put its own mark on the 16-year-old congregating place for art students, professional artists and exhibitors in north Oakland County.

Subtle changes, perhaps, but certainly not an imperceptible difference.

Since longtime director Betty Ruedisuelli retired last spring, Paint Creek - most widely known as organizers of the annual Art & Apples Festival in mid-September - has gone through a protracted leadership transition. Casey Grant, named director to succeed Ruedisuelli, was on board for only two months before taking a membership development position at the Detroit Zoological Society.

Then, in August, Ann Blatté, who served as Paint Creek's Development Director, assumed the top

post. In style and temperament, Blatté and her new staff offer a polished and congenial approach.

Shortly after being named executive director, Blatté named Sylvia Majewska to oversee exhibitions, and Vivian DeGain as public relations director. (Those positions had also been filled, then vacated in a short period.)

"We know that we're a community art center, that we really can't go over the edge in our exhibits," said Blatté. "Our vision is to integrate teaching, exhibitions and events."

"Bound by the tight confines of their current location," Paint Creek has quietly made it known that they're looking for another site, preferably somewhere in Rochester.

"Our identity is tied to Rochester," said Blatté. Three years ago, a feasibility study based on a proposed new arts center inside the former Western Knitting Mill several blocks away concluded that it would take \$3 million to renovate the space. But because of a lack of funds, and the demand for

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STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORZLAND
Looking ahead: Anne Blatté, new executive director at Paint Creek Center for the Arts, expects the Rochester-based nonprofit to play a greater role in arts education for north Oakland County residents.

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painterly technique and interpretive skills.

Critics have noted that he is at the center of an attempt to stake out an aesthetic that is an alternative to China's "official" art.

To look deeper

In subject-matter and emotive power, Lui Liu's paintings and sculptures present a masterful technician whose layered work contains a raw eroticism, subtle sensuality and sheer compositional deftness.

True to Lui Liu's Eastern aesthetic influences, each line, stroke and gesture are inextricably related.

The work at Galerie Blu includes Tui Liu's "Realism Series." The exhibit also includes a few paintings from his psychological portrait and paradoxical series.

In the staid and somewhat predictable local gallery scene, Lui Liu's starkly sexual depictions will likely challenge audiences who've seen their share of abstract paintings and landscapes.

And some of Lui Liu's work will probably offend those who believe nudity and sexual gestures belong in private settings. (Granted, there is a "soft, sleazy," and a "naked shock" to some of the poses.)

But regardless of taste, what is undisputed is Lui Liu's brilliant technique and expressive

'It's not safe art, it has aggressive subject-matter.'

David Popa
owner of Galerie Blu

range that critics have compared to Surrealists Rene Magritte and Salvador Dali.

And his work also shows unmistakable influences of western painters from Holbein to Caravaggio to Courbet.

In particular, Lui Liu's realistic painting of bare-breasted women with famous faces (Marilyn Monroe, Princess Diana, Jackie Kennedy Onassis and Mona Lisa) is a modern-day mythical interpretation of Theodore Gericault's famous "The Raft of Medusa," circa 1819.

"It's not safe art, it has aggressive subject-matter," said David Popa, owner of Galerie Blu. "I want people to be challenged by Lui's work."

After the strong reaction — positive and negative — to Lui Liu's work in a group show held two months ago at the gallery, Popa said he was compelled to exhibit a broader selection of paintings and sculptures.

Ironically, for the last three years, Galerie Blu has shown primarily the work of pop artists, such as Romero Britto, known for his Absolut Vodka print ads,

and papier-mâché figurative sculptor Steven Hanson. Neither are considered cutting-edge, nor provocative artists.

But Popa thought it was time to take a risk.

"The technical ability (in Lui Liu's art) forces you to accept the work, and to look deeper," said Popa, who calls the current exhibit the best ever at his gallery.

A conduit for culture

Part philosopher intent to bridge differences between East and West, part social critic focused on overturning meaningless traditions, Lui Liu is surprisingly nonconfrontational and unassuming.

He speaks in a quiet, thoughtful tone, often quoting western philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein's notions of truth and language.

Long after his work has been completed and has been hung on the walls at Galerie Blu, Lui Liu takes a break from being interviewed to study the imagery in the paintings as if he were an objective viewer wondering about the source of the work.

The power of Lui Liu's work, however, cannot be distilled to any particular tradition. "I don't try to be ancient or modern," he said.

On the contrary, Lui Liu contends that artists are mere conduits for culture.

"You can't say you're an artist and you're different from others," he said. "I just want to accept what comes to my mind. I don't feel I have to understand as long as the mystery is there."

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that site, Paint Creek had to stay put.

For now, Paint Creek faces the proverbial chicken-and-egg problem: What comes first, finding a new and larger space for the art center, or a capital campaign to support such a move?

How and when Blatte confronts this challenge will likely shape the 21st-century course of Paint Creek.

Moving on

In many ways, Blatte offers the qualities much in need at today's nonprofit arts organizations. She exudes a passion for arts education, working with artists, and has a real-world idea of how to get things done.

And, with 10 years experience as a broadcast journalist and news anchor in Fort Wayne, Ind., and Little Rock, Ark., Blatte understands that a positive public perception for Paint Creek might be the difference between success and mere mundane existence.

In the early 1990s, shortly after returning to Rochester from Little Rock to raise her family, Blatte began to work on her master's degree in public

administration at Oakland University.

"I always knew I wouldn't be a reporter for the long term," she said. "I didn't like living from contract to contract, the long hours and the endless deadlines."

Blatte recalled an epiphany to "move on" during an assignment that required her to stand in the pouring rain outside a bank in Little Rock waiting to report on the fate of the hostages inside.

The role of stay-at-home mom back in Rochester, however, slowly diminished as Blatte went from a volunteer to director of development at Paint Creek. Today, she characterizes time devoted to her job as "40 plus" hours.

But Blatte is hardly complaining.

"When I went back to school, I set a goal of one day being director of a nonprofit," she said. "Paint Creek was a natural fit."

Yet the experience of fund raising and seeking grants may not have prepared Blatte for one of her most immediate challenges — convincing corporate donors and the city of Rochester

to provide additional funding and assistance.

With about 45 percent of Paint Creek's annual revenue coming from Art & Apples, Blatte acknowledged that the art center has to seek broader ways to raise funds. The balance of Paint Creek's revenue comes from classes, special events and grants.

Particularly, Blatte expects to seek a stronger partnership with cities and townships throughout the region. In the near future, she planned to meet with Janet Torno, executive director of Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Two topics will likely be on Blatte's agenda: How the city of Birmingham was convinced to charge the BBAC only \$1 a year for use of the public property where the art center is located; and, how the BBAC raised millions of dollars to finance its vast expansion last year.

For the time being, however, Blatte acknowledged that her mission might be more basic.

"We have to function for the Rochester community," she said. "That means getting the word out that we're here."

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Kathe Koja's offbeat stories display knock-out imagination

Extremities By Kathe Koja (Four Walls Eight Windows, \$20)



VICTORIA DIAZ

On these pages you can meet a lonely woman smitten with an angel, a young man who listens to the songs of the dead, a ghost who collects bugs in a jar and many others whose behavior might strike us as, shall we say, offbeat.

Michigan writer Kathe Koja is back, spinning 16 tales of fantasy and terror in this new collection, each of them marked by her knock-out imagination, her unique perceptions and prose that sometimes qualifies as a remarkable, chilling poetry.

As usual, her territory is a kind of twilight world, inhabited at its shadowy edges by individuals who have become something like unsettling shadows themselves.

Alienation may be the operative word in Koja's fictional milieu. Some metaphorical anesthesia seems to have been unleashed on her dark landscapes, numbing not so much the bodies but the souls of her characters.

Begin with "The Neglected Garden," in which the writer introduces us to a contemporary couple on the verge of a separation. Apparently, the breakup is mostly the young man's idea. Anne, the woman he hopes to banish from his life, is not going for it, and she is not going for it in a really big way. Even after he has packed for her, labeled all her cardboard boxes, hung up

her clothes, carried everything - including "her big Klee print" - to the car and stacked it "neatly," her essential response is "I'm not going."

She means it, too. Out at the edge of the backyard, on a rusty, tumbledown fence, she crucifies herself. He will find her there, at death's door, but not really dead. Slowly, as he watches - fascinated and repulsed - she becomes a part of the fence and "lush with growth," the neglected garden around her. And he, who believed that something as wild and messy as human emotion could be packed up in a few cardboard boxes and sent on its way, is about to discover that it isn't nice at all to try and fool around with Mother Nature.

Perhaps the most unsettling story in "Extremities" is a little tale called "Teratims." To say that this dark story centers on the monstrous is putting it mildly, I suppose. It is one of the most powerful horror stories I have read in years, mainly because what is monstrous here is so chillingly plausible and so sad at once. In it, two brothers and a sister - and one of the brothers with very odd appetites, indeed - share family secrets that they desperately try to hide in "an endless pavane danced through... Louisiana." Even the names of the towns in the mossy parishes seem an essential part of the horrific song, spoken as they are by the "hungry" brother, Alex: "Delcambre. Thibodaux... Abbeville... Baton Rouge! DeQuincy, Longville... Bewelcome... Florian, Samtown, Echo, Lecomte..."

Though Koja's settings are almost always contemporary, at least one story here takes place partially in the distant pas-

"Waking the Prince" may ultimately be a little enigmatic, but it's a pleasure to read, anyway, mainly due to Koja's densely textured literary palette and eye for select detail. Also, passages in this story especially illustrate her poetic gifts, and her knowledge of how word sounds and rhythms can evoke scenes, emotions, even differing time periods. In the story, a sleeping beauty of a prince, his "body... decomposed to candied light," mysteriously foreshadows a 20th Century ghostly double of himself, a young actor who seems as unreachable, locked away and inarticulate as the entombed prince. The author stitches together here a sumptuous, highly sensual literary quilt of everything from "gilt and royal purple, flags and tassels and shiny bunting" to ice cream, TV, telephones and tote bags, to dusty castle floors, and the "empty nestle of owls, stray leaves and feathers, the detritus of solitude and light."

With a subtle wand, Koja punctuates some of the collection with her own brand of dry-as-dust humor, which provides delightful comic relief when it comes. "Bird Superior" is a kind cartoonish nightmare story in which a Detroitier who may or may not have survived a plane crash discovers that he can actually fly. Though he seems literally to be metamorphosing into a birdbrain ("the simplest problems taking longer... to... comprehend, much less solve"), he is, nevertheless, "definitely moving up."

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BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, WOODWARD)

Sonnets & Other Selections from Shakespeare featuring actors from Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15; Michael Whitty discusses enspriting your workplace, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16; Rabbi Irwin Katsof discusses "Powerful Prayers," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17; Gus Mollasis discusses "On a Wing & a Prayer," his book about the Red Wings, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18; Leonard Weber discusses "Genetic Privacy," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19; Pam Opperer of Prudential discusses myths and secrets of money, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 at the store 34300

Woodward, (248)203-0005. BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS) Detroit Women Writers Open Mic Night, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17; Richard Paul Evans signs his books "The Locket" and "The Christmas Candle," 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20; Eric Bookworm presents "Science Discovery's Tropical Rainforest," noon Saturday, Nov. 21 at the store, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248)652-0558.

MURDER, MYSTERY & MAYHEM Mystery group discusses Jerilyn Farmer's "Sympathy for the Devil," 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 at the store 35167 Grand River, Farmington, (248)474-7210. BARNES & NOBLE (NORTHVILLE) Fiction book club discusses Kaye Gibbons "Charms of the Easy Life," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18; Gus Mollasis signs his book "On a Wing & a Prayer," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19; Jeffrey Michael performs on piano 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 at the store, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville.

SHAMAN DRUM (ANN ARBOR) Roger Kamenetz reads from "Stalking Elijah: Adventures with Today's Mystical Masters," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17; Alan Michael Parker reads from his book of poems "Days Like Prose," 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19; Nurud-din Farah reads from his novel "Secrets," 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 at the store, 313 South State Street, Ann Arbor (734)662-7407.

BOOK LECTURE Mystery writer William Kienzle will speak 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Livonia Libraries and is free to members. Yearly memberships cost \$5 and are available at the door.

SOUTHFIELD LIBRARY Kathy Thornton discusses Traveling Solo, noon Tuesday, Nov. 17; canine author Coco Chanel will be at the library 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, to promote her book "Enter Barking," at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield.

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history. It's a first-hand look at the American Dream - good, bad and indifferent.

History seldom reads like seamless script.

Shared culture

For starters, enlisting in the Army was an educational opportunity for many black soldiers. Powell's grandfather, for instance, learned to read and write while traveling from outpost to outpost.

And according to Powell, the army didn't mirror the segregated American society. That is, not until the troops were segregated during World War II.

To their credit, the Museum of African American History doesn't rely on historical revisionism. Rather it draws on a documented account of Buffalo Soldiers from Powell's grandfather's perspective, including hundreds of rare photos.

Powell, who teaches history at San Jose State University, is curator of the largest privately held collection of artifacts from African American soldiers.

He began to assemble the elements of the exhibit by asking a

simple question: "What was it like to be a black man in the Army?"

He asked his grandfather, and his grandfather's friends. He heard stories of racism and prejudice. But he also was told indelible tales about a sense of camaraderie and brotherhood.

In many ways, the story of America runs through Powell's ancestry. His grandfather, who lived to be 105, was the orphan son of slaves. And Powell's Jewish grandmother was an immigrant from Germany.

"America is unique because we all came from someplace else," said Powell, on hand at the museum to give tours to local

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nating images.

With these dynamic visual stimulants, Murphy creates illusions of images moving to their own speed in a timeless void, as if he has dipped into the collective unconsciousness and come up with his own 3D impression of a familiar, but unseen reality.

high school students. Except, perhaps, those Native American Indians who, from 1865-1886, went from roaming the untamed West, to living on reservations.

"What I try to get across is that this is our shared culture. When people see the exhibit, I want them to say, 'Why wasn't I taught that about American history?'"

The good, bad and indifferent.

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When Murphy focuses on simply presenting a chair, microphone, birds, a tiger, or a rhino, however, his photo-to-painting process, rather than the painting becomes the focal point.

And invariably, it seems that the process of making art should never getting in the way of the art itself.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES. A large grid of movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements, Showcase Cinemas, and others. Lists movies like 'I'll Be Home for Christmas', 'The Wizard of Oz', 'The Waterboy', etc. with showtimes and prices.

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Tough season teaches some tough lessons

The season started with so much promise.

There was last year's 17-3 record and Oakland Activities Association Division I co-championship. There was the veteran lineup returning, featuring sharp shooter Deana Kanipe and twin post players Corinne McIntyre and Lori Wild.

There was Rachel Uchman, who appeared poised for a big season, and has had one. And there was promising freshman Kaye Christie, who has earned the promise.

People were predicting an outright OAA I title and a deep run in the state playoffs.

But it began to unravel early. Literally two days before the season-opening Oxford invitational, Wild learned her family was moving to Utica.

The Wolves quickly began losing player time from some key people for a variety of reasons. Then came some disappointing losses triggered by an inability to protect the ball, a surprising turn of events from such an experienced team.

Because of those distractions, Lowney only got to use her full lineup eight times in 20 games. McIntyre missed time with a foot injury. Candace Morgan sprained an ankle. Uchman and Christie both missed time because of sickness. Now Lowney's father is ill.

Clarkston stumbled to an 8-12 season, including a 2-10 league mark that left them a step out of the OAA I basement.

"The distractions started early with Lori leaving, and they continue to this day," Lowney said. "I've never had a year with so many distractions."

Hard times

Then there was the losing. There was the loss to Troy when Clarkston scored just 16 points. The Wolves lost in the season's second game, a last second loss to Class D Oakland Christian in which Lancers guard Becky Neal scored six points in the last five seconds.

"That was the toughest loss," Lowney said. "Becky Neal or not, it's still a Class D school. And the way we lost it..." She let the sentence trail off.

Instead of getting buried in their own private pity pool, the Wolves did something remarkable: They regrouped. They put the distractions behind them, concentrated on the basics and began winning. They repaid Troy with an overtime win the other night, and they beat Oak Park to end a mid-season losing skid.

"The Troy win was very, very good," Lowney said. "The Oak Park win might have been our biggest, because we were coming off such a long losing streak. It was nice to snap that."

With the ups and downs, the Wolves learned a lot about themselves, starting with their head coach. Lowney said the 8-12 season had her scratching her head, and taking a harder look at everything, including herself.

"Last year, things were too good to be true in a sense," she said. "When you win, it's easy and you tend to never take a critical look at yourself. Losing makes you do that, and it made me realize why I got into this profession in the first place."

"My whole coaching career everything's been too good to be true," she added. "I've never appreciated the success we've had. My husband told me this (season) will help, because it will allow us to appreciate the good times. The kids are learning that. They can appreciate (last year's) league championship, because now they know it doesn't come easy."

That kind of self-actualization has resulted in a new handling of herself and her players. She has begun to focus on making her girls better players, rather than trying so much to figure out how to beat other teams.

"We have to take it one day at a time," Lowney said. "My focus is on making my kids better players. It's not on how we're going to beat Troy or Rochester. I tried to over-

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6 Quality defensemen top soccer squad



If defense is the hot commodity for top teams, then the 1998 Eccentric All-North Oakland Soccer Team should be set after the seasons put in by some of the area's finest players.

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There is a saying in sports that quality defense wins ballgames. Well if that truly is the case, then the 1998 All-North Oakland Eccentric Soccer Team wouldn't have any problem winning a few contests on the soccer pitch.

Although most teams in the area struggled putting the ball into the back of the net this fall, keeping the ball from crossing the goal line was not that much of a problem as teams from this area were all defensive-minded.

As for standout individuals, there were plenty in this region of talent-rich Oakland County, and of them, most could be found at the defensive end of the field.

Meet the 1998 squad, as selected by the Eccentric Staff.

FIRST TEAM

Forwards

■ **Andy Lyssiotis, Oxford jr.** — Early in the season, this three-year veteran had a hard time finishing, but he eventually picked it up and wound up on the All-Flint Metro League first team. Combining a quality shot with good field vision, Lyssiotis finished second in scoring for the 14-7-1 Wildcats with 13 goals and six assists. "Andy is just a good all-round player," said Oxford coach Dave Summers. "His totals were down a little, but that didn't show his worth to the team. He also marked up the other team's top player if we needed him to. He's very versatile for an offensive player."

■ **Jon Vanaman, Springfield Christian jr.** — After beginning the

year at center midfield, Vanaman was pushed up to forward to bolster the Eagles' attack and that move paid off. Vanaman, a three-year varsity performer, led 12-6-2 Springfield in points with 12 goals and seven assists, which helped land him on the All-Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference first team as well as on the FBAC all-tournament team. "Jon is a very versatile kid; we even moved him back to defense on occasion to help shut down other teams," said Springfield coach Tigg Vanaman. "Up front was where he was best for us, that's where he scored most of his goals or created the most chances."

Midfielders

■ **Tom Dews, Clarkston sr.** — This tenacious midfielder was instrumental in leading the Wolves' second-half surge, which included a district final upset over Rochester Adams. A three-year varsity performer and a two-year starter, Dews anchored the midfield and finished his encore campaign with five goals and 12 assists. For his efforts, he was named to the All-Oakland Activities Association Division II, All-District and All-Region teams as well as garnering honorable-mention all-state honors. "Tom is a great one-on-one dribbler who can attack the net or create chances for others," said Clarkston coach Dan Fitzgerald. "He's very aggressive when going to the ball and never backs down from anybody."

■ **Kellen Kalso, Oxford jr.** — Although this standout was kept off the Division II all-state team because of a coaches association membership glitch, Kalso is still one of the state's

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ALL-NORTH OAKLAND BOYS SOCCER TEAM

1998

FIRST TEAM

Player	Team	Class
Andy Lyssiotis	Oxford	Junior
Jon Vanaman	Springfield Chr.	Junior
Tom Dews	Clarkston	Senior
Kellen Kalso	Oxford	Junior
Derek Elliott	Lake Orion	Senior
Jared Jeffers	Lake Orion	Senior
Rob Allyn	Clarkston	Senior
David Rayner	Oxford	Sophomore
Mike Tharrett	Clarkston	Senior
Russ Parrott	Clarkston	Senior
Justin Richman	Lake Orion	Senior
Dave Summers	Oxford	2nd Season

SECOND TEAM

Player	Team	Class
Aaron Collins	Lake Orion	Senior
Jared Bauer	Clarkston	Junior
Gareth Summers	Oxford	Sophomore
Matt Christie	Springfield	Junior
Tom Reece	Springfield	Senior
Jason Bowyer	Oxford	Senior
Paul King	Lake Orion	Senior
Kevin Magic	Lake Orion	Senior
Nick Gonzales	Lake Orion	Senior
James Matilla	Oxford Christian	Junior
Chris Wentzel	Oxford Christian	Junior

HONORABLE MENTION

Clarkston — Mike Lenhardt, sr. F; Mike Lecata, jr. M; Eric Klemm, sr. F; Clarkston Springfield Christian — Greg Irish, soph. F; Kona Knapper, fr. M; Lake Orion — Scott Ewing, jr. F; Brandon Dec, jr. D; Oxford — Chris Castro, sr. GK; Tony Watkins, jr. D; Oxford Christian — Jason Kingley, sr. F; Nathan Best, jr. M.



PHOTO BY BOB KROCKA

On the way: Clarkston's Deana Kanipe (20) lets a shot fly over the defense of Waterford Kettering's Andrea Hillsey during the Captains' 39-30 win over the Wolves Thursday night.

Missed opportunities cost Clarkston in hoop loss to Captains

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With about seven minutes left in Thursday's girls basketball game between Waterford Kettering and Clarkston, Captains coach Scott Woodhull took the air out of the ball, ordering his team into a delay offense with a 27-24 lead.

Most observers thought it was a mistake against a Clarkston team that has thrived recently in close games.

But Woodhull's Captains made him look like a genius, avoiding a Clarkston comeback and holding on for a 39-30 Oakland Activities Association Division I victory in the regular-season finale for both teams.

The game could be a preview of a regional semifinal matchup. Clarkston moves on to the Oxford district against the host Wildcats Monday, while Kettering opens in the Walled Lake Central district. The winners of those two districts meet in at the Macomb Dakota regional Nov. 23.

Kettering got a leg up on any potential rematch Thursday, despite making just one third-quarter field goal. After taking 2:30 off the fourth-quarter clock, Kettering outscored Clarkston 12-6 down the stretch to preserve the win.

The slow-down surprised Wolves coach Ann Lowney.

"I just thought I'd rather have my girls fresh," Lowney said. "We had every opportunity to cut into the lead, and we didn't get it done."

Actually, they did. At one point in the second quarter, Kettering took a 24-12 lead on a pair of free throws from sophomore Andrea Hillsey.

But the Wolves came back, cutting the lead to 25-22 on a pair of free throws from senior Corinne McIntyre and a jumper from Lindsey Prudhomme, who had a foot on the 3-point arc when she let it go.

Candace Morgan hit a jumper from about the same spot seconds into the fourth to make it 27-24, and Woodhull

decided to slow it down. For 2:30, the Captains rimmed the perimeter, Clarkston's defense in the paint, arms raised.

Finally, with five minutes left in the game, Lowney had her defense challenge the ball. But Kettering fought off the challenge, and got a 3-pointer from Hillsey and a short jumper from Devon Hillstrom to extend the lead to 32-24.

Clarkston never really threatened again.

The Wolves played excellent defense most of the night, especially early on. They held the Captains to 4-of-12 shooting from the field in the first quarter, but still trailed 13-8 after Kettering's Haley Slade heaved a one-handed 3-pointer in off the backboard at the first-quarter buzzer.

But the Captains began shooting better, partly because they began getting offensive rebounds and second shot attempts. It turned out to be the Achilles' heel for the Wolves.

"When we lose, we lose because we get outrebounded," Lowney said. "I told the girls at halftime we can't let their guards get rebounds. But their guards went out and rebounded."

Clarkston's other problem was a recurring one: lack of offense. They had plenty of looks, but turnovers played a key role in their downfall.

"A lot of times our offense comes from our defense," Lowney said. "We've struggled most of the year offensively, and it happened again."

Clarkston only led three times in the game: Deana Kanipe converted a three-point play with 5:48 left in the first for the first points of the game; Kanipe drained a 3-pointer three minutes later to put Clarkston up 6-3; and freshman Kaye Christie's 15-foot jumper with 1:24 left in the period gave Clarkston an 8-7 lead.

But Kelly Malone hit a short jumper from the baseline and canned a free throw before Slade's buzzer beater to put Kettering up 13-8 after eight minutes.

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JV gives Wolves hope for grid future

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The Clarkston football program was labeled a major rebuilding project long before practices started back in August. But looking back, that turned out to be anything but the case.

While the Wolves' varsity finished with an impressive 6-3 record, which included a fourth-place finish in the ever-tough Oakland Activities Association Division I, Clarkston's junior varsity was even more impressive.

Under the guidance of Doug Colling, the Wolves rolled through a perfect 9-0 season, outscoring their nine opponents by a whopping 286-85 margin. Among those totals were a pair of shutouts over Troy and Rochester Adams — whose varsity teams are in the state's Class AA playoffs — and an OAA Division I title.

"These kids just had an excellent season and I can't say enough about them," said Colling, who has coached the Clarkston junior varsity for four years. "We had a lot of very good athletes on this team and they would do anything they needed to do to be successful. They were all gamers, they were intelligent players, and they knew how to get it done."

Judging by the statistical numbers, the Wolves more than got the job done — they humbled the opposition.

The Wolves' defensive unit was led by sophomore middle linebacker Ramzey Dasqui, who collected 44 solo tackles, 20 assists, two sacks and one fumble recovery. Sophomore Dustyn Swendsen had 43 solos, 19 assists, three sacks and three fumble recoveries; sophomore Ian Ramsey recorded 31 tackles, 14 assists and four sacks; and sophomore Matt Pearsall finished with 30 solos, nine assists and two fumble recoveries.

"Our defense came up big in every game," beamed Colling. "We shut out both Troy and (Rochester) Adams and that's quite an accomplishment against two quality football programs. Both of those schools have their varsity teams in the state playoffs, so it tells you that those were not weak teams."

"Most of the points scored on us this year came against our second and third teams, but that is nothing bad against those kids at all," explained Colling. "We wouldn't have done it without any of those kids."

On offense, where Colling said there were "plenty of skilled athletes," Clarkston was virtually unstoppable. The Wolves opened up the season with a 33-13 whitewashing of host Waterford

Kettering and never looked back.

Clarkston never scored fewer than 21 points and recorded a season high against Berkley, which they easily defeated 48-7.

"Our offense had several options and a good offensive line to create the space," said Colling. "I think we only had one bad game and that was against Rochester. But we still won 21-8. Not too many teams were able to stop us."

Sophomore tailback Rob Konley took advantage of a talented offensive line and rushed for 1,168 yards on 145 carries. Included in those totals were 14 touchdowns, an 8.1-yard average per carry, and five two-point conversion runs.

"Rob is going to be a player to watch on the varsity the next two years," predicted Colling.

Following Konley, sophomore quarterback Ryan Kaul was 45-of-91 passing for 572 yards with nine touchdown passes and four two-point conversion tosses. Sophomore wide receiver Adam Gebus was the recipient of 21 of those passes, which accumulated 282 yards and three touchdowns. Sophomore tight end Brian Endreszl also had 10 receptions for 108 yards and one touchdown.

"We had the skilled athletes and that makes a great difference," said Colling. "But you have to give a lot of credit to the

guys on the (offensive line). They worked their tails off and did a heckuva job."

Although this group shined as a junior varsity squad, the varsity game is truly at another level, Colling, however, feels this group will be up for the challenge.

"Most of these guys were undefeated in eighth grade at Sashabaw Middle School and they were unbeaten on the freshman team last year," he said. "I truly believe that a lot of these guys will be able to step into the varsity lineup next year and make an impact."

As for rebuilding the program at Clarkston, it's safe to say that a rebuilding year never happened.

"Our varsity was over 50 percent juniors this year and they still went 6-3," Colling said. "With the players from this year's JV meshing with the returnees next year, I really feel that we'll be a good team next year, and perhaps for many years to come."

"Everybody was saying that we would be rebuilding because we lost Dane Fife, but I look at our three teams this year and they were just a bundle of quality athletes. That's what makes a good team. It's a credit to our entire program."



Learning curve: Clarkston's Rachel Uchman (center) and her teammates move on to district play after dropping their season finale to Waterford Kettering.

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premier juniors. Kalso, who has been invited for a tryout for the Olympic Developmental Program national pool team. Thanksgiving weekend in Cocoa Beach, Fla., led Oxford in scoring this past season with 17 goals and 13 assists, which landed him on the All-FML first-team. "Kellen is obviously a complete player because he played out of position all season for us in the midfield instead of his natural sweeper position," said Summers. "He led this team in so many ways. When he wasn't on the field, we were a different team."

■ **Derek Elliott, Lake Orion sr.** — Elliott came up two votes shy from being named honorable mention all-state, but that didn't put a dark cloud on this two-year starter's season. Combating skill with a blue collar work ethic, Elliott led the Dragons in scoring with seven goals and three assists and garnered All-OAA Division I and All-District honors.

"Derek is just a great leader on the field," said Lake Orion coach Paul Elder. "He's a good all-around player that would even help out defensively. Derek was always hustling and did whatever it took to keep us competitive."

■ **Jared Jeffers, Lake Orion sr.** — This two-year starter brought more to the table than his three goals and one assist. "We didn't score much this season, but Jared still created problems for other teams," said Elder. "He is a great athlete with a great attitude and he is the type of player that never let up even though we struggled this season." Jeffers was named to the All-OAA Division I and All-District team for his efforts.

■ **Rob Allyn, Clarkston sr.** — At 6-2, 190, Allyn used his size to his advantage to thwart opposing offenses. "Rob is one of those strong kids that at times could be intimidating at times," said Fitzgerald. "He didn't play much the last two years, but this year he stepped up and took charge of our defense. Allyn, who was named to the All-OAA II squad, helped the Wolves, was dominant in the air from his sweeper position, where helped the Wolves post two shutouts."

■ **David Rayner, Oxford soph.** — Like Kalso, Rayner was left off the Division II All-State teams, but coaches will be hard pressed to find many sophomores in the state more valuable than Rayner. A quick, physical

and heady sweeper, Rayner was a force in the Wildcats' backfield, where he helped Oxford post six shutouts and a 1.59 goals-against-average. Rayner, an All-FML first-team honoree, was also dangerous on restarts, where he racked up four goals and four assists. "To me, I don't think I saw a better pure defender this year," said Summers. "He rarely put in a bad foot. He's a weapon on offense with restarts, too. He just had a terrific season."

■ **Mike Tharrett, Clarkston sr.** — One of Tharrett's main jobs as a fullback was marking one of the opposition's top offensive threat, and his best effort, came in the district finals where he helped shut down Adams' Craig Penn. "That performance just shows you what type of a player that Mike is," said Fitzgerald. "Mike was a simple player, he just stuck with guys and tried to slow him down. Mike deserves more credit than what he got, but then again marking backs always seemed to be overlooked."

■ **Russ Parrott, Clarkston sr.** — Parrott, a four-year varsity performer and a three-year starter, was one of the top defenders in the OAA Division II, where he garnered all-league honors, but most remember Parrott by his dangerous flip throws, which led to two goals and five assists. "Russ is such a threat not only because he is a great man-to-man marker, but also has that throw-in creates a

lot of scoring chances," offered Fitzgerald.

■ **Justin Richman, Lake Orion sr.** — The Dragons suffered through a rebuilding year and although Richman's numbers might not show it, he was the backbone behind the Dragons' success. In 14.5 games this season, the agile Richman had a 2.40 G.A.A. with one shutout and a save percentage of over .850. "Justin had a couple of bad games early and then he missed a couple games, but after that he really came up big," said Elder. "In some games, he played exceptionally well and really kept us in those games." Richman, a two-year starter, was named to the All-OAA Division I and All-District teams.

■ **Dave Summers, Oxford** — In just two years at the helm of the Wildcats' program, Summers led Oxford to back-to-back successful seasons. This fall, Oxford finished with a 14-7-1 record — six of those losses came against state-ranked teams — a share of the Flint Metro League title with Lapeer West and its second straight district title. The Wildcats season came to an end in the regional finals to second-ranked Bloomfield Hills Lahser. "After our top five or six players, the talent dropped off but the work ethic did not," said Summers. "These kids all worked very hard and they worked very well together. This group was a pleasure to coach."

Dragons fall to Oak Park's Robinson

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For reasons unknown, In-Fini Robinson was left off the Miss Basketball ballot. Apparently, she is taking it personally.

Robinson, a 5-foot-8 senior guard from Oak Park, played

one of her best games to date, posting a quadruple-double, as the Knights routed visiting Lake Orion 85-48 Thursday in an Oakland Activities Association Division II matchup.

Robinson finished with a game-high 24 points, 12 rebounds, 12 assists and 10 steals to lead the division cham-

pion Knights (15-4, 11-0), while sophomore forward Corte Ellis supplied 20 points.

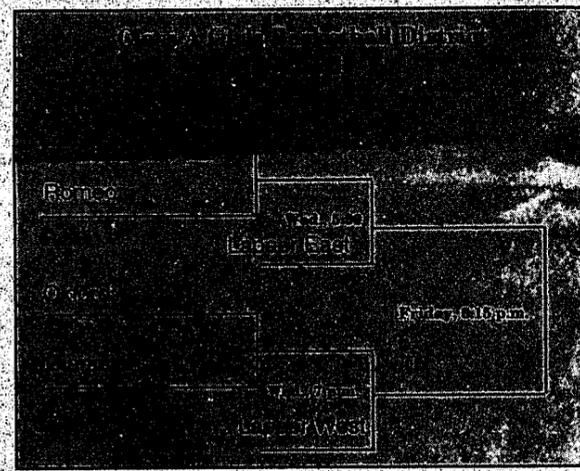
"(Robinson) is a very good player and I think a lot of people around here were surprised that she was left off," said Lake Orion coach Eve Claar. "She has played really well against us both times this season."

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coach. That's how Lowney and the Wolves will approach the district: one day at a time. Not even the prospect of playing Lapeer East in Friday's final. It was the Eagles, behind 90-percent free throw shooting, who whisked the Wolves from last year's tournament.

Lowney said. "(But) we have to take it one day at a time. We've learned this year that part of life is things don't always go as you plan. That's what sports are all about."

It's a lesson the Wolves learned by going through the kind of season they've had. It's a lesson they hope to impart to the rest of the district starting Monday.



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Kettering then outscored Clarkston 11-4 over the first three minutes of the second period to take the 24-12 edge. Sarah Morgan scored Clarkston's only points in the burst, on a layup and two free throws.

Clarkston then got back in with a 10-1 burst of their own. Kanipe had a 12-foot jumper and a 3-pointer in the spurt.

The Wolves just couldn't finish making the comeback. Clarkston's only points down the stretch came on a free throw from Sarah Morgan, another from Candace Morgan and Kanipe's offensive putback of her own miss in the waning sec-

onds. Kanipe, coming off a 31-point effort against Troy during which she scored her 1,000th career point, led the Wolves in scoring with 13 points. Sarah Morgan finished with eight and Candace Morgan scored three.

Clarkston meets Oxford in the second game of a district double-header Monday. Romeo and Holly meet in the first game. The Romeo-Holly winner meets Lapeer East in the semifinal, while the Clarkston-Oxford winner meets Lapeer West. The district final is Friday at 6:15 p.m.

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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.

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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.

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MEETINGS

NRC The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 9-10 at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for

effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

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

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

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

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

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

PHEASANT Pheasant season runs through Nov. 14 in Zones II and III. There is a special late season in southern Michigan, which runs Dec. 1-15. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the December hunt.

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

SQUIRREL Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

SHOOTING

RANGES

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METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are

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1999 Grand Prix GT exudes sportiness



By Anne Fracassa
Avanti News/Features

OK. Here we go. Big time sports car. Lots of history. Much loved in every realm of the community of sports cars.

Not to mention Richard Petty and his love and reverence to the Grand Prix that won him so many championships on the NASCAR circuit that I can't even remember how many times.

Let's talk run-in sentences. King Richard ran Grand Prixes into the ground, and his son, Kyle, is doing the same. So be it. Let them. It's a car worth beating up. And the regular, for-the-consumer version is no different.

This is a sports car to have a lot of fun in. I drove the GT model, and I had a ton of fun—200 horses is nothing to play with. This is serious business, here. In a small coupe like this, there's not an inch to play with.

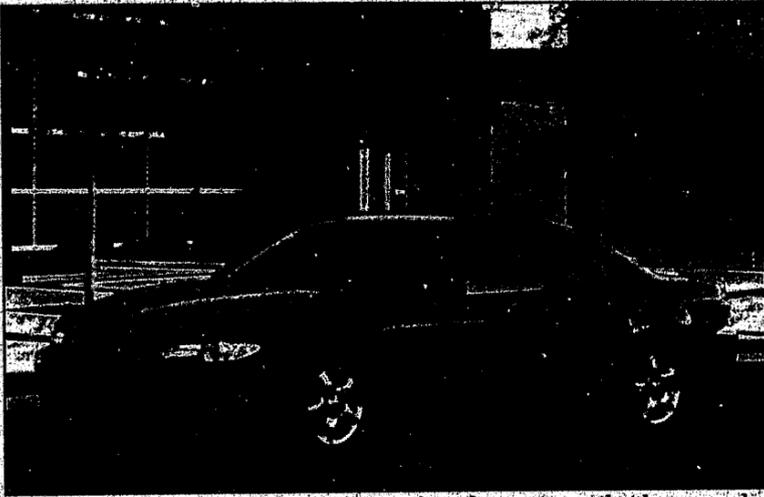
I don't care if you're 18 or 58, this car is a lot of fun. Not only to drive, but to play with.

I thought I was doing my husband a favor a few months back by buying him an almost mint 1986 Mustang. He really liked a Mustang my cousin Dino got from his wife earlier this year, and couldn't stop talking about it. So I found a cherry red Mustang and surprised him with it.

Yep, he was surprised. But he's also a bit disappointed because old Mustangs are really neat, but primitive by today's standards. And today's standards are set by cars like the 1999 Grand Prix.

This is a well-designed, top-of-the-line sports car that deserves accolades beyond reason. I love this car. I would buy it in a heartbeat.

There are a ton of choices you can have in the Grand Prix. You can choose from the Grand Prix SE sedan, Grand Prix GT sedan,



The 1999 Grand Prix GT is a major innovation of a sports car that has proved its worth.

the GT coupe, the GTP sedan and the GTP coupe.

This year, the new options include a rear deck spoiler that's standard, theft-deterrent system, a sound system that has six, instead of four, speakers and an OnStar mobile communications system.

There are a bunch of powertrain systems to choose from, including a 3.1-liter V6 (that's the standard engine), a 3.8-liter V6 and a 3.8-liter supercharged V6 (that's standard on the GTP).

The Grand Prix has an enhanced traction system that engages automatically when wheel spin is detected in either forward or reverse. Didn't have to engage it on my test week, but it was comforting to know it was there. You never know when you might need it, that's for sure.

The exterior of the Grand Prix is no surprise. Its low and aggressive wide track stance lends itself to a really sporty look. No mistaking its mark, here. This is what sports cars are all about.

Did I mention that it's got spirited han-

dling and wonderful performance? No, I guess I really didn't have to say that. It's all understood when you look at the Grand Prix.

I mentioned OnStar. Well, this little option is a neat little global positioning system that has a hands-free voice-activated cell phone. OnStar gives you the wonderful safety of emergency services, theft detection notification, stolen vehicle tracking, remote door unlock, roadside assistance and route support. It also knows when you're involved in an accident if the air bag is deployed. The system calls the driver and sends emergency help if needed.

I especially liked the driver's information center option. It's incorporated right into the instrument panel and tells you all sorts of information you may or may not want to know. Stuff like whether the traction system is activated, the doors or trunk are not locked, whether you have low washer fluid or if you need an oil change.

It'll also tell you your fuel economy, how much fuel you have left, your oil life used and range with remaining fuel. Much too

much, but still, it's useful information.

The interior of the Grand Prix is really roomy. Front seats can accommodate the tallest persons and rear passengers won't suffer, either. There's plenty of room for everyone.

You got kids? No problem. There's a child safety seat located in the middle of the rear seat. The latches are even color-coded so you can be sure the strap is latched properly. And the seat has a removable and washable pad to make your life just a little easier to deal with.

Standard on the Grand Prix are power windows, power mirrors and programmable power door locks. There's even a delayed locking feature on the sedan that gives the driver five seconds to open a rear door after exiting and locking the front door. We're talking major convenience here.

The Grand Prix is a major innovation of a sports car that has proved its worth for a good number of years. This 1999 model is no exception.

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.
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Let's Talk About Automobile Auctions



Art Cervi

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Many areas have weekly auctions specializing in late model used cars and trucks. Generally these vehicles are brought in by dealers and/or banks looking to sell quickly, thus turning the vehicles into hard dollars. There will be some cars that are high mile leases, some that were not well taken care of, others may be bank repossessions. Some very good buys are available. However, before you go running out to bid on one of these cars, make sure it is one that is open to the public. Certain auctions are limited to dealers only.

Do your homework first. If you have a certain make and model in mind, know ahead of time approximately what they are selling for. Check the newspapers for ads, look at resale lots, ask around. Once you've done this, it's time to go shopping. Get there early, check the cars out carefully, inside and out, under the car as well. Check out signs of damage, misalignment of body panels, etc. Are some of the body panels a slightly different shade of color? Could be a sign the vehicle was in an accident and the paint has not matched well. Is the mileage consistent with the normal wear and tear? Listen to the sound of the engine, smooth running? When the vehicle is being moved around, how well does it shift, any noises?

Being over cautious is a good thing at an auction, for here you buy as is! It's your responsibility to check it out ahead of time. There are usually no guarantees. Watch what

you do! Let's assume that your bid was the one accepted. You can pay for the car in full right then and there, or put up deposit money until you pick up the vehicle later that day or the next. Most auction houses will have their own criteria as to how long you have to pick up and pay in full for the vehicle.

Not very many individuals take their vehicles to these types of auctions to sell, feeling they can usually get more by putting an ad in the paper and then negotiating one on one with a potential buyer. Hopefully you'll have good luck.

Should you have an older car, truck, or one of special interest, then you might want to try selling (or buying) at this type of auction. One of my favorites locally is the RM Classic Car Auction which, coincidentally, is going on this weekend at the Novi Expo Center in Novi. Drawing about 350-400 consigned

vehicles, it gives quite an array to pick from. Again, do your homework! If you're unsure, take along a friend who is knowledgeable about the one you like. Check to see if you need a bidder's card, and if so and you're serious, get one. If you don't bid, you can't buy. I've been caught myself, figuring I was just going to look and real buys crossed the block, especially those at no reserve. The vehicle goes to the highest bidder.

All of the same rules mentioned before apply here. Set your limit and stick to it. Do not get wrapped up in the emotional moment and overbid. Remember as well, that there is a seller's fee and a buyer's fee, act accordingly. Try it, you may like it. Till next week.

Art Cervi of "Let's Talk Cars" can be heard each Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on WYUR, AM 1310. Send your questions to Let's Talk Cars c/o Observer & Eccentric.

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Experienced dispatcher with knowledge of Detroit area. Must be able to work well under pressure, possessing excellent communication skills.

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Great Supplemental Income. CDL & Chauffeur positions available. Full or part-time. Call: Executive Airport Transportation (734) 728-0011.

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Presently accepting applications for early morning NW suburbs home delivery motor routes for national newspaper. No billing, collecting or sales involved.

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Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital has several full and part-time job openings in the following hospital departments:

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To \$150k. Experienced. Call Michael J. C. Corp 248-203-0000; Fax: 203-0047.

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Gutter Installer
To run truck & crew. Looking for full or part time. Call: (248) 551-0050.

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GYMNASTICS INSTRUCTOR
Wanted for part-time. Busy full service. Nov. salon looking for full & part time Receptionist. Call: (248) 335-8770.

DISPATCHER
Laboratory Corporation of America, the nation's largest clinical laboratory, is seeking a dispatcher to work in our fast-paced distribution department in our regional lab in Livonia.

PRODUCTION TECHNICIAN
IMMEDIATE NEED
Established Beverage Company seeking an individual with 1 to 2 years experience with fillers, packers, palletizers and other related packaging equipment.

RESEARCH GROUP REPRESENTATIVES
Resolves customer, branch and inter-departmental problems relating to mortgages, loans, consumer loans, student loans, equity line loans and overdraft loans.

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Driver needed for local delivery, using company vehicles. Must have good knowledge of local delivery area, with good driving record.

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As an independent contractor, you're free to make as much money as you can. So if you're ready to go the extra mile - and make the extra bucks - you know where to start.

ELECTRONIC ASSEMBLER
Building circuit boards, test equipment, cables, probes, coils and control panels. Must possess soldering skills. Call: Windward Electronics, Inc., 42300 W. 9 Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375, ATTN: N.J.R. or C.E.V., E.O.E.

ELECTRICIAN
If you are an experienced electrician, you're the one we're looking for! Expanding multi-family residential control experience. Salary commensurate with experience.

GATE ATTENDANT
A Farmington Hills apt. community hiring motivated individuals for the Gate Attendant position. Apply in person at: MULIWOOD Management Offices 3505 Mainwood Dr. Farmington Hills, MI 48332.

HAIR SALON ASSISTANT needed in Birmingham. (248) 433-1969
HAIRSTYLIST
Full-time. Busy downtown Royal Oak. Aveda salon. Health insurance and vacation pay available. Some following preferred. Call: 248-545-1700.

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EOE M/F/D/V

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Auto dealer is seeking an individual to assist in the service department with customers. Ideal candidate must have a pleasant disposition and be able to work well with others.

OWNERS/OPERATORS WANTED
CTX, Inc. is looking for owners of late model pickups, Cargo Vans, 22'24' Straight Trucks and Trailers with Trailers.

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Dedicated Canton/Lorain/Toledo run. Flatbed loads are 80% Drop & Hook. Business.

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Journeyman to run service truck & work independently on residential & commercial job. Competitive pay & benefits. 810-949-3898

ELECTRICIAN
NEEDED for National Lighting Company. Full-time position. Good benefits package. Livonia, MI. (734) 422-8460.

EXPEDITER
Leading fastener distribution company seeks an expediter to manage deliveries from our suppliers. Ideal candidate will have excellent interpersonal control experience.

GENERAL LABOR
Openings at a small manufacturing Co. in Livonia. Solid work history & high school diploma/GED required. \$9.50/hr. Start: Nov. 16, 2nd, 3rd shifts. Benefits and Overtime. Call: (248) 615-0280 for interview.

HELPER
MACHINE shop helper needed for small tasks & some small machine operation. Full time, overtime, weekends. Apply in person. Mon-Fri 10:00am to 5:00pm, 2027 Old Farm Rd., Milford MI 48361-1114.

Full Time Service Representative
Are you a highly disciplined individual who always sees projects through to completion? Are you a perfectionist? Are you customer service #1 to you? Do you like a fast-paced work environment? Do you have the ability to work independent of management? Nabisco Biscuit Company is currently hiring Full Time Service Representatives in the metro Detroit and West Bloomfield/Farmington areas.

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Human Resources Dept. 2800 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI 48064. Fax: (248) 637-2759. Equal Opportunity Employer. M/F/D/V.

DRIVER/WAREHOUSE
WILMAR INDUSTRIES, INC., the nation's leading distributor of repair and maintenance products to the Apartment/Housing markets, needs a Full-time Driver in the Farmington Hills, MI area.

ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN
Experienced Electronic Technician needed to service copy and fax equipment for a growing company. Salary and benefits included. Send resume to: Premier Business Products, 213 E. 14 Mile Rd., Clawson, MI 48017. Call: (248) 589-3535.

GLAZIER
Will train if needed. Full-time with benefits. Live in position. Call: (734) 453-2599.

HOLIDAY HELP
Wanted for fast paced fruit basket preparation, December 7th through December 24th, ideal for college students. Earn spending money for the holidays! Apply in person. JOE'S PRODUCE, 33312 W. 7 Mile - Livonia.

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AIRTOUCH
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Needed immediately. Good conditions. Flexible hours. Call: (248) 525-6926 for info. HOUSEKEEPING STAFF: Wanted immediately. Apartments and homes in Southfield, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield. (248) 559-1500.

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Minimum Qualifications: Associate Degree in Computer Information Systems. No substitutions permitted. Successful completion of Clerical Skills Battery. A valid Michigan driver's license.

Applicants must complete an application form and provide transcripts for all degrees earned. Requests for applications will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 1998.

OCCL is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

TELEMARKETING NO. SALES Betsy Clarkson based firm seeks 2-3 RELIABLE INDIVIDUALS to help book ongoing seminars.

PERSONNEL ASSISTANT needed to assist Personnel Specialist in all human resource functions including recruitment, administration, fringe benefits, employee relations, etc.

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PLANT MANAGER Small growing operation, 500-700 8-10 yrs. experience. Midland area. Fax Resume Personnel (248) 399-1426

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PROPERTY MANAGER To assist in management/leasing of commercial/industrial real estate. Oversees & assists in repairs & maintenance. Will train. Call: (248) 548-0880

PROPOSAL ENGINEERING MANAGER Strong mechanical design background in piping, structural, etc. in piping concepts & automation desired.

PURCHASING/ADMIN. ASSISTANT Milford area machine shop needs experienced buyer/ administrative assistance. Fax resume to (248) 684-2529

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QUALITY CONTROL MANAGER ISO/9000/QS9000 manufacturing facility seeks self-motivated quality control engineer/manager. Production facility located in Belleville.

QUALITY COORDINATOR Kawasaki Robotics (USA), Inc. needs a quality control professional with experience ranging from 1-5 years. Must be able to demonstrate knowledge of ISO/QS9000/IES: quality system standards.

RECRUITING/STAFFING SPECIALIST-Excellent phone communication skills, needed for Farmington Hills search firm. Full time, benefits. Call (248) 628-1900 x 103

REGIONAL DIRECTOR National Not-for-Profit seeks Michigan Regional Director to develop programs & events to increase the financial productivity of the region.

RELOCATION COORDINATOR Excellent opportunity with excellent company, favorable compensation/benefits. Service customer during relocation. Involves initiation of move process, continual updates, etc. Assists with special client projects, computer communication skills. Call Ken: (248) 471-4000

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REGISTRAR'S OFFICE ASSISTANT Oakland Community College is currently seeking applications for the position of Registrar's Office Assistant at the District Office.

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ROOFING QA INSPECTOR Roof consulting firm needs field inspectors with good communication skills. Roofing experience required with knowledge of roofing materials.

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Service Technician Security Corporation Inc. seeks service technicians in the field service department for S/E Michigan.

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SWISS SCREW OPERATOR Wanted to run CNC Swiss screw machines in afternoon shift with competitive wages & full benefits.

TALENT AGENT Fast paced agency in Sylvan Lake seeking qualified individual for fashion/entertainment industry. Computer skills required.

TEACHER ASSISTANT needed Monday thru Friday. Experience required in school setting. Call Novi/Noviville Monestrori at 7-7-3pm at (248) 338-3039

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SUPERVISOR QUALITY SUPERVISOR firm seeks quality supervisor. Must have good understanding of seat assembly methods & designs.

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE 20 hours/week/Receivable for entering all receivables accurately.

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Automotive, Expanding major supplier needs new long openings.

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical CLERICAL ASSISTANT General office duties including typing, filing and records maintenance.

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical DATA ENTRY CLERICAL Corporate office in Southfield needs candidate with prior experience with Windows 95.

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE POSITIONS Temp to Hire & Direct Hire. We have numerous positions in the Northern suburbs.

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Part Time Birmingham area professional firm requires an organized, efficient individual for support staff.

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Master Data Center's Intellectual Property Payments Department seeks full time Administrative Assistant.

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical CLERICAL PART-TIME Construction office in Plymouth, MI. Seeking Secretary.

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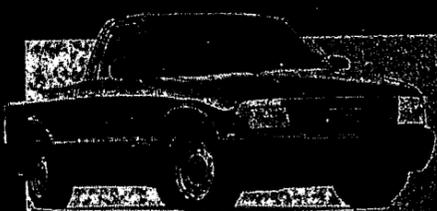
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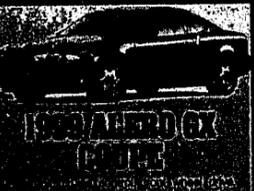
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ASK THE EXPERT Intercept water before it reaches heat ducts

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Q. My house is built on a concrete slab. About five years ago after a long hard rain or sudden deluge, we began to get water seeping under the slab and into the floor heating ducts. Water enters the ducts on the side where the ground slopes upward, then fills all the other ducts. Is there any way to stop this water from entering the house?

A. The best way to control the problem is to intercept the water before it gets under the slab and direct it away from the house. But, before you go to the expense of putting in a subsurface drainage system, check other possible solutions that are less expensive.

The ground immediately adjacent to the house should be graded so it slopes away from the foundation. There should be 8 inches minimum distance between the top of the foundation where the sills rest and the grade level. The 8-inch space will prevent rain from splashing up, soaking the wood and possibly rotting the structure. The down slope stops water from collecting around the foundation, and it also forms a swale, or depression, to carry surface water away from the house. To accomplish this, you may have to move quite a lot of earth but it may be easier than installing a drainage system.

If you do not have gutters to channel roof rain runoff away from the house, they should be installed. If you have gutters, make sure the downspout bases extend far enough away

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Adams Pointe will be 15 homes

Dan MacLeish, who's built an excellent reputation along with hundreds of homes in Troy, is now at work on Adams Pointe in that city.

Just 15 luxury plated houses, almost all with custom features, will line a cul-de-sac street at the southeast corner of Adams and Long Lake roads.

"Outside of Beach Forest, I honestly think that this will be the last premier sub in this area," MacLeish said. "Our houses range from 4,000 to 7,000 square feet. I probably have 25 plans today.

"We'll take a basic plan and push a wall here, there, everywhere. Every house in here we customize to a person's needs and desires. If they want to change things while we're going, we'll take time to do it," he said.

MacLeish includes 11 plans in publicity materials given to prospective buyers.

Prices start at \$597,500 for a story-and-a-half of about 4,000 square feet with four bedrooms and 3-1/2 baths to \$797,500 for a story-and-a-half of just under 7,000 square feet with four bedrooms, three full baths and two half baths.

"The price is right for what you're getting," MacLeish said.

All plans include three-car garage, first-floor laundry, basement, jet tub and separate shower in the master suite, air conditioning and fireplace.

Oak flooring in the kitchen, microwave, range and dishwasher, butler's pantry, a custom-made front door of oak and beveled glass, plus a double staircase also are standard.

There's much to excite buyers about Adams Pointe beyond the houses.

"You have a brick wall (along Adams and Long Lake) that gives a sense of privacy, seclusion," MacLeish said. "There's gorgeous landscaping. It's protected so you don't have to worry about traffic racing through.

Troy's geography is what attracts him to developing and building in the community generally, Adams Pointe specifically, MacLeish said.

"The location is ideal," he said. "It's a mile north to the freeway (I-75). Birmingham is a couple of miles away. Somerset North is three miles. It's close to all offices and all the restaurants along the Big Beaver Corridor."

The Woodland II, a 4,700-square-foot colonial, is under construction in Adams Pointe as a spec model.



MacLeish offering: Large, well-appointed houses like this await buyers at Adams Pointe in Troy.

The house will feature a two-story foyer, dining room, living room, library and kitchen nook with island, walk-in pantry and built-in desk or buffet.

One half-bath is off the garage and large laundry room, the second orients to the family room.

The master with tray ceiling also will contain two walk-in closets and a two-sink vanity. The guest bedroom upstairs has its own full bath, while the other two bedrooms share a jack-and-jill-style bath.

Base price is \$649,500.

"We do a lot of bay windows," MacLeish said while touring the spec. "Notice how wide the halls are. We make them five feet. We always give two staircases so the kids can run up to their bedrooms and keep the foyer clean for company."

Brick and wood siding are primary exterior materials. Premiums on nearly every lot range from \$25,000-\$80,000.

Adams Pointe is served by city water

and sewers. It's within the Bloomfield Hills school district. The community will have sidewalks.

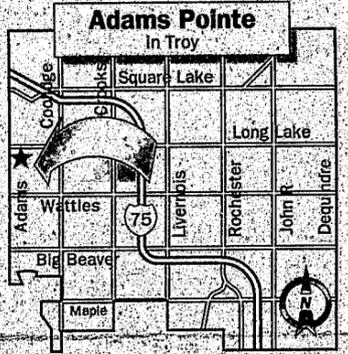
The property tax rate currently is \$35.74 per \$1,000 of state-equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of \$650,000 house there would pay about \$11,600 the first year.

The annual association fee to maintain the entrance and cul-de-sac is projected at \$75 per house.

The location and the MacLeish reputation drew Teresa Lee to Adams Pointe.

"There's only 15 homes that are going to be built and just one entrance, so it wasn't a busy area," she said. "This is a country-type atmosphere, yet just minutes from conveniences.

"He (MacLeish) was willing to do anything," Lee added. "Working with his daughter (Melody Griffin, sales rep) and son (Dan, superintendent) made it so easy. Their expectation of what a nice home should look like was the



same as mine. They took care of it all."

The sales office at Adams Pointe, (248) 641-8898, is open 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed Saturdays and Sundays.

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from the foundation or install splash blocks to prevent rain from collecting there.

If surface water is not the cause of your problem, you will have to intercept the subsurface water before it gets to the foundation. This can be done by installing a curtain drain parallel to the house on the slope that runs toward the house.

Q. I have a 21-year-old Florida home that has a built-up flat roof topped with white gravel. The roof was coated about four years ago, and it needs coating again. Although I've patched it twice in the last three months, I've been told that the life of this type of roof is about 20 years. Should I keep patching, or replace it?

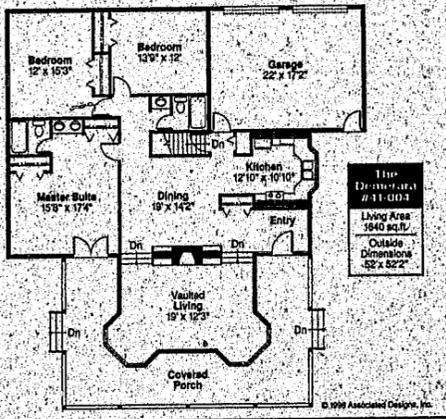
A. Probably you'd like to be told to keep patching it up, but, unfortunately, a lot has changed over the 20 years since your home was new. Now, most makers of built-up roofs talk of a 10-year warranty. This would indi-

cate how lucky you are with the roof you have.

You have to weigh the cost of patching and repainting the water-damaged rooms under the leaks against the cost of a new roof. When you've finally had it with painting, the new roof can be applied over the old one. First the gravel must be removed (spudded).

Gravel over a built-up roof is strongly recommended as it helps to retard the breakdown of the roofing materials by protecting them from the sun's ultraviolet rays. Single-sheet roof applications are available now. They have a mop-on coating to protect against deterioration caused by the ultraviolet rays, but gravel helps the roof last longer than it ever would without it.

To submit a question, write to Popular Mechanics, Reader Service Bureau, 224 West 57th St., New York, NY 10019. The most interesting questions will be answered in a future column.



Big front porch sets tone for this home

Gazing at the Demerara, one of the first things to catch your attention is the front porch. Guest designer Steve Duarte, of Bordentown, N.J., uses slender balusters capped by a simple wooden rail to accent the clean, uncluttered lines of this mid-size contemporary home.

Wooden steps intersect the railing on the right, near an entrance flanked by multipaned windows. Another set of stairs on the opposite side ascends near French doors that open into the master suite.

The porch wraps around three sides of a large vaulted living room that is expanded by bay windows at both of the street-facing corners. Cased openings frame the steps down to the sunken living room.

A fanlight-style window, tucked under the peak of the front gable, adds further illumination while a brick fireplace, flanked by bookshelves, provides an interior focal point. More shelves are recessed into

the other side of the brick wall, facing into a living space that could be used as either a dining room or family room.

In the adjacent U-shaped kitchen, the sink nestles into a window bay. African violets thrive in this light. A pantry is next to the garage access and across from the basement stairs. Utilities are downstairs, in the partial basement.

The Demerara's master suite is larger than the other two bedrooms, with a simple and practical layout. It has two closets and a dual vanity, outside of the enclosed toilet.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$15 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, Ore. 97402. Please specify the Demerara 41-004 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring over 250 home plans is available for \$12. For more information call (800) 634-0123.

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"The secret to finding drafts, even minor ones that can add up to big bills, is to use the back of your hand," said Jerry Goetz, Detroit Edison's residential heating/cooling specialist. "To test for drafts, run the back of your hand slowly over the suspect area. The sensitive sensors in the skin will pick up most any draft. Then it is time to eliminate the draft."

"Think of your house as an envelope - you want to seal it so warm air stays in and cold air stays out," Goetz said. "Caulking in the right places is the best way to eliminate cold drafts and maintain a comfortable temperature inside."

Cold air can infiltrate your home around door and window frames, exhaust fans or any other place where wires and pipes enter. If your home does have a draft, remove cracked caulk and replace it with new caulk, and fit weather-stripping into the cracks around windows and doors.

Fireplace dampers and glass fireplace doors should be closed when fireplaces are not in use, Goetz suggested.

Insulation also saves energy and increases comfort. Two overlooked places worth insulating are where the foundation meets the floor joists, as well as the side walls of crawl spaces. Not only will insulation reduce air infiltration and heat loss, but it will prevent water pipes in crawl spaces from freezing.

When it comes to warmth, regular maintenance of the heating system will help keep it

running more efficiently and save money in the long run. Goetz said furnace filters work best when free of dust and dirt. Check, clean or replace filters monthly to use energy wisely. Goetz offered these additional tips to save money on winter energy bills:

Lower thermostats at night or when leaving the house for several hours. Depending on the size and efficiency of your furnace, you can save between 3 percent and 7 percent by dialing down five to 10 degrees from the standard temperature setting for

five or more hours. An automatic setback timer thermostat will do this for you automatically.

Homes with proper humidity levels will provide greater comfort at lower temperatures. When humidity is kept at a proper level - about 35 percent at

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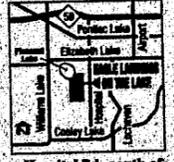
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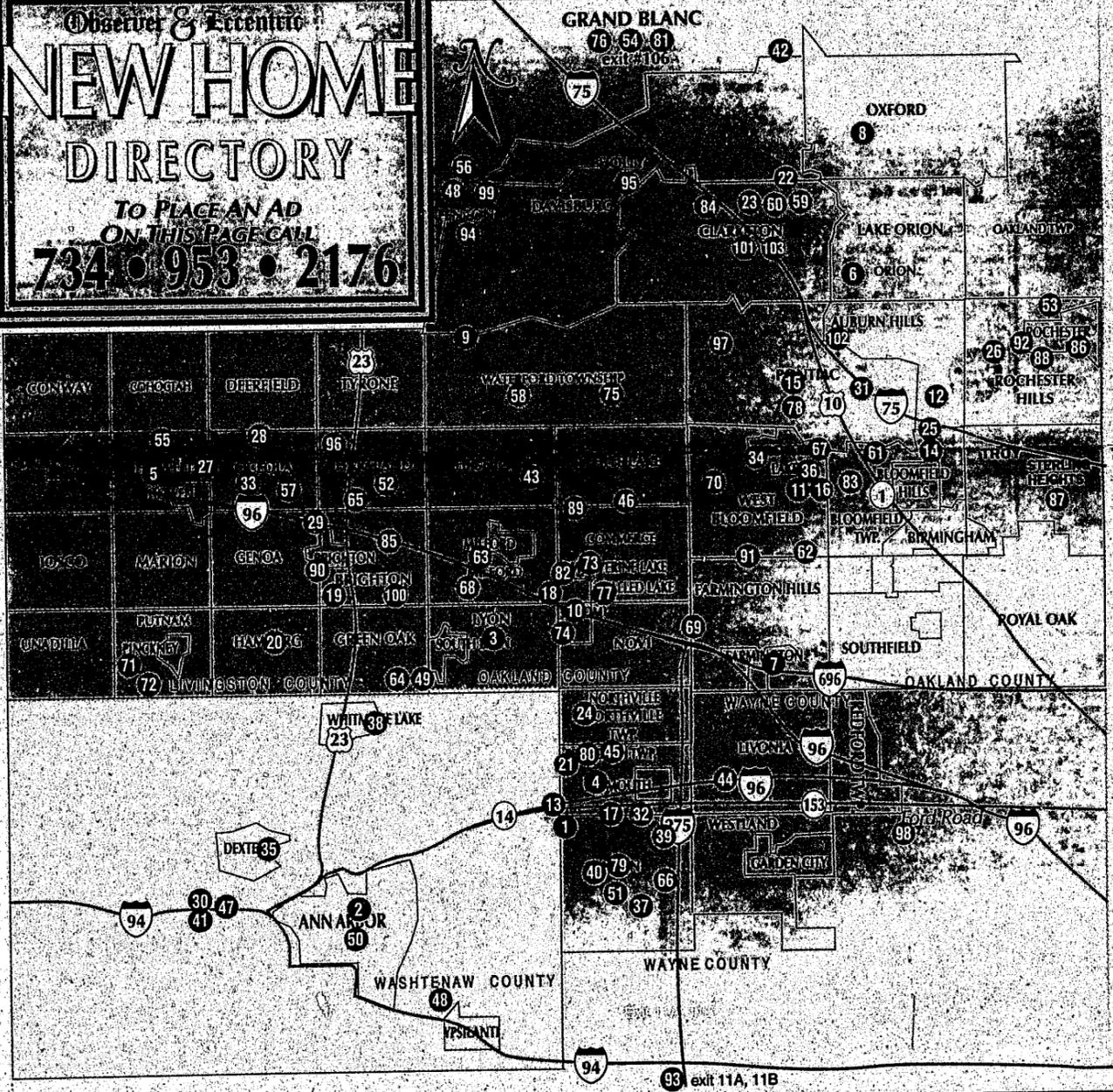
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Save money and extend the life of your furnace

As leaves turn to red and gold and the temperature drops, home owners know it's time to get ready for winter and checking the furnace should be one of the first items on the list.

You can save money and help extend the life of your furnace with a few simple steps:

■ Have a tune-up and safety check done each year by a reputable, professional service technician.

■ Check for signs of improper combustion. In a natural gas furnace, they can include soot around the bottom of the furnace and pilot light; a yellow pilot light flame that tends to flicker; an excessive natural gas odor, similar to that of rotten eggs. Properly burning furnaces do not emit excessive odor, and have a steady blue pilot light flame.

■ Change the air filter now and each month throughout the winter to protect the fan motor and allow your furnace to run more efficiently and cleanly. Additionally, air registers should be cleaned and vents in unused rooms should be closed.

■ Consider the use of programmable thermostats, and timers on water heaters, to help conserve energy by automatically adjusting temperatures while

you are at work or asleep.

■ Consider adding attic insulation and installing insulated windows or plastic window sheeting. The U.S. Department of Energy recommends R-38 insulation, which is the equivalent of 12 inches of fiberglass blanket insulation for most homes.

■ Seal leaks around doors, windows, joints and other openings, such as pipes or ducts, with caulking or weather-stripping.

■ If your furnace is 15 years old or older, you might consider replacing it with a newer model that is more efficient and will help cut your energy bill.

Consumers Energy's Appliance Service Plans offer furnace tune-ups, as well as prompt emergency service if your furnace fails. Consumers also offers free information about replacing your heating and cooling system through its Heating and Cooling Solutions program. This service provides the customer with information on quality heating and cooling contractors, and provides access to quick and easy financing at a competitive rate. Customers can call (800) 500-6565 for more information about the Appliance Service Plan or Heating and Cooling Solutions.

Windows help keep the cold out

(NAPS) - You probably still shiver when you think about last winter's record-setting cold and snow. Well, don't look now, but winter and its bone-chilling temperatures are right around the corner. While it may not be possible to delay winter, you can take steps now to keep your home cozy all year long.

Some of the worst cold-weather culprits are old or poorly fitting windows, which let in drafts, chills and even snow - all of which waste energy. These same windows make life uncomfortable in the summer by letting in hot, humid air. According to

the pros, using extra caulk and window films may provide short-term relief, but the only real solution is to replace your old windows. New wood windows not only save energy, but they look great and are easy to maintain.

"When it comes to windows, customers seem to want it all: great looks, low maintenance and energy efficiency," says Mark Siegle, owner of Siegle's, one of the country's largest window and door distributors.

Low-E-coated glass panes filled with Argon gas can be added to help

keep your home comfortable in even the most frigid conditions.

Until recently, the design choices for clad windows were minimal. For homes with double hung window frames that are still in good condition, it may not be necessary to replace the entire window. Replacement window kits allow homeowners to add energy efficient window sash and hardware to existing double hung window frames. By replacing only the parts that need replacing, homeowners can save both time and money, not to mention a big headache.

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