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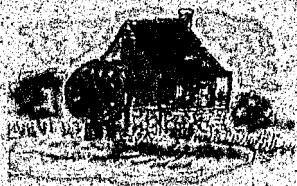
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Time to stock up

Stockholders, get ready. Clarkston Financial Corp., the holding company for Clarkston State Bank, is now offering stock.

Clarkston State Bank will be located in the heart of downtown Clarkston, replacing the former NBD. The stock, offered at \$10 a share, became available Nov. 16. Roney Capital Markets is underwriting the offering of 950,000 shares of common stock.

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Here doggie, doggie

An Independence Township family is searching for their dog, Ellie, who was reported missing and possibly stolen on Nov. 23.

Ellie is a 3 year-old female golden retriever who lives on East Princeton. Police reports showed that a car was spotted passing by at the same time as the dog was discovered missing. Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Ellie should contact the Independence Township substation at 620-4968.

Make way for United Way

Independence Township is looking out for those in need.

As one of 70 organizations supporting the United Way of Oakland County, the township has demonstrated a 38 percent increase from last year in its 1998 campaign for pledges to the United Way.

Independence Township was recognized by the organization for showing outstanding communication efforts.

Pledges currently total \$4,983,762, which translates into 80 percent of the 1998 goal.



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Road crews prepared for ice, snow



■ The Road Commission for Oakland County, with its six salt domes and numerous snow plows, is prepared for the inevitable this winter. Meanwhile, crews based out of the Davisburg garage brace for another season.

By STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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As winter weather approaches — bringing ice, snow and blizzard-like conditions — motorists begin to take precautions for themselves and their

vehicles.

And the Road Commission of Oakland County prepares its truck drivers for the slippery conditions to come. Often the first drivers on the road in such weather, Road Commission employees leave their homes, hop into trucks, and take to the snow-covered

streets, to make the way safer for other drivers.

At the Davisburg garage in Springfield Township, preparations are ready for the frosty weather. Davisburg houses one of six salt domes in Oakland County. These salt domes store the salt needed to provide traction in the snow. The Road Commission also monitors weather using advanced technology like Doppler radar, and receives faxed alerts from the weather service. Conditions are rated on a one to 10 scale, with 10 as the most hazardous, to determine whether roads will need to

be salted and plowed. Craig Bryson, spokesperson for the Road Commission of Oakland County, said employees also monitor the conditions of bridge decks, which tend to freeze more quickly because they are suspended in air. The really tough job, Bryson said, is determining whether to call drivers in when weather is questionable.

"We're stewards of taxpayer money," Bryson said.

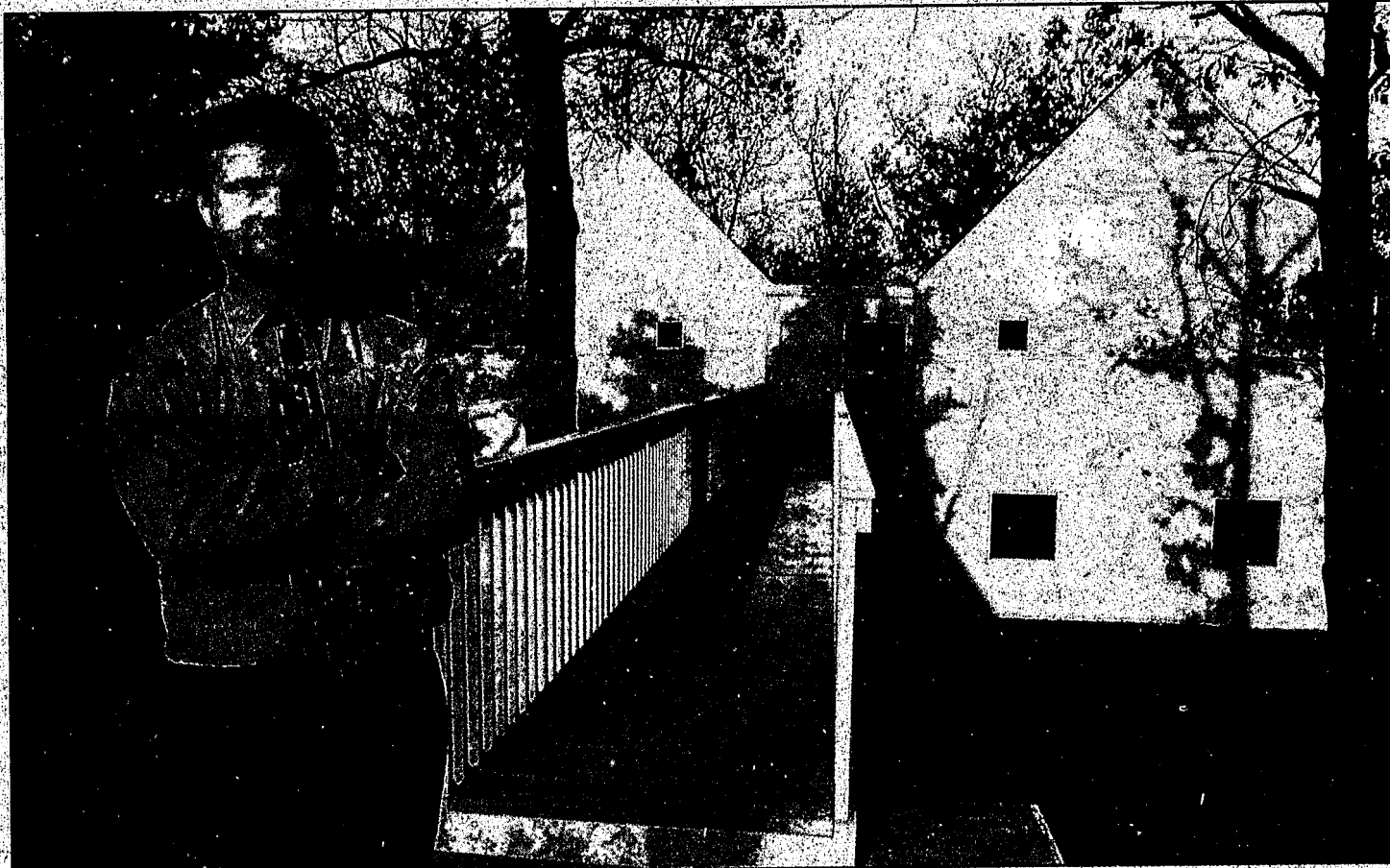
With a staff of 26 truck drivers, Supervisor Steve Pitcher said employ-

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The house that Sam built



One great room:
Bayne's award-winning home carries a simple design inside and out.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

His own home: Architect Sam Bayne of Independence Township stands in front of his award-winning house, which he designed. The dramatic 60-foot bridge leading to the front door helped to preserve the trees on the sloping site.

Hidden treasures:
The kitchen was designed with a built-in flair.



Architect wins award for own abode

By STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Sometimes Sam Bayne feels as though he lives in a fishbowl. People driving down his street slow down to look at the place he and his wife Vickie call home. Trick-or-treaters run up and down the long, unusual bridge leading to the front door of the modern, white home. Passers-by peek into the giant windows with curiosity.

"I think the house in general is very simple," said Bayne, a 49-year-old Independence Township resident and architect.

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Former dental hygienist is all smiles with new store

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

By STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Joni Catanese just wanted something to call her own.

The Clarkston resident is a wife and mother who spent years working as a dental hygienist. But she and her husband Bill envisioned something even more substantial. That's when Catanese decided to look into the possibility of owning a franchise.

"I was real content working for somebody else," said Catanese, 40. "As you

mature... you want to own something yourself, have some control of your own."

That something turned out to be Country Clutter, a retail franchise located at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills. She describes the store as a "visual experience" for customers, which feels like "walking into someone's home."

But life wasn't always price tags and packaging. She attended Mott Community College for dental hygiene. Though she enjoyed her work and had developed a strong patient following, Catanese still wanted more. Through the years she developed a

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Country charm: At 40, Joni Catanese, owner of Country Clutter at Great Lakes Crossing, switched careers from dental hygienist to retail store owner.

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ees at his garage have the most experience working for the Oakland County Road Commission. The road commission spends approximately \$7 million each year on winter road maintenance.

Working for the Road Commission, drivers tend to keep a keen watch on the weather so they know ahead of time if they'll be needed on the road. Mark Smith of Holly said he gets to bed early on nights when bad weather is brewing. After 10 years working with the Road Commission, he knows when to expect to be on the roads early, salting and plowing.

Art Themm of Grand Blanc said he too prepares ahead of time. Themm has been working for the Road Commission for eight years. He packs an extra lunch and often lays his clothes out ahead of time on snowy nights.

"We're kind of like firefighters," Themm said, adding that when news reports warn drivers to stay off of the roads, they're the people called into action.

Though driving can be dangerous, Smith said it's not a scary job.

"When it's a sheet of ice, it's really not scary," he said. "It's a little more difficult getting to work."

Most importantly, he said, drivers need to slow down in snowy or icy conditions. They should allow more time to get to any destination.

Themm agreed and added that the frustrating part of his job in the winter is being "cut-off" by vehicles passing him on the highway. Trucks that plow and salt may travel slower than regular traffic, but those are the vehicles that make the roads driveable for others.

"A lot of people get mad at you for being in the way," added Smith. "Sometimes it's frustrating being out there for 15 to 16 hours a day. You're thinking, 'Why am I doing this? They don't appreciate it.' You think, 'Why bother?'"

But the drivers do "bother" to do their part in keeping the roads safe for travel. A single run for a truck can use up to 12 tons of salt. A standard for a



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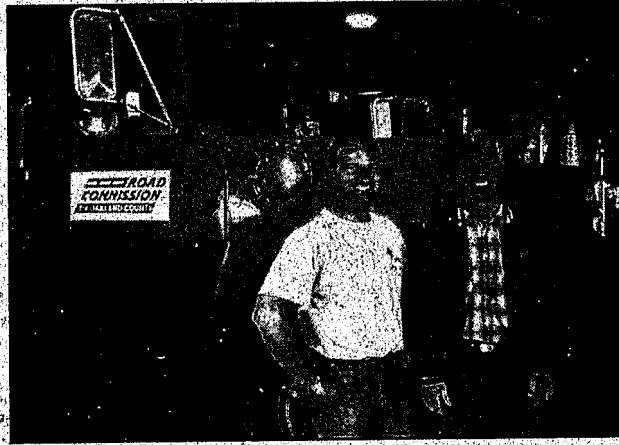
Throwing salt: The Road Commission uses 83,000 tons of salt each year to cover icy roads. The salt is stored in six locations, including this dome in Davisburg.



Ready: Supervisor Steve Pitcher stands by a mound of salt.

two-lane mile of pavement requires 800 pounds of salt. Drivers can work 16 hour shifts and are then required to take five hours off before they can be called back to work.

But drivers can encounter accidents regardless of how well-maintained the roads are during the winter. In an emergency or break-down situation, AAA of Michigan recommends that drivers and passengers stay with



Taken by storm: Drivers Art Themm and Mark Smith are ready to hit the roads.

their vehicle. Wandering into a snowstorm can be dangerous since people might become lost and police would have difficulty trying to locate them, according to Independence Township police.

When accidents do happen, the next stop is usually a local service station or a trusted mechanic. In Troy, Fisher Refinishing on Maplelawn receives more business during the winter months than when the weather is fair. Kevin Byrnes, general manager of Fisher Refinishing, said that over the years drivers have learned to slow down in snowy and icy weather.

"People tend to be careful in heavier snowfall," said Byrnes.

But when the weather is rainy or there is just light snow, he added, drivers don't always take the necessary precautions on the roads.

The most common problems Byrnes sees with vehicles in need of service during the colder months involves the suspension. Icy roads and heavy snow can tear up the bottom of a car, he said. Tires often suffer the most damage.

Though accidents do happen, Byrnes noticed that during the winter it's more common for damage to occur from cars sliding on ice, than for vehicles crashing into one another.

"Because of the technology of cars, with the anti-lock brake system today, less people are getting hurt," said Byrnes. "But when we get a light rain or light snow, people don't respect it."

"Years ago, we would get twice as much business (in the winter)," he said.

Byrnes shared a common misconception about the type of vehicle that is used in snowy weather. He said that drivers of large sport utility vehicles think they are safer in winter conditions because they have four-wheel drive. That's not necessarily the case.

The big sport utility vehicles, the four-wheel drive trucks, slide around in the ice probably two times as much as a little car," he said. "The people driving smaller cars are trying to be careful. The sport utility vehicles pass them. Guess who'll be coming to see us?"

Not the driver of the smaller vehicle," he said.

"Winter is the only time (sport utility drivers) get the opportunity to use four-wheel drive," added Byrnes. "They all turn into adventurers. They need to think about the other guy."

Themm agreed and said that "even four-by-fours don't have better traction than a two-wheel drive vehicle" when it comes to snow-covered roads.

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vision of what she wanted to do. Along with her husband's help and support, Catanese has achieved that vision.

"She wasn't out to change careers," said Bill Catanese. "We were looking for a business of our own."

As the owner of Country Clutter, she is now an entrepreneur. The store is part of a California franchise that offers country-themed merchandise. To open her own franchise, Catanese applied for and was granted a loan.

She never imagined she would own such a store. The merchandise, for the most part, is contrary to her contemporary taste.

"I personally don't collect," Catanese said. "This is more of a business move."

But she's knowledgeable about country-style knick-knacks and home decor items. She and a friend had worked for the Homestead Corp., selling similar types of merchandise by going to customers' homes. She said the response was so positive, she knew customers, especially women, like that type of merchandise.

"The attraction was the location," Catanese said, referring to the new mall as a promising opportunity.

The career shift began with a newspaper advertisement and an opportunity. Last May, Catanese began pursuing the idea by researching the type of business she wanted to own. She looked into restaurants as well, but Country Clutter caught her eye.

"It was not a quick decision," said Catanese. "We wanted to make sure the company stood behind their people."

Catanese continued working at the Rochester Hills dental office until the end of September. All the while, she was exploring her options and talking to other franchise owners.

"It's been real, real hectic," she said. "I have two boys at home and I'm never there."

Catanese said her husband has been very supportive. For someone who's been working 13-hour days regularly, that help is not only appreciated, it's necessary.

Bill Catanese said his role in the business is to provide strong moral support, help out at the store, and most importantly take care of their two sons. That translates into long hours for both Joni and Bill Catanese. He works as an automotive engineer for Dimensional Control Systems in Troy. Both he and his wife are new to retail.

But he said Joni Catanese possesses a strong business sense and works well with people, qualities he considers important as a business owner.

Catanese said she depends on her strong staff of about 13 employees.

One of those employees, Kathy Dusenbery of Grand Blanc,

■ 'The responsibility factor is huge. You really care about what's happening out there. Your philosophy is a little different when you become the owner. You have a vested interest. Even though you do the best job as you can when you're working for someone else, when it's time to go home, you leave.'

Joni Catanese
new owner of Country Clutter

works as an assistant manager for the store.

"I think she's doing very well," said Dusenbery, who is also Catanese's niece.

Dusenbery said the opening of the store has run smoothly, in comparison to other businesses ventures with which she has been involved.

"She is very excited about it, which makes it easier for the other employees," said Dusenbery. "It gives us the incentive to really try hard."

Opening a store during the holiday rush has proved hectic, but Catanese said despite the long hours and hard work, it's truly the best time of year to open a business.

"I couldn't ask for a better time to open," said Catanese.

Regardless of when a store opens, she said, you still have to be able to pay for the stock. When a store opens in the springtime, when sales are slower, that can be a difficult goal, she said.

Before the store opened all of the merchandise was stored in the Catanese home, filling up her basement and garage. It had to be opened, priced and reboxed before it was moved to the store. That was a "little quirk" she didn't expect.

But for the most part, Catanese was familiar with the ways of retail work. Her father worked as a manager and buyer for a department store. She remembers that he worked from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., with extra long hours around the holidays. But she said just because retail runs in the family doesn't mean she even imagined owning a store. It just meant she knew what to expect. "Coincidental," she called the connection.

"None of this has been surprising," she added.

Catanese said that the biggest difference between working in dental hygiene and owning Country Clutter is her mindset.

"The responsibility factor is huge," she said. "You really care about what's happening out there. Your philosophy is a little different when you become the owner. You have a vested interest. Even though you do the best job as you can when you're working for someone else, when it's time to go home, you leave."

According to Bill Catanese, the couple is "still in the dream phase of a new business."

If you or someone you know would like to be interviewed for this series, call 625-1900.

Clarkston Community Band to Perform 3rd Annual Christmas Concert

When: Sunday, December 6th
Time: 3 p.m.
Place: The gymnasium of Sashabaw Middle School

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Real World
Travel

Chef cooks up national award

BARB PERT TEMPLETON
STAFF WRITER

When 19-year-old Jeremy Houston picked up a gold medal in a culinary arts competition in New York last month, his accomplishment was just what his former teacher would have expected.

Houston, who attended the Oakland Technical Center's culinary arts program in Springfield Township for three years, definitely learned from the best: chef and culinary arts instructor Deborah Trudeau, who recently picked up a national honor of her own.

Trudeau received the American Culinary Federation National Chef Professionalism Award. It is one of the most prestigious honors bestowed on those in her field.

As a longtime instructor at the Oakland Technical Center, Trudeau enjoyed a reception in her honor, hosted at the student-run Northwest Inn last week.

The recipe for a national title came about after Trudeau captured the top spot in a regional competition in Chicago. Going on to Anaheim, Calif., in late July, she competed against three other finalists for the national honor. The award is given to those who build, support, create and foster culinary arts programs for young people.

Taking the title was a complete surprise.

"I'm still in shock. It's like, 'Is this really happening?'" Trudeau said.

The fact that she captured a national award is no surprise to Principal Dan Manthei. Still, he feels the sheer magnitude of Trudeau's accomplishment is a bit overwhelming.

"To know this is someone that you see and work with everyday and they've won a national honor is humbling but also a source of great pride," Manthei said. "And she's very approachable. She doesn't have a big ego."

A Grand Blanc native, Trudeau has worked in the restaurant industry since she was a teenager and started a cake decorating business while staying at home with her young children.

"I've always been involved with cooking," Trudeau said. "I spent a lot of time with my grandmother, which had a major influence on me ... actually both of my grandmothers, one was from France and the other was Dutch, and they were both excellent cooks."

A return to school saw Trudeau earning an associate degree in food management from Mott Community College. That was followed by bachelor's and master's degrees from Ferris State in education and human



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

She takes the cake: Deborah Trudeau, chef and culinary arts instructor at Oakland Technical Center's Northwest Campus in Springfield Township, won a national award for her culinary arts program.

resource development.

Trudeau was employed as an instructor for adult education programs in Flint and taught at Mott Community College before taking the culinary arts post at Oakland Technical Center.

The program gives students a chance to learn the inner workings of the restaurant industry while picking up cooking tips. The experience also includes working in the on-site restaurant, Northwest Inn, which is open to the public.

Right now there are 60 students in the program. They follow a rotation that has them working in four different areas. The rotation schedule takes them to the front of the house as waiters or cashiers, the pantry where they deal with cold foods, the back of the restaurant with hot foods and the bakery. The latter area is very popular among staff and students alike.

"We don't use any boxes or mixes or pre-made frostings here — we do everything from scratch," Trudeau said.

Students marking their second year in the culinary arts program enjoy the restaurant rotation but also study more in-depth topics. That list includes menu planning, business and finance and table-side cooking of the type that's popular in upscale eateries, Trudeau said.

Another unique aspect of the program is the fact that enrollment is open to adults and senior citizens who pay tuition or non-high school graduates who may attend free.

"Those without a high school diploma can earn credits towards one," Trudeau said.

"And we have had several adults in the class, including a couple seniors."

Being enrolled in the program also means students are automatically part of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA). An international organization, VICA boasts more than 300,000 members and sponsors competitions for students in culinary, bakery and service aspects of the industry. Membership has proved a great success for Trudeau's pupils.

"The first year her students were involved with the organization they made it to a national level competition," Manthei said. "She really has that ability to take on any new endeavor and be totally dedicated. And she's not a back slapping cheerleading type. She leads by example with a quiet determination."

"Everything I do, I do through a love of teaching the kids," Trudeau said.

"I just hope that when the kids leave the program — even if they don't go into this field — they'll all least have some life skills, personal growth and development and self esteem," she said. "I like to open their eyes to the real world of work and work ethics."

The student restaurant, Northwest Inn, serves a breakfast buffet from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. and a lunch buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays. The program also does a small amount of catering and offers takeout with hot microwave meals on Thursday and Friday.

To contact the Oakland Technical Center call (248) 625-5202.

Parks employee ready to make a splash with aquatics program

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON
STAFF WRITER

Julia Grouix is young, ambitious and ready to take on new challenges, including immersing herself in the local community. As a newly hired programmer for the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department, Grouix will be handling the aquatics programs, special events and summer camps.

"I really like working with the community and developing ideas so this is a good opportunity for me," Grouix said.

The recreation department has 16 full-time employees and 200 part-time seasonal employees. They provide service to 30,000 residents in Independence Township and the city of Clarkston.

The township interviewed nine candidates for the programmer's post that was vacated last February with the departure of Pauline Beckett. Grouix took over the full-time position on Nov. 9 at an annual salary of \$28,500.

"Julia's personality fits with what we are looking for and we are excited to have her here," said Ann Conklin, the director of the parks and recreation department.

Originally from Ohio, Grouix graduated from Romeo High School following her family's move to Michigan when she was a teenager. She went on to Saginaw Valley State University, earning a bachelor's degree in fitness management and sports medicine in 1996.

"Aquatics and fitness have always been a big interest of mine," Grouix said.

An avid swimmer since high school, Grouix most recently worked as the aquatics program director for the Romeo Parks and Recreation Department. At the same time, she worked as a part-time fitness director at Chrysler Corp.

"I spent a lot of time at Chrysler, just working with employees to get them involved in fitness and setting up workouts for them," said Grouix, who puts her muscles where her mouth is by working out regularly.

"I'm not super strict, but I do work out at home on a daily basis doing some aerobics and weight lifting."

The possibility of establishing a swimming program for children and adults at the new pool at Clarkston High School could prove to be a great opportunity for the parks and recreation department.

"Julia has an extensive aquatic background, which we need," Conklin said. "We have a good swimming program now but hope to make it even better with the new pool at the high school."

Being able to establish swimming lessons and adult fitness swims is one project Grouix hopes to tackle soon.

"Having programs for the community is very important and so is having something for families to do together," she said. "And while doing the special events planning is new to me, I'm looking forward to expanding my knowledge in that area."

The first special events project Grouix helped out with was the recent mother-son dance, which



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Diving In: Julia Grouix, newly hired programmer for Independence Township Parks and Recreation, looks forward to the possibility of establishing a swimming program for adults and children at the new Clarkston High School pool.

proved a great success. The next item on her agenda is the annual family holiday festival to be held at Bay Court Park. This year's outing will be a two-day affair and is set for Saturday, Dec. 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 13, from 2 to 5 p.m.

"There will be a playscape decorated as candy land, a toy land and Santa's workshop," Grouix said. "We'll also have horse-drawn carriage rides, some musical entertainment and even roasted chestnuts."

This is the first time the festival will be held over a two-day period. The Saturday night festivities will include a huge display of Christmas lights.

Beyond the tasks she will tackle in her new post, Grouix enjoys spending her leisure hours with her husband, Scott, and their dog, a Labrador/rottweiler mix named "Peanut." She also enjoys browsing the pages of good mystery novels by authors Mary Higgins Clark and John Grisham.

OBITUARIES

Rev. Joseph J. Peters

Rev. Joseph J. Peters, S.J., of Clarkston died Nov. 22, 1998, at age 91.

Rev. Peters was a Roman Catholic Priest and a teacher with the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Some of his assignments included chairman of the Biology Department, biology teacher, house consultant and committees counselor at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Father Peters was known for

assisting students entering medical school.

Funeral arrangements were made by A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Troy. Funeral mass was held at Colombiere Center. Interment took place at Colombiere Center Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road, Clarkston MI 48347.

Marlene R. Potts

Marlene R. Potts of Clarkston

died Nov. 24, 1998, at age 55.

Mrs. Potts is survived by her husband, Bernard; sons Bernard of Baldwin, N.Y., and Gregory of Fullerton, Calif.; and her sister, Arlene Bickert, and brother, Timothy Kudlinski.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Nov. 28.

Funeral arrangements were made by Sherman Wilk Funeral Home of Ortonville.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships Nov. 23-25.

Springfield Police

Vandalism

On Nov. 23, the entrance sign to a mobile home park on Oak Hill Road was reported damaged. Letters were removed and profanity was written on the sign in pen. The damages total about \$30.

Theft

On Nov. 23, tools were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on East Holly Road.

Independence Police

Thefts

On Nov. 23, a trailer worth approximately \$1,700 was reported stolen from a Spring Meadow Court location.

On Nov. 23, a fully installed copper water pipe was reported stolen from a Golf Point location.

On Nov. 24, a wallet was reported stolen from a location

on Clintonville Road.

Harassing phone calls

On Nov. 23, residents living on Hunter's Hill reported the frequent occurrence of harassing telephone calls.

Independence Fire

Between Nov. 23-25, firefighters responded to five calls. Among them were three medical calls, one investigation, and one personal-injury accident.

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Clarkston Community Band to perform Christmas concert

Clarkston Community Band will hold its third annual Family Christmas Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in the gymnasium of Sashabaw Middle School. There is no charge for admission.

The concert will feature traditional family Christmas music, vocal and instrumental soloists, a children's choir, sing alongs and maybe a visit from St. Nick. Included will be Leroy Anderson's famous rendition of "Sleigh Ride," "White Christmas" and many other favorites. Refreshments will be provided.

Directed by Jeanne Pierce,

■ The concert will feature traditional family Christmas music, vocal and instrumental soloists, a children's choir, sing alongs and maybe a visit from St. Nick.

the Clarkston Community Band has been delighting audiences since September 1996. The band is a non-profit orga-

nization and includes more than 40 musicians ranging in age from 17 to 80. Several family members belong to the group; including husband and wife duos; mother and daughter teams; as well as grandfathers and grandsons.

The band is continuously seeking new members. Anyone interested in joining the Clarkston Community Band or wanting more information on how to become a sponsor should contact the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 625-8223 or Jeanne Pierce at (248) 625-3546.

House from page A1

Bayne put his professional skills to use when he began designing his "simple" residence in 1995. Located on Cecelia Ann, the house was recently recognized with a 1998 AIA Detroit Honor Award, from an Atlanta architecture firm.

"This is the smallest I've ever received an honor for," he said.

A partner and design director at Harley Ellington Design, Bayne has worked for the firm for 25 years. His experience extends to the University of Michigan where he performed both undergraduate and graduate work in the field of architecture. Projects he has worked on include the Wharton Center at Michigan State University.

His residence was a two-year project from the onset of design to the time he and his family moved in. The Baynes relocated from their Brandon Township home to the new house, which was closer to his place of work in Southfield. The property was conducive to what he was looking for, namely privacy.

"There was a lot of property to select from," said Bayne of the site. "These are large lots with lots of trees ... Of the eight homes built in this area, all of them are different. This, I would say, is the most unique."

The home sits upon one sloping acre of land, filled with oak and pine trees. The front yard sinks to 9 feet below street level, a factor which made designing the home a challenge. Rather than fill in the space with fill dirt, Bayne designed the entrance to the home on the second level. A 60-foot-long walkway leads to the front door of the white house.

"It gave the entrance some dramatics and it allowed us to keep the trees," Bayne said of his decision to construct a bridge.

His goal was to "as gently as possible insert the house, tearing down only what trees are necessary."

"We started with the notion of keeping the house fairly open," said Bayne. "It can compromise privacy."

The two-level home contains three bedrooms and two bathrooms upstairs, along with an entryway. The bedrooms are pushed to the far sides of the house to maintain privacy. A

■ 'There are a lot of builders who aren't inspirational. Architecture must fit a need. Hopefully it makes the environment it commercializes better.'

Sam Bayne

Independence Township architect who won award for his own house

staircase leads into a main room downstairs, containing a living room, dining room and kitchen. The kitchen consists of a built-in wall of appliances. Even the refrigerator is hidden from view. A granite-topped island allows for workspace and contains a built-in and barely detectable stove top. An additional bathroom and laundry room can be found near the door adjoining the garage. Closet and bathroom space is located on the street side of the home to allow for large windows looking out to the wooded back yard.

The philosophy behind the home, both inside and out, is simplicity.

As an architect, Bayne must be sensitive to the needs of his clients.

"It's the challenge of dealing with the needs of people and taking what those needs are verbally and translating them into building," he said. "Seeing the success happen is rewarding."

Bayne finds university-related business particularly rewarding because "the buildings are usually built with time in mind."

"You're doing something for the long run, not the short term," he said.

Describing the work he does at Harley Ellington Design, Bayne said there is no definitive style or signature aspect of the designs.

"Our architecture is not stylish," he said. "It's based on issues of quality and the fundamentals of architecture. Everyone has an approach and we approach (projects) as fresh as we can. We obviously can't wipe everything clean. Each owner is different. Each site is different."

Each building distinguishes itself from another. You end up with something unique and different."

The same is true for the Bayne residence.

"Not everyone will like what you do," said Bayne, who's preference for the contemporary shows as much in his own artwork as it does in the house he created.

Dennis King, another of 25 partners in the firm, has known Bayne for most of their professional lives.

"He's probably one of the finest designers in the Midwest," said King. "He's just a very talented person, a very understated individual. I'm pleased to have him as one of my designers."

One hallmark of Bayne's designs, King said, is his ability to listen carefully to his clients' goals and aspirations.

"He's always been a joy to work with," said King. "I think we have a great respect for one another."

Harley Ellington Design is a commercial architecture firm. As such Bayne said his primary goal is to make businesses better. But the rewards come with the aesthetic portion of his work — when a design inspires people, creates an emotion, when someone says "wow," he explained.

"There are a lot of builders who aren't inspirational," he said. "Architecture must fit a need. Hopefully it makes the environment it commercializes better."

As for his own home, Bayne wanted something very simple and basic. After one walk through the home, that aspiration clearly shows.

"He had a lot of fun with it," said Vickie Bayne, his wife. "I think it turned out really nicely."

When she heard about the award, she thought he was joking. When she discovered that he was serious — and that she was an occupant of an award-winning home — Vickie Bayne said, she was really pleased.

Dennis King summed up the atmosphere of the residence while describing Bayne's style.

"The beauty of his work comes out of the purity of his work," said King.

Independence Oaks Park seeks volunteers to serve on ski patrol

If you like to help people, enjoy spending time outdoors and want to keep fit this winter, consider volunteering for the Oakland County Parks Nordic Ski Patrol.

An informational meeting for all those interested is set for 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park.

"We'll explain the duties of the ski patrol. Potential volunteers can meet experienced patrollers and see the park," said Jim Meloche, an 18-year patrol veteran.

Oakland County Parks will

offer the National Ski Patrol's Winter Outdoor Emergency Care class for those without first aid training. Ski equipment will be provided for those without it.

"As a first step, we can put you to work as our eyes and ears — keeping a look out for skiers in distress," Meloche said.

Patrollers will work at Addison Oaks County Park near Oxford and Independence Oaks County Park near Clarkston. Both parks have nearly 12 miles of ski trails. On Saturday evenings Addison Oaks offers a lighted 1.5 mile trail.

In exchange for 40 hours of service, volunteers will receive a

1999 Oakland County Parks annual vehicle permit good for unlimited entry to five parks, Fourth of July Fireworks and free entry to Oakland County Parks Day at the Oakland County 4-H Fair.

Addison Oaks County Park is nine miles north of Rochester on West Romeo Road. Independence Oaks County Park is located on Sashabaw Road, 2½ miles north of I-75.

For more information, call Meloche at (248) 641-0044 or (248) 625-8205. Visit the Oakland County Parks website at www.co.oakland.mi.us for park maps and discount coupons.

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Public Forum

Public Hearing — Deerwood VII Street Lighting SAD

Unfinished Business
1. Resolution Determining to Proceed with Street Lighting Improvement and Confirming Deerwood VII SAD.
2. Second Reading of a Rezoning Request from R1B to PUD-Parcel 08-30-401-005, White Lake Road and Dixie.

New Business
1. Annual Request to Participate with SMART
2. 1999 Township Board Meeting Schedule
3. Review of the Employee Computer Purchase Plan
4. Fire Department Equipment
5. Purchase of Pickup Truck-Fire

Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of board members may add or delete an agenda item.

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Artful occupation

Oakland County names culture chief

BY PAT MURPHY
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Spreading the word about what Oakland County has to offer in the way of arts and cultural events has taken on a fresh face. Newly appointed Cultural Affairs Director, Nancy Hayden, will step from beyond the footlights to take on the post.

"This is an amazing opportunity for me," said Hayden, who has already set a general goal as Oakland County's top culture buff and facilitator. "I want people to know the great cultural opportunities we have in Oakland County. I want to promote an awareness of what's already here."

Hayden, 32, of Waterford, was appointed director of Arts, Culture and Film within the office of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. She replaces Steve Weikal, who resigned to become director of Conferences for the Automotive News Publishing Group.

Weikal's most notable success was the "Arts, Beats and Eats" festival, a four-day affair in downtown Pontiac. He feels other satisfying aspects of the job included "seeing the growth of the Baldwin Theatre in Royal Oak and maturing of the Waterford Cultural

al Council."

Oakland didn't have a director of arts, culture and film until 1992, when Patterson created the position and appointed Weikal director. The goal: Muster support for culture and the arts from government and private sources.

"It was really an exciting job," said Weikal. "The job is primarily that of a facilitator, a kind of cultural clearing house."

Hayden looks forward to tackling the "facilitator" tasks, including serving on different arts and cultural boards as a representative of the county.

"Oakland residents don't have to go south to Detroit or Wayne County for cultural opportunities," Hayden said, referring to established institutions like the Michigan Opera House and the Detroit Institute of Art (DIA). "Oakland County has wonderful facilities such as the Meadow Brook Theatre and the Waterford Cultural Council."

Hayden should know about cultural opportunities to the south and elsewhere. She was on the cast of Second City in Detroit for more than two years and continues to work with the improvisational company.

She's on the faculty of Michigan State University where she teaches improvisation to graduate students. "Improv is probably one of the most risky art forms because you real-

ly never know what's going to happen," she said. "There are never any absolutes, and that's what I love about it."

Hayden was born in Detroit and graduated from Grand Blanc High School in 1986. After enrolling at Western Michigan University, she transferred to and graduated from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Los Angeles.

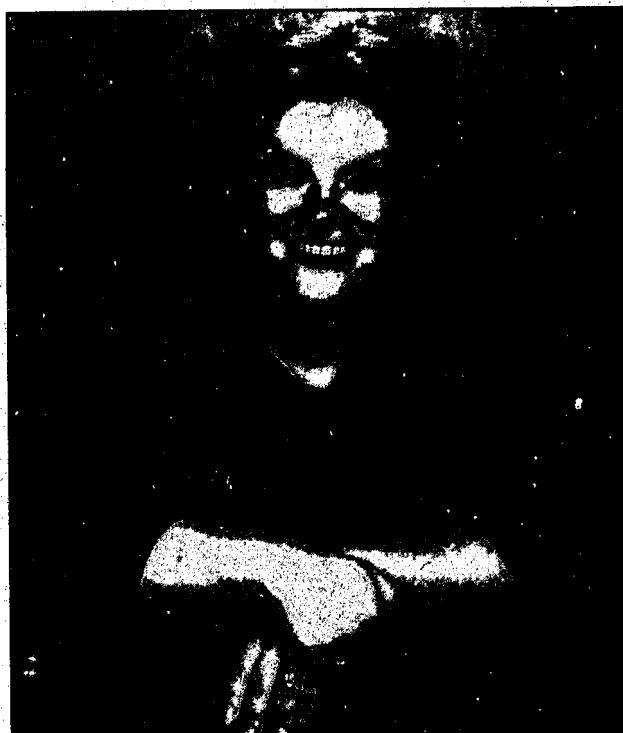
She performed Shakespeare and did children's theatre in Chicago before returning to Michigan and subsequently joining the staff of Second City. "Being on the cast of Second City was demanding," Hayden said, "but it was also great experience and great fun."

Hayden has written a play, *Blah, Blah Sisterhood*, for the Second City Touring Company.

Hayden expects to spend much of her time working with the Oakland County Review Board that administers state funds to local communities. Individual communities — like Waterford and Birmingham — apply for state grants that are administered by the county review board.

"I'll be helping communities complete their grant applications," she said. "I'm not on the review board, but I'll be facilitating the board's review of those applications."

Reporter Barb Pert Templeton contributed to this report.



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Nancy Hayden
—cultural affairs director

Engler: That old rust belt shines

BY TIM RICHARD
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A decade ago, southeastern Michigan was the economic sick man of the Midwest, the epitome of what scoffers called "the Rust Belt."

Today the auto capital outperforms the nation and even the more diversified outstate regions.

Why? How? Who did it? The Engler administration, says Gov. John Engler.

"Consumer sentiment" and "the many initiatives undertaken by the U.S. motor vehicle industry," coupled with the fact that this region hasn't been hurt by "military base closings and defense industry cutbacks," says a report by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Government. Economists Jeffrey W. Jones and Abel Feinstein don't even mention Engler's name though they gave some slight credit to his property tax cuts.

Engler, reelected Nov. 3 in a landslide, had his budget director put forth his case for a medal in the opening of his fiscal 1999 budget message:

"Since taking office in January 1991, Gov. John Engler has fundamentally transformed the fiscal and economic landscape of the State of Michigan. For years, Michigan lagged behind the nation in nearly every economic indicator.

"Today, after cutting taxes 24 times, stopping wasteful govern-

ment spending and reducing both welfare caseloads and unemployment to record-low levels, Michigan drives America's renaissance.

"Michigan's economy is the envy of the nation. Our successful efforts to reduce regulations and taxation have freed businesses, entrepreneurs and workers to create jobs, grow and prosper." (Italics added.)

SEMCOG's case

SEMCOG, in its October "Profile of the Southeast Michigan Region's Economy and Labor Market," agreed it has been "one of the great regional economic success stories of the 1990s ... a superlative ... a significant reversal of fortune" for a region which "in the 1970s and 1980s often trailed the national economy, sometimes by a wide margin."

SEMCOG's analysis concentrates on the national market and behavior of the auto companies. Items:

■ "Consumer sentiment has, on the whole, been quite bullish" since 1990. The U.S. economy has grown at a moderate 2.8 percent annual average.

■ The motor vehicle industry "has increased output per hour by 34 percent."

■ Consumer concerns about the low quality of U.S. vehicles versus foreign cars are largely resolved. The Big Three "spent more than \$117 billion world-

wide on research and development work."

■ American manufacturers targeted the light truck, van and sport utility vehicle market, "the fastest growing segment of the overall vehicle market." By 1997 U.S. companies had captured 82 percent of the sport-ute market compared to 61 percent of the auto market.

■ Michigan doubled its exports from \$18.5 billion in 1990 to nearly \$38 billion in 1997, with "a significant share" coming from southeastern Michigan.

■ This region has been "insulated from the negative economic events of the 1990s. Military base closings, defense industry cutbacks and the collapse of over-built commercial real estate markets hurt the economies of many metropolitan statistical areas ... Defense spending does not play a large role in the region's economy, and commercial real estate was not subject to the degree of speculative excess evident in other cities."

■ Manufacturing used to be unstable. In the decade of 1979-89, southeastern Michigan lost 144,000 manufacturing jobs. In the 1990s, however, manufacturing added stability, inching up from 493,000 to 496,000 by 1997. Manufacturing work weeks rose from 42.9 hours in 1990 to 45.6 in 1997.

■ Construction has generated 20,000 new jobs in the 1990s, a gain of 29 percent and triple the national average. The boom has

covered residential, commercial and industrial markets. SEMCOG credits "low mortgage interest rates, reductions in property tax rates and higher levels of transportation and infrastructure spending." (Italics added.)

■ Services added 185,000 jobs, up 15 percent during the 1990s. "Business/management/engineering services, health and miscellaneous services were the leaders in job creation. Wholesale and retail trade also recorded sizable gains."

■ Banking lost jobs with multi-state mergers, but real estate and insurance made up for it.

Buoyant forecast

SEMCOG's forecast was much the same as the University of Michigan economic forecast of Nov. 19-20. The southeastern corner will lead the state, although overall growth will slow.

Has the region succeeded in stabilizing and diversifying? Short answer: yes. SEMCOG used a mathemati-

cal formula to produce a "volatility index." A high number is bad; a low number is good. The region reduced its 1990 index for executives and managers from 3.1 to 1.7; for precision production craft and repair, from 8.7 to 3.5.

Nationally, the index for executives and managers dropped from 2.3 (lower than SE Michigan) to 2.0 (higher); for precision production, craft and repair from 5.8 (lower than SE Michigan) to 6.5 (higher).

SEMCOG predicts that any downturn will be less severe than those of the 1970s and 1980s. The region will face labor shortages. "The region will need to retain workers, attract needed workers with specialized skills, and encourage higher labor force participation."

SEMCOG's report is entitled "Profile of the Southeast Michigan Region's Economy and Labor Market 1997." Copies are available from SEMCOG Information Services, 660 Plaza Drive, Suite 1900, Detroit 48226; phone 313/96104266. Web site: www.semco.org

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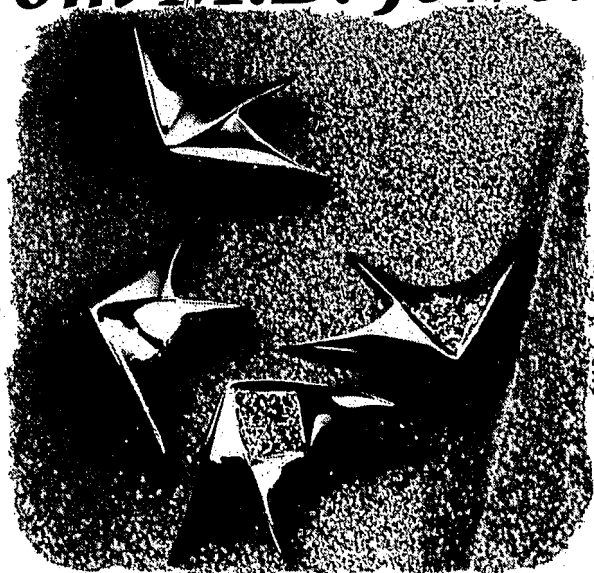
■ Get a description of suspicious person(s) for police, but do so from a safe distance.

■ Get a description of any vehicles that were used.

■ Do not give cash to anyone for work you have not requested.

■ Report any suspicious activity to local police as soon as possible.

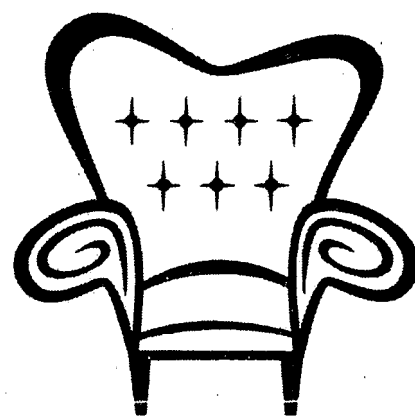
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The Eccentric

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Sunday, November 29, 1998

Dazzle her with jewels, says the gem expert

Love squared: Diamonds and rubies sparkle in Tiffany & Co.'s "Cube" pendant and earrings.

This is the season to shower her with diamonds and rubies. But what's a fine-gem know-nothing to do? How does a jewelry novice choose the perfect precious stone? That's a question for the **Jewelry Lady**, the area's expert on all aspects of fine jewels. The Jewelry Lady keeps her ring finger on the pulse of what's happening in the world gem-wise. She shares her wisdom, expertise and opinions with you in this guest column.

Dear Jewelry Lady,

Christmas is coming and I'd like to get my girlfriend something special. I know she'd like jewelry, but it's really hard to know what I could get that she'd actually love. How do I pick the right thing?

Baffled in Bloomfield

Dear Baffled,

The Jewelry Lady would like to congratulate you on your sensitivity and your desire to please your significant other this Christmas. (So many of your gender would rather pick something up for her at the Home Depot on the way to the power tool section.) As a local award-winning jewelry designer once said, "Most women like their jewelry either angular with straight lines or rounded with a softer edge." Assuming that your girlfriend already has some jewelry (and this is why you believe that she would enjoy more), take a surreptitious look at what she wears and determine if she is an angular or a rounded person. That takes care of style. Now we move on to jewelry type and color.

Does she have colored gem jewelry to match? Does she have a charm bracelet or charm-bearing pendant that you could add to? Does she have a collection of thin bracelets? If you follow the Jewelry Lady's philosophy - you can't be too thin, too rich or have too much gold or platinum jewelry - chances are she'd love an addition to her collection. Does she change earrings often? If so, she'd probably love another pair. As you can see, this jewelry-buying thing will get easier the more you do it. So be a detective, pay attention to what she wears for a few days and then make a visit to your local jeweler. Chances are that after you've done your homework, the perfect gift will present itself. If not, take heart. Helping the baffled among us choose the right gift is what jewelry sales staff members do best.

Dear J.L.,

Is 10kt gold stronger than 14kt or 18kt gold?

Confused in Commerce Township

Dear Confused,

The Jewelry Lady thinks you have a case of wishful thinking. Did you notice that 18kt gold is significantly more expensive than 14 kt gold, which is significantly more expensive than 10kt gold? Now there are rare cases, such as spotting a long-lost Renoir in a suburban Detroit garage sale, when you can find something dirt cheap that is actually superior to a more pricey purchase. But this is not the case with gold. Ten karat gold has more alloy in it, other metals that make it tougher and stronger than pure gold. (Eighteen and fourteen karat gold also have alloy, but lesser amounts.) Unfortunately, the alloys, such as copper, silver and zinc, are more likely to tarnish and corrode. This tendency actually makes 10kt gold more vulnerable to time and wear than 14kt or 18kt pieces. This is especially true if you are an allergic type prone to hives and other unpleasant skin eruptions. So stick to the good stuff. It's worth the price.

The Jewelry Lady welcomes your questions. Please contact her at (248) 542-4012, FAX (248) 582-9223 or e-mail her at rodgers@nich.com.

Holiday books celebrate the best of Michigan

BY LINDA BACHRACK
STAFF WRITER

The sunrise at Pyramid Point overlooking Lake Michigan. A sweeping view of the undulating shoreline from the Empire Bluff hiking trail. Unsurpassed quiet and serenity at Werner Cemetery, nestled along a ridge in Port Oneida. The intense blues and turquoises of Big Glen Lake. An inspirational campfire on the shore of Crystal River.

If these Up North scenes are familiar to you, you'll want to see them captured on color film in photographer Thomas Kachadurian's new book *Views from the Sleeping Bear, Photographs of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore* (Sleeping Bear Press, \$39.95). This exquisite collection of images by Kachadurian invites us to protect and preserve our precious natural resources. His work reveals his passion and respect for the land and water in a little corner of Michigan where he vacationed as a child and has since settled with his family.

Kachadurian is the former art director of *Traverse* magazine, and has photographed the vistas and structures of the Sleeping Bear Dunes area since the early 1990s. He explores the familiar, and the remote locations waiting to be discovered, like the Port Oneida Rural Historic District. Many of these sites are hidden treasures that reveal themselves only to keen-eyed hikers and woods explorers.

"It is our experiences that define the Lakeshore," writes Kachadurian in the book's preface. "The photographs in this book are mostly made from or near public trails and access areas in or near the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. These are the places and experiences we all can share."

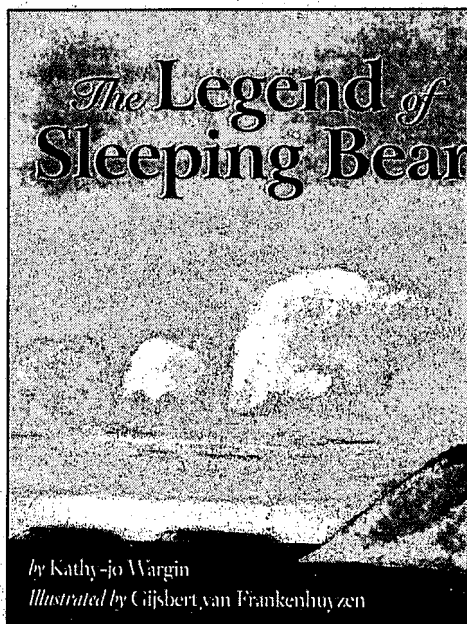
When you read his text and linger over the vivifying photographs, you will share the awe with which Kachadurian approached this project. And they will stir your own memories of beachside fireworks and sunset dune climbs.

Kachadurian signs his book 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 at Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

Views from the Sleeping Bear joins several other books, published this season, that celebrate Michigan and Michiganians. Other titles with local interest include *The Legend of Sleeping Bear*, *Behind the Embassy Door*

and *Sarah's Page*.

•*The Legend of Sleeping Bear* (Sleeping Bear Press, \$16.95) is an enchanting children's tale by author Kathy-jo Wargin that tells the Ojibwe story of Sleeping Bear and her cubs. The tale originated as a way to explain the sandy dunes on the shore of Lake Michigan. Legend has it that Mother Bear and her two cubs escaped a forest fire in Wisconsin and were forced to struggle across Lake Michigan to find safety. The cubs swam and swam but Mother Bear lost sight of them during the night, and she collapsed on shore, fearing she would never see her cubs again. But Mother Bear stayed high upon a hill



overlooking the lake, waiting year after year in the hope that she would spot her cubs in the water. The winds blew blankets of sand upon her, keeping her warm while she slept, and the

great spirit of the land felt her sadness and her love and dedication.

"With a tremendous gust of wind, the spirit brought the cubs near shore, placing them forever within the watchful and caring eyes of Mother Bear. The cubs now stand suspended in time as the North and South Manitou Islands."

Wargin creates magic and wonder in the telling of her tale. With a decade of experience as a professional writer, her collection of published works includes poetry and non-fiction. She and her husband, photographer Ed Wargin, recently completed a travel guide titled *Scenic Driving Michigan*.

Illustrator Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen, a former art director for the *Michigan Natural Resources Magazine*, is an artist and educator who gives nature tours at his home in Bath, Mich. His illustrations brim with passionate details and brilliant color.

•*Behind the Embassy Door* (Sleeping Bear Press, \$24.95) is James Blanchard's view of politics and diplomacy at one of the most crucial periods in the history of U.S.-Canada relations. The book is the former ambassador's extraordinary account of how international relations are conducted at the highest level. At the same time, it is a candid account of the everyday life of an ambassador abroad. Blanchard describes the coast-to-coast trip across Canada that he undertook shortly after his arrival. He recalls how President Clinton's mother charmed a thousand women and how Hillary Clinton skated on the famed Rideau Canal.

Blanchard's writing style is very conversational, with intimate descriptions of the people, places and landscapes he came to know during his tenure in Canada. You'll feel as

Sarah's Page

Dear Katie,

I know I know the planet you, Mom look on leaping me HER WICHIGA out of a big KNOW about it was going things and just doesn't seem like it. Check it out at:



www.sarahspage.com

Anna Murray

though you're a rapt bystander as Blanchard carries his wife, Janet, over the threshold of "Lornado," the American ambassador's residence in Ottawa. And from the first day to the last, you'll be privy to the innermost thoughts and feelings of a man who fell in love with a "crazy place" called Canada.

•Here's a novel approach for a children's book: a series of e-mailed monologues between two best friends who are separated for a summer. *Sarah's Page* by Anna Murray (Sleeping Bear Press, \$14.95) relates the adventures and misadventures of a young girl named Sarah who e-mails her best friend Katie in New York about life on her sister's Michigan farm. Sarah's a Big Apple kid whose parents have

sent her to live in Michigan. She hates it. But thanks to Internet access, she describes her life to Katie, and in doing so, she eventually learns that home is a place that is all around her and travels with her - just like the Internet she loves. She even has her own

Web site, www.sarahspage.com, which Murray set up so that kids can visit while reading the book.

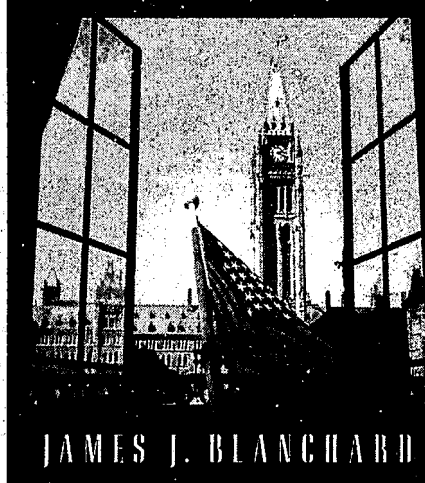
Sarah's Page, presented in its interesting format, allows young girls to eavesdrop on two friends' deeply personal conversations, all shared through today's most popular realm of communication.

Like Sarah, Murray is a transplanted New Yorker who lives on a farm in Michigan. She has her own Internet company and designs Web sites, such as the home of the Keebler Elves.

All of the above books can be purchased at major bookstores.

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Join Santa for breakfast in the Livonia Mall community room. Register by calling (248) 476-1160. Seating limited to 75. 10 a.m.

NOEL, NOEL

The University Cultural Center invites the entire metro area to celebrate the 26th annual Noel Night, 5-9:30 p.m. Activities take place in and around institutions bounded by Ferry Street on the north, Forest on the south, Brush on the east and Cass Avenue on

the west.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

HOME TOUR

Birmingham's Seaholm High School presents Snowprints: A Winter Tour of Homes, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 day of tour. Purchase at Seaholm High School, Mills Pharmacy, Birmingham Drugs and Carney Paterson Florist in Birmingham.

WINE & DINE

Join more than 30 top Michigan chefs for an afternoon of culinary treasures to benefit Honduran families ravaged by Hurricane Mitch. Chefs for Humanity takes place at the Kingsley Hotel & Suites, 4-7 p.m. \$150. To purchase tickets, call Unique Restaurant Corp. at (248) 646-0370.

CANDLELIGHT CAROLING

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend its Fifth annual Plymouth Families Candlelight Sing-Along, 6 p.m., Kellogg Park. Hot chocolate and candles provided. Please bring a canned good for the Salvation Army Pantry.

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 3

HOOP-IA

Grant Hill visits Art Van Furniture, 6500 14 Mile Road, to introduce his new youth bedroom collection from Lea Industries. 5-7 p.m. Furniture priced from \$149-\$1,299.

VISUAL ARTS

Shades Optical presents an exclusive trunk show featuring vintage eyewear from the RetroSpec collection, dating from the late 1800s to the 1940s. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Townsend Hotel, Birmingham. The eyewear is available at Shades Optical, 205 E. Maple, Birmingham.

FRIDAY, DEC. 4

TREASURE HUNT

Fifteen antique dealers and resident shops present Birmingham's Free Antique Show at 251 Mer-

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. And you should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- Mon Classique de Morabita perfume can be found at Levin Beauty Supply on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7323. They also carry 1 oz. Azzar perfume.
- For George, the FlyMow lawn mower can be found at George's lawn mower on Plymouth Road between Beech Daly and Inkster in Redford.
- Lego train tracks can be found in the Lego catalog (800) 453-4652.
- Hyde Shoe Polish is carried at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.
- Maja soap and powder can be found in the Beauty Boutique catalog, (440) 826-3008.
- Lilly White flour can be found at Hiller Market in Walled Lake (248) 960-1990 or in Northville at (734) 420-5555.
- Avon Rich moisture cream can be found at the Avon Booth at the Gibraltar Trade Center in Mt. Clemens and Taylor.
- Laundry hanging bags are carried at most Joanne Fabric stores.
- Found a Dictaphone for Dr. Wybranowski through the New Berry Library in Chicago.
- Magnets for Pain can be found in the Harriet Carter catalog (800) 377-7878, Kenko Inc., (800) 522-2331.
- Chatty Cathy dolls can be ordered through the Spiegel Doll catalog item #19225 (800) 852-1069, or on the Home Shopping Network (800) 284-3900.
- The Special Olympics is interested in the old bowling and golf trophies.
- Found the Harley Barbie doll.
- For a copy of the 1997 Stevenson High yearbook, call the school and they will direct you who to contact for a copy.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

- Christina is looking for the plastic transmission bearing

#24591-5, for her Oster Kitchen Center, Service #97208H; the part is obsolete.

• Walt is looking for a 1950 Big Beaver High school yearbook.

• There are a number of people who still want Christian Dior's Diorissimo Eau Toilette, and Velvet Pastry flour or any other brand and Arpege Dusting powder.

• Lena is looking for a Bride & Groom figurine music box from the Christopher Collection.

• Lori wants Nat Robbins Sparkling Burgundy Lip liner.

• Wendy of Livonia is looking for the Game "Rock EM Sock EM Robot".

• Tom is looking for a number of items, 1974 St. Joan of Arc yearbook, a CD from WCSX (94.7) last year "Parodies for Charity".

• Lillian is looking for Grandoe leather driving gloves (ladies).

• Patty is looking for clips for the skinny Clairol electric rollers.

• Janet is looking for a 7-inch front wheel for a wheelchair.

• Adrienne wants a Dept. 56 Oil Lamp "Plum Pudding".

• Mary Beth is looking for someone who knows or has all the words to the following song, "Johnny Verbeck how could you be so mean, now all the neighbors' cats and dogs will never be seen".

• For Margaret, Pee Wee's Playhouse toys.

• Mary is looking for someone to teach classes on how to make hats and also where to buy Millinery Supplies.

• A place that has a Red Factory Hard Top for a 1996 Mazda Miata.

• Andrea wants old books out of print by Della Lutes.

• Ellen wants Pacquins Cream.

• Karen of Troy wants discontinued china by Noritake #7541 "Lorelie," and Wedgewood "Mid Winter Stonehenge Wild Oats" pattern (off white with wheat on it) oven/table.

• Marilyn is looking for the directions to the 5 qt. Sterling Ice Cream Freezer ice cream maker (it is about 30 years old) made by Richmond Cedar Works.

• Debbie is looking for the View Master Steromatic 500 projector.

• Doris is looking for the children's book (hardcover) "Little Wiener."

• Norma is looking for the game Park & Shop and a black

Lions t-shirt/sweatshirt, with blue & silver logo.

• Rita wants Noritake "Modesta China" (it is very old).

• Judy wants Evening in Paris cologne.

• Jean is looking for low sodium soup bases.

• Stacey is looking for the Christopher Radko 4th-year ornaments Twelve Days of Christmas "Four Calling Birds".

• Susan is looking for a 1975 girls class ring from Dearborn High to buy.

• Shelly is looking for a large old kitchen sink 4-5 feet wide, with a backsplash and side drainboards, in porcelain or cast iron from the 1800-1920s.

• Pat is looking for several items, children's little metal dishes from the 1950s with an Oriental theme, individual packets of bubble bath from the '50s, gardenia scent.

• Pat wants a Fisher Price alligator flashlight from two years ago.

• Scott wants a chili pepper ceiling fan.

• Alan is looking for Treacle molasses paste for baking.

• Jackie is looking for a crochet pattern book to make afghans with children's and sports themes, and Avon Supreme Mauve lipstick.

• Bob is looking for knit Roster ties from the '70s.

• Noreen wants a 1998 Farmington High yearbook.

• Julia is looking for the cassette of John Anderson's Wild & Blue.

• Jill is looking for old copies of Victoria magazine from Sept-Nov. 1988, and all issues from 1989.

• Norma wants a Drowsy Doll by Mattel from the 60's.

• Helen is looking for a gasket #3677 for her 7 qt. Wearever Pressure cooker, and 15 lb. weights and safety plugs #3664.

• Judy wants Sugar Free Riblas (Russian) pastry.

• M.J. wants terrycloth oven mitts.

• Jean wants a square tube pan for cakes.

• A travel stroller by Combi used/new for Michelle.

• For Kathy, someone to price her collection of teacups and salt & pepper shakers from the past 50 years.

• Margery has Pillsbury bake-off recipe books from the 2nd edition to present.

—Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

RETAIL DETAILS

SILVER BELLS



Fairlane Town Center launches a festive new holiday decor this year, transforming the center into a "Musical, Magical Holiday Kingdom" of dancing, singing costumed characters, professionally choreographed musical productions and holiday regalia. "Ring Them Bells" is the theme for Fairlane's daily musical shows featuring local talent and professionals from Opryland Productions. Each show runs 12-15 minutes and features beloved holiday songs. The audience will participate, using props such as sleigh bells, tambourines and cow bells. The national all-female instrumental and vocal jazz group Straight Ahead visits on Dec. 5.

THE GIVING TREE

The Clinton Valley Council of Boy Scouts of America, the Oakland County Family Independence Agency, Meadow Brook Village Mall and Waldenbooks have joined together to collect gifts for the 800 Oakland County children who are wards of the state. A Christmas tree at Meadow Brook Village Mall is decorated with the names and holiday wishes of 400 of these children. Mall customers may select a child's name tag, purchase the desired gift and deliver it, unwrapped, to the mall office or the Waldenbooks store. The scouts will take the gifts to the Oakland County Family Independence Agency, where they will be wrapped and distributed.

MALL MIX

Twelve Oaks mall launched Retail Merchandising Units (RMUs) throughout the shopping center on Nov. 17. The custom-designed retail units will showcase unique and hard-to-find merchandise. The debuting RMUs include: Executive Sports, upscale, licensed sports collectibles; Jacaru Australia, Australian leather goods; True Colors, custom-colored cosmetics in mica-based hues; Head Sockz, polar fleece hoods; Hudson River Inlay, wood inlay

items, from mirrors and occasional tables to jewelry and desktop accessories; Healing Expressions, New-age products; Jamestown Designs, embroidered and appliqued T-shirts and sweatshirts; and Creative Wix, handmade candles. Also Yo-Yo Universe; holiday ornaments from Orinda's Originals; Avon; Diamonds and Gold; Noah's Ark, collectible Beanie Babies; Jewelcraft International, silver jewelry; Wireless Orbit, cellular phones and pagers; Teen Explosion, West Coast accessories for teenage girls.

PLYMOUTH POTPOURRI

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce offers Plymouth Gift Certificates this holiday season. The certificates are redeemable at over 30 different stores and restaurants in town. Gift certificates are available for purchase through the Plymouth Community Chamber office, 386 S. Main St., (734) 453-1540. VISA and Mastercard are welcome.

BURNING BIZ

Laurel Park Place welcomes Wicks 'n' Sticks, a home accessory store that features an extensive selection of candles, oil lamps, fragrance rings, incense and room sprays. The Livonia store will highlight its innovative, mood-enhancing aromatherapy candles.

REAL WOMEN

Lane Bryant, a division of The Limited, Inc., is proud to announce the opening of a new



store at New Towne Plaza, 44524 Ford Road in Plymouth. The fashion retailer specializes in clothes for women sizes 14-28.

NEW TWISTS

Antonino's Hair Salon in Birmingham and Commerce Township introduces a new concept known as the Antonino Design Team. It provides stylists an opportunity to develop new ideas and techniques and monitor fashion trends in an "atelier" environment. According to owner Anthony Marsalese, the Design

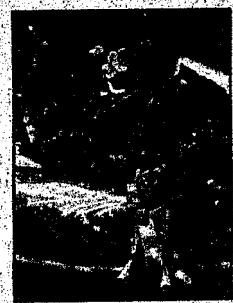
Team responds to one of the major challenges facing salons - ways to motivate experienced stylists and provide career opportunities for entry-level



staff. In examining fashion trends, Antonino's stylists announce three distinct hair styling concepts: Sculpted Silhouettes, featuring soft textures and minimal styling; Braided Bunches, taking braiding, twisting and knotting to new heights; and Fresh Directions, the new wave in ultra-short, mega-texture techniques. Antonino salons, 137 Townsend in Birmingham and 39590 14 Mile Road in Walled Lake.

WISH COME TRUE

Meet Annabelle from the video *Annabelle's Wish* today from 1-5 p.m. at Summit Place. Spend \$150 at any Summit Place, Summit North or Summit West store, and get a cuddly plush 11-inch Annabelle for just \$15. The net proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. *Annabelle's Wish*



will air on the FOX network Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

NATIVE ART

Native West in Plymouth presents its ninth annual Holiday Art & Jewelry Festival Dec. 3-6. Featured artists are Michael Atkinson and jewelry designer Jerry Nelson, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

HUGE!!!

PUBLIC AUTO AUCTION

SATURDAY, DEC. 5th at 10:00 AM

Over 125 items to be sold including:

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- Motorcycles, 5 riding lawn mowers, snow blowers, 2 motorhomes, over 30 boats and many more items!!!!

Preview will be Friday before the sale during the hours of 10 AM and 4 PM. Call 1-800-552-1515 for more information.

SEARS

In our Sears November 29th insert we inadvertently pictured the Craftsman Garage Door Opener #53648 with a Keyless Entry Pad. This item does not include the Keyless Entry Pad. We apologize for any inconvenience this error may cause our customers.

ADVERTISING CORRECTION

Due to manufacturer's inability to ship additional product, the Furby toy, shown on page 55 of today's The Best Gifts Sale catalog will be available in extremely limited quantities. No rainchecks will be issued.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.

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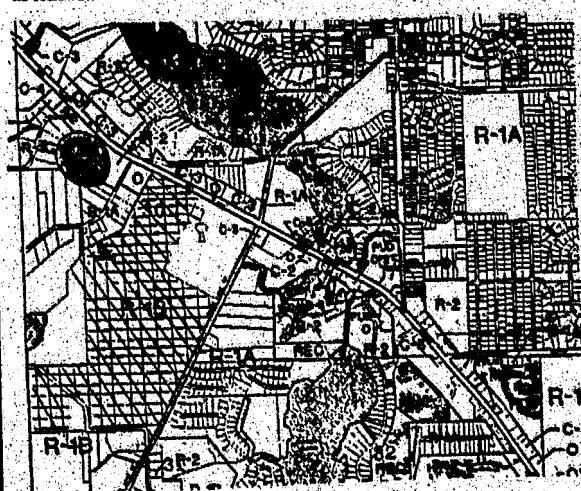
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Santa Claus arrives at 1 p.m. for pictures and a FREE GIFT FOR CHILDREN

For more information call Marla (248) 625-7067

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

At a regular meeting of the Independence Township Board held on September 15, 1998, the Township Board authorized a First Reading of a rezoning from R-1B to PUD for Parcels 08-30-252-002, 08-30-401-006, 08-31-126-004, 002, part of 08-30-300-007 Dixie, White Lake Road and Clement as follows:



JOAN E. McCARRY
Township Clerk

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Automation Alley paved with hope

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County may be one of America's "best kept secrets" today, but not for long.

Particularly if County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and his team touting "Automation Alley: Oakland County's High Tech Corridor" have anything to say about it.

During a recent press conference, Patterson and Automation Alley members, which includes a consortium of 45 high tech firms plus government leaders, unveiled a marketing plan designed to propel Oakland County into the national spotlight.

Phase One of the plan introduced "First Class," a 112-page magazine that touts the businesses and technology in the area and is targeted for prospective employees who are considering living and working in Oakland County.

The consortium also introduced a brand new web site, www.automationalley.com, which gives browsers a look at the new magazine.

Patterson first introduced the idea for marketing Oakland County's High-Tech Corridor last February. The fact that there are 120 companies in the proximity between I-76 and I-696 that have the potential to bring economic growth to the county prompted the formation of the consortium.

Patterson asked the county's Economic Development Corporation for support and ideas about financing a marketing strategy. Soon there were 45 firms committed to the project at a cost of \$7,500 for members of the executive board, and \$5,000 or \$2,500 for members.

The membership touts a virtual powerhouse of business moguls from across Oakland County. A few members of the executive board are Dennis Higgins, president of Quasar Industries, Terry Aderley, president and CEO of Kelly Services, Doug Hoover, vice president of EDS Corporation and Lawrence Wisne, president of Progressive Tool & Industries.

A research team distributed a survey to the member companies about their hiring habits. Research found one out of every two Automation Alley companies does less than ten percent of their recruiting "outside Michigan."

The survey also revealed that 86 percent of the businesses do not offer potential employees any information about Oakland County during the recruiting process or after a new employee has been hired.

A more in-depth portion of the survey noted that the perceptions of people outside Oakland County included visions of smoke stacks, rust belts and high crime.

"We found out that reality was different from their perceptions," Patterson said. "Oakland County is really a creative, innovative and high tech place."

Keeping that thought front and center brought about the creation of "First Class." The magazine, published under the direction of Denise Sedman, executive director of Automa-



Part of the plan: "First Class," a magazine highlighting business and technology in Oakland County, is part of the county marketing plan. Above is the premiere issue.

tion Alley, includes a wealth of information about everything from technology to quality of life issues.

All the companies in the consortium have advertisements in the publication. There are also plenty of articles about education, training opportunities and general career advice.

"We've got some fun things in there too like information about golfing and fly fishing and different things to do across the county," Sedman said. "And if a company is recruiting an executive this piece promotes the whole county not just Rochester or Birmingham. The firm can just send this one magazine and things are covered."

Plans to publish the magazine on a bi-annual basis may already be altered as members are already clamoring for a second edition in 1999. Nearly half of the consortium's total budget was spent on putting out the magazine which cost \$170,000 to create.

"The county hasn't had anything like this before and my 18 years of marketing experience tells me it's going to be a big hit," Sedman said. "The first publication includes 40,000 copies and I think we're going to need more real soon."

"I'm ecstatic about this project and I can't wait to get into Phase Two and I can't wait to get the magazine out there in circulation in the county and across the country," added Patterson.

"First Class" may be purchased for \$5 at the Oakland County One Stop Shop or ordered online from the Automation Alley Web site.

Mental health services control due for change

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON
STAFF WRITER

It's going to be a scramble getting all the details ironed out by Jan. 1, but the process of transferring the Community Mental Health Agency into an "Authority," thus removing it from Oakland County's jurisdiction, is moving right along.

County Commissioner Fran Amos, who chairs the Community Mental Health Board, recently gave the Board of Commissioners a report on the progress. The change officially takes effect Jan. 1.

Amos said a special task force was formed 18 months ago to figure out why or why not the transfer should be made. She said a change in the Michigan Health Code promoted the idea of mental health agencies becoming authorities, Managed Care Capitalization, which puts a cap on spending for patients, became law on Oct. 1 and that also played a role in the need for the change.

"If we were an agency and part of Oakland County and we had to spend more money on those who need individual care, who do you think would end up paying for that?" Amos said. "The taxpayers of Oakland County, and I don't think they should have to pay for Community Mental Health money that should come from the state."

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*Fran Amos
county commissioner*

As an authority, CMH would simply be required to pay for the services, and if they went over the costs and didn't have the money, the state would step in and help out.

Tackling all the details involved in transferring the agency from the county's control includes removing its records from the computers at Oakland County and transferring over 270 contracts and leases out of the county's name.

"We took bids and are in the final stages of selecting an outside vendor for that part," Amos said. "We also have to decide what equipment is ours and we have to separate the software licenses that have been set up."

Beyond computer discs and terminals, establishing the

authority also means moving more than 370 employees off the county payroll.

"That's what took 18 months," Amos said. "The employees didn't want to be harmed by this move in any way."

The CMH board is currently looking for vendors to provide medical coverage for the employees and also some type of retirement plan which could perhaps be arranged through the county, Amos said.

All the moving about of names and data will end at the door of the current CMH facility in the county complex, as the agency is unlikely to move out of its established building. The building is one that the federal government provided the funds for so CMH feels ownership is already theirs. While that issue has brought about some debate, Amos said she doesn't see the offices moving anywhere, they will likely end up leasing the facilities from the county.

"This is going to be a lot better for Community Mental Health," Amos said, adding that details like hiring personnel will now be matters for the CMH board to decide rather than going through seven committees at the county level. "This is going to cut out the bureaucracy and make things a lot easier for us."

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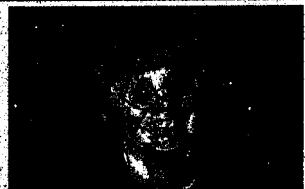
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COMFORT FOOD



KEELY WYGONIK

Families share 'A Slice of Life' to help children

Imagine what it feels like to be 6 years old, and always get tagged because you run slower than everyone else in your class. Or to not be able to carry your school books because it's too painful.

Having juvenile rheumatoid arthritis is like "taking the will and spirit of

a child and imprisoning it in the body of someone who is 60 or 70 years old," said Wendy Nicholls of Sterling Heights, who with Lori Lipshaw of West Bloomfield wrote "Slice of Life," a cook-book to benefit children with arthritis.

"They're little kids - children cannot retire from school or life, no matter what. There is no escape."

Children who suffer from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis are often in pain, but it's not visible and not understood that children can get arthritis too. Lipshaw's 6-1/2-year-old son, Eric, suffers from the disease, as does Nicholls' 11-

year-old daughter, Leah. Both children were diagnosed at age 3, and are the motivation for this project.

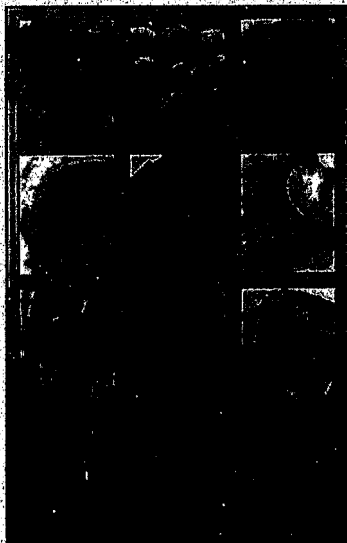
Moms go to work

The moms wanted to do something to help their children, and other children like them. All proceeds from "Slice of Life," which sells for \$12.95, will be used to benefit the quality of life for these children through family support groups, weekend family camp, and assisting families who wish to attend regional and national conferences.

Lipshaw and Nicholls also want to increase awareness of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, a disease that affects 250,000 children in the United States.

"What Leah goes through is devastating," said Nicholls. "She accepts pain every day. The disease can really

Please see SLICE, B2



Book cover

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Living Better Sensibly



CREATE A FESTIVE MOOD FOR THE HOLIDAYS

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Pomegranates come just once a year - in time to add holiday cheer!

Need some festive new ideas to brighten your holiday cooking? Both pomegranate seeds and juice make tasty, colorful additions to many preparations.

"Pomegranates are in peak season and this year, due to weather conditions, have deeper-colored red seeds with above normal sugar levels," said Kosai Elsamawi, produce manager for Vic's Quality Fruit Market in Beverly Hills.

Joe Azar, produce manager for Nino Salvaggio in Troy, noted that "the best way to choose a good pomegranate is by color. It should be deep red, feel firm to the touch and have no bruises. When a pomegranate begins to turn yellow, it's over-ripe."

Pomegranate derives from the French *pomme garnette* or "seeded apple" and is sometimes called a Chinese apple. It originated in tropical Asia, but has been cultivated throughout the Mediterranean and Middle East. Over 200 years ago, the Spanish mission fathers brought the fruit to California, the principal source of pomegranates sold in the U.S. market.

A translucent scarlet pulp surrounds 800 arils (seeds), compartmentalized between shiny, tough membranes. Pure pomegranate pleasure comes from the seeds. Removing seeds and releasing juice are simple techniques. While working with pomegranates, wear an apron to protect clothing from juice stains.

Removing seeds

Cut the crown end of a pomegranate, removing with it some of the white pith, taking care not to pierce seeds within. Lightly score skin in quarters, from stem to crown. Following score lines, firmly, yet gently, break sections apart. Bend skin back and gently scoop seed clusters into a bowl. Remove any pith.

Refrigerate seeds up to three days or freeze on trays in single layers, then pack in airtight containers to freeze for up to 6 months.

Releasing juice

To obtain 1 cup of juice, place 1-1/2 to 2 cups of



POMEGRANATE COUNCIL

Festive treat: Pomegranate juice adds fresh sweet-tart flavors and delicate color to sumptuous Pomegranate Parfait.

seeds in a blender. Blend until liquefied. Pour through a cheesecloth-lined strainer or sieve.

Pomegranate juice, which can be refrigerated for up to 3 days, lends special qualities to seasonal preparations. It can be frozen for up to 6 months to add unique properties to recipes, from beverages to desserts, throughout the winter months.

Fill one-cup airtight containers with juice, allowing some room for expansion as the liquid freezes. Seal and freeze at zero degrees or below. To have available smaller amounts of juice, freeze cubes in an ice tray and store in resealable plastic bags.

Pomegranate juice gives flavor and color to a variety of preparations. It can be made into jelly

or used in marinades, salad dressings, cake, homemade ice cream or sorbet. If you enjoy Chicken Dijon, freshen up flavors with pomegranates. Make a pomegranate margarita or pomegranate pink lemonade.

Homemade grenadine (pomegranate syrup) adds distinctive flavor and festive holiday color to drinks, fruit mixtures, sauces and desserts.

For a festive aperitif, add 1 or 2 tablespoons of homemade grenadine to sparkling wine. Drop a few fresh or frozen pomegranate seeds into each glass before serving.

See recipes inside.

Chubby baby bear breads fun to make and give

Few things express the spirit of the holiday season better than a homemade gift, and what better way to directly involve children in the gift-giving process than to help them bake a homemade treat? While baking something special for grandma and grandpa, a favorite teacher or scout leader, they'll also be creating long-remembered holiday traditions.

Baby Bear Breads with Honey butter are as fun to make as they are to receive and eat. It's a recipe the entire family can lend a hand with. Older children can measure the quick or old-fashioned oats and other ingredients and put them in the correct order into the bread machine.

If the bread is prepared by hand, younger bakers can help stir together the ingredients. Then everyone, no matter what their age, can help knead the dough and roll it into the balls used to create the adorable chubby bears.

One taste of these whole grain breads and you'll appreciate that this recipe makes four bears - three bears to give away and one to enjoy at home. After cooling, give each baby bear gift a festive ribbon "tie," and wrap individually in clear cellophane or plastic wrap. For an extra-special touch, present the bread on a cutting board with a spreader or small knife and a little crock of honey butter.

When time is limited, or your child

has a lengthy list of special people, bake several batches of Maple-Nut Granola. Each takes just minutes to assemble, then requires just 30 minutes in the oven. Again, young and old can help measure ingredients and stir everything together.

People on your gift list will enjoy the granola as a breakfast cereal, a delicious, nutritious snack or sprinkled over frozen yogurt for dessert.

For gift giving, pour the granola into a clear glass container with a tight-fitting lid. Or spoon into cellophane bags that can be closed with a twist tie or ribbon. And don't forget, a copy of the recipe is a nice touch.

BABY BEAR BREADS WITH HONEY BUTTER

- 3 teaspoons quick-rising yeast
- 2 cups bread flour
- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/3 cup sunflower seed kernels (optional)
- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups low-fat milk
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 5 tablespoons stick butter or margarine, melted
- Raisins and chopped dried fruits

Honey butter (recipe follows)

Bring all ingredients to room temperature by letting them stand on the counter about 30 minutes.

Place yeast in bread machine according to directions in manual. In medium bowl, combine both flours, oats, sunflower seeds, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt. In separate bowl, combine milk, egg and butter.

Place dry and liquid ingredients in bread machine according to manual. Use machine's dough setting to mix and knead. (Bread will not bake in machine).

Lightly grease 2 cookie sheets. Turn dough out of bread machine onto lightly floured surface. Knead 6 to 8 times.

To make bears, roll pieces of dough into four 2-1/2-inch balls for bodies, four 1-1/2-inch balls for heads, sixteen 1-inch balls for hands and feet and eight 3/4-inch balls for ears.

On cookie sheets, gently place balls together to form 2 bears on each sheet. Use raisins to make eyes, nose and other decorations. Cover; let rise in warm place 15 to 20 minutes or until nearly double in size.

Heat oven to 375°F. Bake bear breads 12 to 15 minutes or until light golden brown. Carefully remove bears from cook-

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QUAKER OATS

Tasty gift: Baby Bear Breads with Honey Butter are as fun to make as they are to receive. These chubby bears are a fun family baking project.

Bear from page B1

ie sheets to wire racks. Cool completely. Store tightly wrapped up to 1 day. Freeze for longer storage. Serve with honey butter.

Conventional Directions: In large bowl, combine 1 1/2 cups bread flour, whole wheat flour, oats, sunflower seeds, brown sugar, yeast, cinnamon and salt.

Heat milk and butter until very warm (120°F to 130°F). Add to flour mixture with egg and blend on low speed of an electric mixer until moistened. Beat 3 minutes at medium speed. Stir in enough additional bread flour (about 1/2 to 1 cup) until a soft dough is formed and the dough begins to clear the sides of the bowl. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface. Knead 5 to 8 minutes or until smooth and elastic. Shape dough into ball; place in greased bowl; turning once. Cover; let rise in warm place 30 minutes or until doubled in size. Punch dough down. Cover; let rest 10 minutes. Shape into bears and bake as directed above. Yield 4 bears.

Honey Butter: In small bowl, combine 8 tablespoons (1 stick) softened butter or margarine and 3 tablespoons honey; mix until smooth. Store tightly covered in refrigerator.

Nutrition Information: 1 bread without honey butter. Calories 700, Calories from Fat 180, Total Fat 21g, Saturated Fat 11g, Cholesterol 95mg, Sodium 810mg, Total Carbohydrates 108g, Dietary Fiber 9g, Protein 23g.

MAPLE-NUT GRANOLA

4 cups oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
1/2 cup maple-flavored pan-

cake syrup

1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted

1 teaspoon maple extract

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)

1/2 cup coarsely chopped pecans

1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts or cashews

1/2 cup natural sliced almonds

1 cup golden raisins or dried cranberries

Heat oven to 350°F.

Place oats in large bowl. In small bowl, combine syrup, sugar, butter, maple extract, vanilla and salt. Drizzle over oats; mix well. Spread evenly in a 15 by 10-inch jelly roll pan or two large baking pans.

Bake 10 minutes. Add nuts to oat mixture; mix well. Continue baking 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown, stirring every 10 minutes.

Remove granola from oven; stir in raisins. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Store tightly covered. Yield 6 cups.

Nutrition information: 1/2 cup. Calories 340, Calories from Fat 130, Total Fat 14g, Saturated Fat 4g, Cholesterol 10mg, Sodium 45 mg, Total Carbohydrates 50g, Dietary Fiber 5g, Protein 7g.

Recipes courtesy of Quaker Oats.

Pomegranates are in season, enjoy

See related story on Taste front. All recipes courtesy of the Pomegranate Council, California.

POMEGRANATE PARFAIT

1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin
1 cup sugar*
3 eggs, separated
3/4 cup water
1 cup pomegranate juice
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 cup whipping cream
Whipped cream for garnish
Chopped pistachio nuts for garnish
Pomegranate seeds for garnish
Mix gelatin and sugar in a heavy sauce pan; reserve.
Whisk egg yolks and water together; stir into reserved gelatin

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cripple you," said Lipshaw. "On the outside you wouldn't know anything was wrong. Every child has a challenge, they get fatigued more easily and have regulated activities."

Lipshaw envisioned a small cookbook, something like the one her subdivision put together, and set a goal of 200 cookbooks containing a minimum of 130 recipes. "We ended up with 340 recipes and printed 2,000 copies. One thing led to another. It really has been fun and rewarding for both us," said Lipshaw.

"We've gone from being distant friends to great friends who talk to each other every day," added Nicholls. They began the project in

August and started talking it up with friends, family members, doctors and social workers. "Everybody was interested in contributing recipes," said Lipshaw. "People contributed their favorite, treasured, family recipes."

To give people added incentive to buy the cookbook, the women asked popular metro Detroit area chefs including Chef Marcus Haight of the Lark restaurant, Executive Chef Randy Smith of Big Rock Chop and Brew House, and Chef Tim Cakra and Pastry Chef Andy McGrath of Morels, a Michigan Bistro, to contribute recipes. They also sold ads to local businesses to help pay printing costs.

Remove from heat; stir in pomegranate juice and lemon juice.
Refrigerate pomegranate mixture stirring occasionally; until mixture mounds slightly when dropped from a spoon (about 2 1/2 hours).

When pomegranate mixture is ready, beat egg whites until stiff, but not dry; thoroughly fold into pomegranate mixture. Reserve.

Beat cream until soft peaks form; thoroughly fold into pomegranate mixture and divide mixture among six 8-ounce parfait glasses; chill at least 4 hours.

To serve, garnish each parfait with a dollop of whipped cream;

spinach with some of the chopped pistachio nuts and pomegranate seeds. Makes 6 servings.

POMEGRANATE SORBET

Juice from 6 medium-size pomegranates, or about 4 pounds of fruit (3 cups of juice)
1/2 cup sugar or a little more, to taste
Start this two days ahead, so you have time to chill the juice and harden the sorbet in the freezer.
Stir in the sugar until it is dissolved, and chill. Freeze juice in an ice-cream freezer according to directions. Serves 4-6.

POMEGRANATE CAKE

2 eggs

1 cup sifted cake flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup pomegranate juice
Preheat oven to 350°F.
Grease and flour an 8-inch

cake pan.
In a mixing bowl, beat eggs until foamy and gradually add sugar. Continue beating until mixture is stiff and full of air.

Sift cake flour and baking powder, divide in three parts and fold into the egg-sugar mixture, alternate with the pomegranate juice.

Transfer batter to cake pan and bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes.

Cool for 10-15 minutes and turn out on a cake plate.

Dust with powdered sugar or frost with a butter cream frosting. Serves 8.

'A Slice of Life' recipes help cooks and kids alike

See related story on Taste front.

Lori Lipshaw and Wendy Nicholls are members of the American Juvenile Arthritis Organization, a council of the Arthritis Foundation.

Here are some recipes from "A Slice of Life" a cookbook they compiled to benefit children with arthritis.

FISHING WITH PRETZEL RODS

1 package pretzel rods
Peanut butter or frosting

Goldfish crackers
Blue plastic plates with rims
Scatter goldfish on plastic plates. Dip end of pretzel rod in peanut butter or frosting. Now your fishing rod has bait and you

are ready to go fishing.
Sensory motor aspects of development addressed: Tactile play, eye-hand coordination.

DIRT CUPS

2 cups cold milk
1 package instant chocolate pudding
18 ounce container Cool Whip
1 (16 ounce) package chocolate sandwich cookies, crushed
Gummy Worms, and/or flowers
8 (10 ounce) plastic cups
Prepare pudding. Let stand 5 minutes. Stir in Cool Whip and 1/2 of the crushed cookies. Place approximately 1 tablespoon of crushed cookies in bottom of cups.

Fill cups 3/4 full with pudding mixture. Top with remaining cookies. Refrigerate and decorate when chilled by "planting" some worms or flowers.

Variation: Sand Cups - Use vanilla pudding and vanilla wafers.

Time saver: Ready to eat pudding can be used as a quick alternative to instant pudding.

Sensory motor aspects of development addressed: Tactile play, eye-hand coordination, fine motor skills, sequencing and planning skills.

Top two recipes from The Abilities Center, Inc., West Bloomfield

KUGEL LIKE A CAKE


1 1/2 sticks butter or margarine

3/4 cup brown sugar
1 cup halved pecans or cashews
1 pound wide egg noodles
4 large eggs
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons salt

Halve butter and melt. Put in bottom and up sides of Bundt or tube pan. Press brown sugar into bottom; press nuts into sugar. Cook noodles and drain.

Mix eggs, remaining melted butter, cinnamon, sugar and salt and pour into pan. Bake in preheated 350°F oven for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until top is brown. Let it sit for 15 minutes before unmolding.

Recipe compliments of Donna Hurshe



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LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Concerts herald start of holiday season

If fighting the after Thanksgiving shopping crowds has left your holiday spirit as cold as "Frosty the Snowman," join the fun by singing along with local choirs and orchestras as they greet the season. You'll be surprised how fast the blues disappear when you're humming "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer."

John Gajec and assistant conductor Dr. Joseph W. Lewis, Jr. of West Bloomfield lead the Redford Civic Symphony in playing excerpts from "The Nutcracker," traditional Christmas carols and a sing-a-long in the opening concert of its 43rd season Sunday, Dec. 6 at Thurston High School. Guest artists are vocalists Pat Mussin and Marilyn Churchill.

Gajec has been playing many of the standard tunes for most of his 80



PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

In the spirit: Conductor/musician John Gajec rehearses for the Redford Civic Symphony holiday concert.

years and never tires of them. In fact, he can't decide which he enjoys more — conducting or playing cello with the orchestra. The group of 50 musicians began rehearsing "Sleigh Ride," "Silent Night" and the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah" in September.

"Conducting is the ultimate experience in performing the music the way I think it should be," said Gajec. "Being a conductor is a special sport. You're dealing with the music and the performers. But on the other hand as a musician, you're performing for the audience. The concert is when we give our best performance but rehearsals are when we perfect the craft."

The holiday season is a time for music and there's plenty of it around the area. Here's where sleigh bells

will be jingling and people singing:

Christmas Concert

What: The Redford Civic Symphony opens its 43rd season with a Christmas concert featuring soloists Marilyn Churchill and Pat Mussin. Admission is free.

When: 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6.

Where: Thurston High School, Redford.

Hall on the campus in Rochester. Tickets are \$12 general, \$10 seniors, and \$6 students, call (248) 370-3013 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

Music from the 1930s to the present day and representing the countries of Mexico, Austria and Ireland, in addition to the U.S., will be featured in the program.

The show choir is accompanied by Robert Sanders of Southfield on piano, Dylan Dunbar on electric guitar, and Jeremy Grenier of Troy on bass. Synthesizer is played by Philip Metzler and drums by Mike Gerbino.

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Gifts of Art

Ideas for holiday giving

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Animation cels, Native American bear carvings, jewelry, and accessories for the home, are popular gift giving items this holiday season.

When you give a gift of art, it's one-of-a-kind.

In addition to galleries and gift shops, non-profit art associations host a number of holiday shows. Among the largest are:

■ **Birmingham Bloomfield Arts Center** — The 17th annual Holiday Shop of ceramics, glass, jewelry, wood, fibers, ornaments, and prints runs Monday, Nov. 30 to Saturday, Dec. 12 at 1516 South Cranbrook (Evergreen) and 14 Mile Road, Birmingham. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Preview Party 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, tickets \$25; (248) 644-0866.

■ **Detroit Artists Market** — Holiday Sale, featuring 110 artists exhibiting jewelry, glass, ceramics, prints, photographs, paintings, furniture, and sculpture, continues to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24 at 300 River Place, Suite 1650, on Joseph Campau by the Detroit River. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday, and until 8 p.m. Friday. (313) 393-1770.

■ **Pewabic Pottery** — Earthly Treasures offers tiles, vessels, jewelry, ornaments, and ceramic functional and sculptural ware by Pewabic and local artists as well as artists from across the country through Dec. 31 at the pottery, 10125 East Jefferson, four miles east of downtown Detroit. For collectors, Pewabic's released its fourth design of the woodland series along with a 6 by 6-inch reindeer tile. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas and New Years eves. (313) 822-0954. Pewabic is requesting donations of canned and dried food throughout the holidays for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

You can spend as little as \$3 for an ornament or hundreds of dollars for a piece of children's story book art. For the hard-to-please on your list, a gift certificate makes it nearly impossible to go wrong.

If you're looking for hand-crafted decorations, Don Schneider's York Street Glassworks studio and gallery, 875 York St., west of Liberty, (734) 459-6419, offers a selection of round and spiral-shaped ornaments in clear and gold fumed glass. Best known for his bead making, Schneider sells a variety of individual beads, earrings, and necklaces at the Plymouth gallery. Vessels, paperweights, and gazing globes are lovely gift items for the home. An internationally exhibiting glass artist, Schneider's work is currently featured along with 24 bead makers at the Glas Museum in Ebeltoft, Denmark. Schneider is also exhibiting his work in the Detroit Artists Market Holiday Show continuing through Thursday, Dec. 24.

From the earth

A ceramic chip n' dip set by Kathy Sandberg (Plymouth) and tiles by Nancy Guido (Livonia) are a few of the gifts available at



PHOTO BY STEPHEN PETEGORSKY

Into the woods: This lithograph by Jane Dyer is from the "Random House Book of Bedtime Stories" and available at the Elizabeth Stone Gallery in Birmingham.

the third annual Village Potters Guild Holiday Show and Sale Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5 at 340 North Main, south of Mill St. (Lilley), behind the Plymouth Landing Restaurant, (734) 207-8807. Twenty members of the Guild will sell their platters, tiles, bowls, ornaments, jewelry as well as hand-built and raku decorative and functional wares. Prices range from \$3 for an ornament to \$150 for a ceramic art work. Hours are 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5. For a preview of the ceramic objects visit the Plymouth Library 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29.

"With that many potters, it's going to be diverse," said Kathy Sandberg. "There'll be functional and decorative ware, raku, tiles, Christmas ornaments, jewelry, and vessels, anything from a small plate to a large serving piece, in neutrals, pastels and vibrant colors, black and white because every potter has their own trademark glaze."

Native art

Go Southwest with Native West gallery, 863 West Ann Arbor Trail, (734) 455-8838, in Plymouth. Nearly all art works are hand crafted by Native Americans. In addition to paintings, sculpture and jewelry, the gallery sells decorative accessories, flutes, tiles, music, books, and sandstone coasters engraved



PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Functional to sculptural: The Village Potters Guild offer an array of clay art at their annual holiday show and sale in Plymouth.

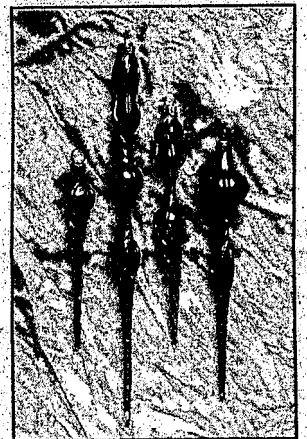
with petroglyphs. Metal candleholders from El Paso feature the sun or buffalo.

"Items for the home are selling very, very well," said Annette Horn, who owns the gallery with her husband Ken. "Bears are real popular whether it's fetishes or sculptures, and we now have Pendleton Bears made in Taos, New Mexico. The metal candleholders are great for the home because the sun means happiness to the Native American and the candlelight brings warmth to the home. The buffalo means abundance."

Ornaments ranging from a Navajo grandmother storyteller to a Santa painted on a chile pepper, spice up a traditional tree.

Great little stocking suffers are dot earrings set with different stones. A peridot pair costs \$9. Horn said these are popular with people who have more than one hole in their ear.

The best time to visit the Native West is during their annual Holiday Art & Jewelry Festival Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 3-6 when the Horns bring in trader Jonathon Cox with a trunk full of jewelry. Navajo silversmith Jerry Nelson will be available throughout the show to talk about his inlay necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and rings. Michael Atkinson's art continues on display through the end of December.



Art as gift: Don Schneider created these glass ornaments in his York Street Glassworks studio and gallery in Plymouth.

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DANCE

Dancers trumpet arrival of 'Nutcracker'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

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Like Clara dreaming about the Nutcracker Prince and dancing in the "Kingdom of Sweets," Rose Marie Floyd's excitement grows with the approach of the holiday season performances of Tchaikovsky's classic ballet.

Floyd and her Contemporary Civic Ballet Company began performing "The Nutcracker" in 1956. Over the years, the company has presented the ballet, based on a fairy-tale by E.T.A. Hoffman, with a number of orchestras including the Livonia Symphony. The first "Nutcracker" delighted audiences in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1892.

This year, the Contemporary Civic Ballet will be joined by Christopher Stowell of the San Francisco Ballet who will dance the role of the Cavalier and Samantha Shelton, the Sugar Plum, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Auditorium in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. Tickets are \$5. A second performance with Stowell, and Emily Hastings as the Sugar Plum takes place 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 at Troy High School. Tickets are \$8, and available for both shows by calling (248) 641-9063 or (248) 546-7484.

"It gives my advance dancers a chance to perform," said Floyd. "Many have gone on to Broadway, the Joffrey and Houston Ballet."



Sweet dreams: Dawnell Dryja, a dancer with the Cincinnati Ballet, and Tim Smola of the Peter Sparling Dance Company perform the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and Nutcracker Prince with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet.

the symphony, under conductor Russell Reed, to present this timeless tale.

Tickets are \$17 adults, \$10 students K-12th grade, \$5 Sugar

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Local dancers from a number of companies in western Wayne and Oakland counties look forward to donning their costumes to twirl across the stage in the "Waltz of the Flowers."

Family affair

Hilari Smith played one of the mice in "The Nutcracker" when she was just three years old. Now age 13, Smith dances the role of Clara with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company. More than 150 musicians from the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet come together to perform this classic with guest artists Dawnell Dryja and Cameron Caldwell from the Cincinnati Ballet Company 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 12-13 at the Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton.

Dryja is the daughter of Dawn Green, artistic director of the company. Smith plays the young girl who receives the Nutcracker doll for Christmas from her eccentric uncle Herr Drosselmeyer. This is the eighth year the company joins with



All in the family: Hilari Smith dances the role of Clara in "The Nutcracker" performed by the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

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Plum Tea, and available by calling the symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

The Plymouth Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers will also perform in "The Nutcracker." Timothy Smola, a member of the Peter Sparling Dance Company in Ann Arbor, dances the role of the Nutcracker Prince.

A special treat is the "Sugar Plum Fairy Tea" hosted by the Plymouth Symphony League following the Dec. 12-13 performances. During the tea, the audience is able to meet and talk with members of the ballet and orchestra.

Dryja, formerly of Canton Township, was Junior Miss Dance of America in 1992. She joined the Dayton Ballet for the 1994-95 season. In her third season with the Cincinnati Ballet, Dryja, after the Plymouth performances, returns to Ohio to dance in "The Nutcracker" there. Greene began her ballet training in Scotland, and eventually became a member of the Severo Ballet Company after coming to the U.S. A dance teacher for more than 25 years, Greene is past president of the executive board of the Cecchetti Council of America and a permanent examiner.

"We founded the company to give the children in the area an idea of how it would be to be in a

semi-professional production instead of a recital, the long rehearsals, working a lot of time on pointe," said Greene.

Here are some other "Nutcracker" presentations that will be taking place in metro Detroit throughout the holiday season.

■ **Lakes Area Civic Ballet.** With guest artist James Toth of the Winnipeg Royal Ballet in Manitoba, Canada, Saturday, Dec. 12 (school group matinees Thursday-Friday, Dec. 10-11 (\$5) at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road. Tickets are \$8.50-\$10, and available by calling (248) 666-1971.

■ **Michigan Classic Ballet Company.**

Based in Bloomfield Hills, the company performs the holiday classic 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at Mercy Auditorium, 29300 West Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 seniors/children. In a break from tradition, the company is inviting local Girl Scouts to a special 1 p.m. performance of the ballet and a "Behind the Curtain" backstage tour. The troops and leaders will learn about such technical aspects as how the scenes change, how the snow falls and lighting works. They will also meet and visit with the professional soloists. For more information, call (248) 334-6964.

■ **Detroit Symphony Orchestra.**

With Ballet Internationale dance Dec. 10-13 and Dec. 17-20 at the Detroit Opera House. Tickets range from \$16 to \$35 and are available by calling (313) 576-1111 or through the DSO Web site: www.detroitssymphony.com.

■ **"The Harlem Nutcracker"** Performances by Donald Byrd's dance ensemble "The Group" continue through Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Detroit Opera House. The music includes Duke Ellington's arrangements of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" dances and compositions by Duke Ellington scholar and arranger David Berger. Tickets \$12-\$50, call (313) 874-SING or (734) 764-2538.

Mannheim Steamroller to perform

(PRNewswire) - Mannheim Steamroller's creator, Chip Davis, has taken his artistry one step further. By combining the innovative holiday music of Mannheim Steamroller and the breathtaking talents of Olympic and World skating Champions, he has created a unique holiday ice show entitled "The Christmas Angel."

Described as "the most extravagant live skating show ever staged," The Christmas Angel will delight Detroit audiences for one performance only when it heads to Joe Louis Arena 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19.

Tickets (\$50 Gold Circle seats, \$35 & \$20) for Mannheim Steamroller's "The Christmas Angel" can be purchased at the Joe Louis Arena and Fox Theatre box offices and all Ticketmaster locations, including Hudson's, Harmony House, and Repeat the Beat.

To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666 or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com.

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For the food connoisseur Horn recommends a ristra. The chile peppers, strung in a bunch, that can be used for cooking or decoration. Prices range from \$16 to \$24 depending on the sizes of the pepper and bunch.

"They're thought to bring good luck to the home and good health," said Horn. "If you're not going to cook with them then they should be sprayed with a clear acrylic found at a craft shop."

Elizabeth Stone Gallery, 536 North Old Woodward, (248) 647-7040, lulls children to sleep with the art from children's books, of which she also carries a large selection. From originals priced between \$100 to \$5,000 and lithographs from \$50 to \$225, there's a character to bring the magic into the life of every child. One of the most popular sellers at the Birmingham gallery is the print "Guess how much I love you" of two bunnies priced at \$175.

Stone doesn't just sell the art however. She turns it into an

event. A "Sophie and Rose" Doll Party takes over the gallery 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Stone invites grandmothers, mothers and daughters to bring in their favorite doll to have them sketched by Wendy Anderson Halperin, illustrator of the book about a little girl and a china doll.

For children of all ages, Stone hosts an appearance by brothers Greg and Tim Hildebrandt, graduates of Avondale High School, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29.

Star Wars fans as well as those of Superman will find the original art from the June 1999 Superman painted graphic novel for DC comic, Marvel's Spider-Man, Batman, King Arthur, Aladdin, Robin Hood, and fairy tales. The display continues through Saturday, Dec. 26.

Released last year, "Rocking Horse Christmas" illustrated by Ned Bittinger is a popular tale with kids. Bittinger will sign books 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27 at the gallery. There will also be

handcrafted rocking horses priced at \$150 and \$250.

The Grinch celebrates the 25th anniversary of the book that relates how he stole Christmas with a show of animation cels opening Dec. 12 at Gallery Animato 574 North Old Woodward in Birmingham, (248) 644-8312. The 50 pieces by Maurice Noble range in price from \$250 to \$7,500. Athey said prices continue to escalate for animation art because studios did not save much of the work back then.

For the folk art lover, The Community House in Birmingham, 380 South Bates Street, (248) 644-5832, introduces its first "Plum Pudding: A Holiday Folk Art Show" 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, and until 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

Admission is \$4, and benefits The Community House.

Besides home accents such as vintage windows, needlework and folk dolls, the folk art show displays pottery, decorative tins, and garden accessories by 41 well-known exhibitors.

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■ The Plymouth Community Chorus celebrates its 25th anniversary with holiday medleys and novelty songs at its Christmas Concert, "Joy," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road at Canton Center. "The Little Drummer Boy," "O Holy Night," the spiritual "Go Tell It on the Mountain," and new carols "I Have Seen the Light" and "Once Upon a December" should put you in the holiday mood.

Tickets are \$9 and available by calling (734) 455-4080.

■ The Schoolcraft College Community Choir, under director Donald Stromberg, performs "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi, selections from "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, and a variety of seasonal compositions by Bach, Beethoven, and Victoria at two locations in December.

The first concert is a 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 6 at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 West Church Street at Main Street. Tickets are \$4 and available at the door.

The second performance is 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt roads. Donations accepted during intermission. For more information about the concerts, call (248) 349-8175 or (734) 462-4435.

■ Celebrate the holidays with Jane Chevalier and the sounds of her hammered dulcimer 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, west of Sheldon Road, south of M14, Plymouth.

Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 students/seniors, \$18 family, and available at the door or by calling the church at (734) 453-5280.

■ Judy Collins performs 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. Tickets are \$30 and \$35 per person, call (248) 645-6666, or stop by Southfield City Hall or the Parks & Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. Collins will be accompanied by the Southfield-Lathrup Madrigal Singers.

Golden Mushroom restaurant is offering a pre-concert dinner at 6 p.m. The dinner is \$25 per person, call (248) 559-4230 for reservations/information.

■ The Birmingham Musicales Chorale Ensemble under the direction of Judith Premin performs Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" with guest harpist Allegra Lilly 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 at the Central Woodward Christian Church on the southeast corner of Adams and Big Beaver roads.

Admission is free. A festive tea follows the concert. For more information, call (248) 475-5978.

■ The Livonia Symphony Orchestra rings in the "Sounds of the Season" when they perform with Alexander Zonjic and Ervin Monroe, principal flutist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Also on the guest list is the Churchill High School Choir singing songs from the movie "Home Alone" and "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Also on the program are such classics as "Greensleeves" and "Pachelbel in D." Zonjic and Monroe perform classic and traditional holiday music.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 children, and available by calling (734) 421-1111.

■ The Lyric Chamber Ensemble, on a different note, performs opera choruses that have a sacred theme 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at Christ Church Detroit. Scenes from within the operas are set inside churches or refer to spiritual subjects. The scenes will be introduced by Dr. Wallace Peace, a frequent lecturer for the Michigan Opera Theatre.

Tickets for "Sacred Scenes From Opera" are \$15, \$12 seniors/students, and available by calling (248) 357-1111.

The concert concludes with the Ensemble's traditional holiday sing-a-long.

Yuletide concert

Oakland University's Community Chorus of more than 100 voices performs Mozart's "Vespers," and Charpentier's "In Nativitatem" featuring soloists Barbara Bland, Kim Lozon, Lisa Agazzi, Raymond Roberts, and John Paul White 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18 in Varner Recital Hall on the Rochester campus.

Also on the program is Robert Shaw's "Many Moods of Christmas." The accompanying orchestra is comprised of musicians from around the Detroit metropolitan area.

Tickets are \$10, \$8 seniors, and \$5 students. For reservations, call (248) 370-3013 or Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

Frank Provenzano is on vacation this week, and returns Monday, Nov. 30.

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Father and son team tells how to retire comfortably

You're Retired, Now What? Money Skills for a Comfortable Retirement
By Ronald M. Yolles and Murray Yolles
(John Wiley & Sons, \$14.95)
BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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You've been putting money in an IRA or a 401(k) at work and maybe you've got a pension plan to add to it and your Social Security. Maybe you've got a vague idea about retiring to Florida.

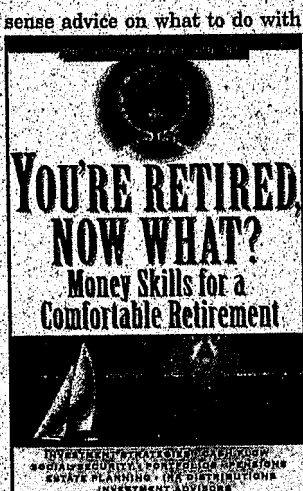
Now what?

That's the question that "You're Retired, Now What?" tries to answer with some level-headed advice about investing and using your investments.

Ronald Yolles is a Birmingham attorney and financial analyst and his father Murray Yolles is a Bloomfield Hills tax attorney. They've combined their expertise to present a road map for recent retirees.

The book tries to alleviate some common fears. The writers warn against the twin evils of fear and greed. Fear keeps some people from investing in the stock market because they're afraid of downturns, despite overwhelming evidence that stocks do well over the long haul. Greed makes others rush into foolhardy investments that quickly deplete their resources.

The Yolleses provide common



the retirement money you've accumulated — how to withdraw it, how to continue investing it, how to work out a long range plan to provide for your health needs and how to prepare your estate to lessen the tax burden for your beneficiaries.

The writers begin by having readers take an assessment of their risk comfort, retirement needs and sources of income including Social Security, part-time employment and investments. They then move into a discussion of investing and the psychology of investing — how much risk are you willing to

take. They point out that equity funds historically outperform bonds, and money markets, but they also warn that equities still represent a risk and can result in losses.

The Yolleses recommend diversification in no-load mutual funds. They provide a chapter on how to assemble a portfolio of the "best no-load mutual funds." These funds provide a good return at a reduced risk. The Yolleses show how to balance investments and savings.

A chapter on withdrawal strategies provides a guide for how much to withdraw, how much to continue investing and how to delegate the investments.

This is a good book to settle down with just before you're ready to retire to help you understand all your options, be aware of the risks and give confidence that with proper information you can retire comfortably. It is also a good book for those in their late 40s and early 50s to help them prepare a solid base on which to build a retirement.

The Ronald and Murray Yolles will be signing their book 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Temple Israel Book Fair, 5727 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield and at the Birmingham Borders at Southfield and 13 Mile Road 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features various happenings at suburban bookstores. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313)591-7279, or e-mail him at hgalagher@oe.hometcomm.net

BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS)
Michael Womack discusses Roth IRAs, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30; Barbar Burris signs her children's book "Callie & Zora," 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 3, at the store, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248)652-0558.
BOOK LECTURE
Roundtable discussion of Susan Power's "The Grass Dancer," 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Executive Classroom, Madonna University, Levan and I-94, Livonia.

BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)
Thomas Kachadurian will sign and discuss his book "Views From The Sleeping Bear," 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farm-

ington Hills, (248)737-0110.
BARNES & NOBLE (NORTHVILLE)
Mystery Book Club discusses "Not A Creature Was Stirring," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the store, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Virginia Bailey Parker signs her book "Ghost Stories and Other Tales From Canton," 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Canton Historical Museum, Canton Center and Heritage Drive.

Meadow Brook is 'Picture Perfect'

(PR Newswire) — Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall will delight guests of every age with "Picture Perfect Holidays," the 28th annual walk through one of America's largest and most spectacular historic houses aglow with priceless furnishings and holiday decorations.

More than 10,000 visitors will participate in Holiday Walk activities through Sunday, December 6.

Honorary chairs are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Way of Bloom-

field Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roettenberger of Troy.

"Picture Perfect Holidays" provides a warm and personal glimpse into the history of Meadow Brook Hall. Original Dodge and Wilson family photographs — many seen by visitors for the first time and showcased among opulent holiday settings throughout the house — capture highlights in the lives of this exceptional family. From formal posed portraits to vacation snapshots, the photographic collection and accompanying enlargements reveal an intimate sense of the people who lived here and the era in which they lived.

Elegant holiday decor throughout the 100-room mansion is created especially for this event by Panache Designs Ltd. of Atlanta. Fresh floral displays and dozens of twinkling trees further enhance the Hall's exquisite interiors.

Santa Claus will greet the young and young-at-heart in Knoke Cottage, the six-room playhouse built to 3/4 scale for heiress Frances Dodge. Designed and completely furnished in the manner of Meadow Brook Hall, Knoke Cottage is also decorated for the holidays and open for touring.

Very special gift shopping can also be part of "Picture Perfect Holidays." The Meadow Brook Hall Gift Shop, stocked with new and unique items, will be open all days of the Walk.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with additional evening hours until 9 p.m. on Tuesday,



Deck the Halls: The Wilson Study is just one of the many rooms featured in the Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall.

Dec. 1, and Wednesday, Dec. 2. Knoke Cottage is open during daytime hours only.

Admission for the Holiday Walk is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under 13, \$6 for OU affiliates with I.D. and \$9 per person for groups of 20 or more with advance reservations. Knoke Cottage admission is \$1 for all ages.

Gala Dinner Evenings

Adding to "Picture Perfect" festivities are three gala dinner evenings (black-tie-preferred) Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5. The glamorous celebrations recreate ambience of the many lavish occasions held in past years at Meadow Brook Hall when the family lived here. Gala Evenings begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception and informal touring of the beautiful displays.

Superb candlelight dining at 8:30 p.m. is followed by an after-glow and supper-club-style dancing in the Ballroom. Music throughout the house is provided by Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings and includes a harpist in

the Great Hall, a pianist in the Living Room, a trombone quartet on the Grand Staircase landing and a swing band in the Ballroom. These gloriously nostalgic parties are fund-raising events for preservation and interpretation of Meadow Brook Hall, and a portion of each ticket is a tax-deductible donation. Reservations are \$175 per person for patrons, \$250 for benefactors with seating reserved on a first-paid basis.

The annual Holiday Walk is a major fund-raising event for Meadow Brook Hall, and all proceeds are used for the preservation and interpretation of this architectural treasure. Community leaders, corporations and volunteers provide support through sponsorships, Holiday Walk Committee involvement, donations, volunteer service during the Walk, attendance and patron dinner reservations.

For additional information about "Picture Perfect Holidays" or to make reservations for group tours and Gala Dinners, call (248) 370-3140.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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ANTZ (PG)
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I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS (PG)
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PLEASANTVILLE (PG-13)
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NP JERRY SPRINGER: RINGMASTER (R)
11:50, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 10:00
NP NO VP TICKETS
NP RUGRATS (G)
11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00
NP NO VP TICKETS
NP AMERICAN HISTORY (R)
2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
NP NO VP TICKETS
PLEASANTVILLE (PG-13)
9:00 PM ONLY
ANTZ (PG)
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ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R) NV
1:30, 3:50, 7:00, 9:20
BELOVED (R)
12:40, 4:10, 7:50
RUSH HOUR (PG-13) NV
1:00, 3:30, 7:10, 9:50
WHAT DREAMS MAY COME (PG-13)
12:30, 3:00, 7:10, 9:30
PRACTICAL MAGIC (PG-13)
12:50, 3:20, 7:20, 9:40

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ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

A BUG'S LIFE (G) NV
12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45
HOME FRIES (PG-13) NV
12:40, 2:40, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
VERY BAD THINGS (R) NV
12:20, 2:55, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
ENEMY OF THE STATE (R) NV
1:50, 4:10, 7:20, 9:15
RUGRATS (G) NV
12:50, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
JERRY SPRINGER (R) NV
12:15, 2:25, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R) NV
12:10, 2:45, 5:00, 7:10, 9:35
MEET JOE BLACK (PG-13) NV
12:45, 4:20, 8:00
THE WATERBOY (PG-13) NV
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A BUG'S LIFE (G) NV
10:40, 12:10, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:40, 7:10, 9:25
BADE: A PG IN THE CITY (G) NV
10:30, 12:40, 2:45, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40
HOME FRIES (PG-13) NV
12:15, 2:40, 4:55, 7:20, 9:35
JERRY SPRINGER: RINGMASTER (R) NV
10:50, 1:40, 3:50, 6:20, 8:45, 10:45
VERY BAD THINGS (R) NV
12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:40, 10:20
CELEBRITY (R) NV
11:50, 2:30, 5:00, 7:50, 10:20
ENEMY OF THE STATE (R) NV
11:35, 2:00, 5:15, 8:45, 9:00, 9:30, 10:40
RUGRATS (G) NV
11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:10, 7:00, 8:10, 9:00
MEET JOE BLACK (PG-13) NV
12:50, 4:15, 8:30
I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R) NV
12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
THE WATERBOY (PG-13)
10:30, 12:25, 2:35, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
THE SIEGE (R)
4:40, 7:35, 10:15
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NP BADE: PG IN THE CITY (PG)
12:30, 2:40, 5:00, 7:35, 9:45
NP RUGRATS (G)
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NP CELEBRITY (R)
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SUN, TUES, FRI, 1:30, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
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SWF, 42, 5'8", NS, non-drinker, Christian, brunette, wife of a quality gentleman, for sharing and caring. Bloomfield area. #11719

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Black female, a young 50, affectionate, employed, NS, social drinker, wide variety of interests. Seeking mature male, who's fun and affectionate. 45-54, NS, with no hang-ups. #11720

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DWF, 27, 5'3", fun-loving, cat lover, movies, dining, bowling, Red Wings. Seeking a fun-loving, caring gentleman. 24-33, for a relationship. #11709

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
DWF, 44, financially secure, professional musician, sexy, classy, blonde/blue, romantic. Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated, SW/M, 35-50, passion for life, for a possible LTR. #11660

BEAUTIFUL SMILE
Very attractive, athletic, slender, 28, DWF, 5'8", blonde, fun-loving, outgoing, sports, movies, laughter. Seeking tall, athletic, healthy, degreed, spontaneous, honest, widowed or DWM, 48-53, with sense of humor. Birmingham area. #11588

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Widowed WF, 60, 5'2", blonde/blue, NS, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, seeks honest, caring man, 45-65, good sense of humor. #11593

YOUNG-AT-HEART
Widowed WF, 60+, blonde/blue, NS, likes movies, dancing, dining out, traveling, cooking. Seeking honest, romantic, to SW/M, 40-60, NS, for a possible LTR. #11012

PRETTY, 45, NO KIDS
Bright, sweet, playful DWF, 5'8", 275lbs, curly, blonde, athletic, outgoing, sports, movies, reading. Seeking male friend/lover, to share time, talking, flirting, etc. #11625

SEKKS CONFIDENT, SECURE MAN
DWF, 44, 5'7", blonde, NS, enjoys sports, 5'7", no children, seeks SW/M, average/athletic, trustworthy, emotionally/financially stable, fun, hip guy, 40-52, 5'8"-6'1". No games. You won't be disappointed. #11531

BUSINESS OWNER WANTED
By very pretty, full-figured, blonde-eyed, blonde SF, youthful 48, 5'8", anker, lives in Troy, seeks: well-educated, intelligent man, for friendship. #11472

PRETTY LADY
Classy, slender, youthful, playful, intelligent, professional SWF, 5'4", brown/brown, homeowning, 40-45, social drinker, seeks educated PM, 45+, emotionally/financially secure. Let's meet for coffee and see what happens. #11458

FIRST-TIME AD
WCF, 31, tall, thin, blonde, professional, seeks attractive, adventurous male who loves skiing, golfing and boating. #11700

COMPANION & BEST FRIEND
SWF, 5'4", 130lbs, blonde, NS, seeks SW/M, 45-58, young-looking and energetic, like me, a little bit of a lady, a little bit of a rock-n-roll can be humorous as well as serious. #11298

GENTLEMEN ONLY
I'm pretty, slender, tall, very intelligent, refined, fun, amiable, 32. Seeking intelligent, tall, articulate, classy, confident, gentleman, 52-65, wanting someone for cozy dinner dates laced with good conversation. #11285

A PINCH OF JUNGLE FEVER
Complex preference, not novelty, DWF, 39, pretty, independent, happy, sensual woman of substance, seeks financially/emotionally secure black gentleman, late 30s, for monogamous, physical and spiritual happiness. #11586

STARTING OVER
DWF, 43, 5'10", NS, ND/NG, easygoing, outgoing, South Lyon area. enjoys swimming, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SW/M, NS, ND/NG. #11713

FRIENDSHIP SEARCH
SBF, college graduate, NS, loves laughter, home movies, long drives. Seeking someone with whom to share friendship, possible LTR. #11620

THE CALL YOU WON'T REGRET
Mature, kind-hearted, call SBF, 22, 5'10, 180lbs, enjoys books and movies, seeks similar SW/M, 24-30, for friendship and LTR. #11288

WANT TO FALL IN LOVE?

SWF, 38, brown hair, enjoys cooking, going to North, boating, dancing, seeks humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, physically fit, Catholic SW/M, 35-40, 6'0", NS, for friendship, possible LTR. #11655

STILL LOOKING
SWF, 28, 5'8", enjoys dining out, Red Wings, and more. Seeking SW/M, 25-35, who is not afraid of a commitment. #11658

TAKE A CHANCE
Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, travel, dining, indoor animals, walking, swimming, works part-time, has two weekdays, weekends free to spend with loving, caring white gentleman. 60s. #11657

LOVELY IN WESTLAND
Financially secure, attractive SWPF, 50, 5'4", slightly overweight, trimming down, NS, ND, seeks S/DWM, 48-60, for friendship and companionship, possible LTR. #11651

WHERE ARE YOU?
Employed, active DWF, 59, 5'4", 145lbs, with varied interests, has searched far and wide for a SW/M interested in LTR. I haven't found you yet. #11656

TIERED OF BEING LONELY?
Attractive DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, NS, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SW/M, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #11108

SHARE MY LIFE
Early, easygoing, independent, educated, young-at-heart SWF, 48, 5'10", enjoys animals, animals, and tobacco. Seeking affectionate, secure gentleman, 6'0", who enjoys the outdoors. #11637

EXPRESSIVE
Youthful, active, energetic, outgoing SBF, 58, 5'4", seeks to meet SM with similar traits for friendship possible relationship. #11530

WANTED: BEST FRIEND/LOVER
SWF, 47, 5'6", 125lbs, pretty, great sense of humor, enjoys romance, laughter, fun in the sun. Seeking tall, handsome, secure SW/M, 42-52, who's not afraid of commitment. ND/NG or alcohol. #11537

COMPANION FOR HOLIDAYS
Pretty, proportionate, 64 years young, lady who loves life, travel, and romance. SBF believes in kindness and sharing. Seeking tall, intelligent, emotionally/financially secure, healthy gentleman to enjoy the wonders of life with. #119123

PASSIONATE DOCTOR
Vivacious, SF, 30-something, 5'5", 137lbs, seeks monogamous relationship, with an educated, financially secure gentleman. #11721

FRIENDS FIRST
DWF, 31, red/green, size 6, enjoys some sports, Nascar, dancing, quiet nights, and time with son. Seeking SW/M, 28-38, HW proportionate, with same interests, for friends first, possible LTR. #11473

LET'S HOURS AROUND
Urban couple, 40, 5'7", 145lbs, brunettes, NS, enjoys traveling, movies, dining, golfing, very tall, cross-country skiing, hiking, travel. Seeking tall, fit male, 35-45, NS, with similar interests. #11345

SOULMATE SEARCH
Attractive, passionate SF, seeks one special man, 35+, to be friend, lover and companion. I know you are out there seeking me. #11346

R U SELECTIVE?
Tall, attractive lady, HW proportionate, with great sense of humor and lots of TLC to share. Seeking tall, intelligent, quality male, 55+, with high standards, who enjoys various activities. #11721

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Educated, financially secure SBF, enjoys travel, reading, intelligent conversation. Seeking honest, sincere SW/M, preferably a graduate/medical student. #11351

COULD CONNECT
With tall, HW proportionate, secure, athletic, nice-looking guy, 47+, with hair. Friendly, dark-haired SWPF, 40ish, 5'4", 115lbs, in varied interests, great sense of humor, would like to talk with you. #11378

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE LADY
European-born, refined, giving, loving, educated, young 60ish, 5'5", good figure, NS, many interests, seeks gentleman, 65-75, with sense of humor, caring, intelligent, secure, NS, for lasting relationship. #11267

R.S.V.P.
An invitation to meet this attractive DWF, 44, if you are an attractive SW/M, 38+, NS, smart, sincere, fun, no games guy. Let the party begin! #11293

LOOKING FOR A WALK
In the clouds with you SWF, 55, 5'8", enjoys dining out, casinos, live entertainment. Seeking SW/M, 50-63, a good listener, for dating and companionship. #11290

LOOKING FOR LOVE
DW mother of three, 5'7", HW proportionate, blonde/blue, enjoys hockey, dining, music, dancing, movies. Seeking sincere, honest, fun-loving, stable SW/M, 34-45, 5'8", HW proportionate. Must love LTR. #11292

ALMOST HAVE IT ALL
Everything going for you, but someone to share life with? I'm looking for someone like me who's more interesting, articulate, spiritual, adventurous. I'm physically fit, 37, 5'8", long, dark hair, dark eyes. #11289

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R U A ME?
DWF, 57, 5'4", 125lb, long brown/blue, enjoys movies, restaurants, crafts, dancing, reading. Seeking S/DWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Friendship first, possible LTR. #11284

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Easygoing SWF, 31, 5'7", medium build, dark hair, never married, two daughters (4 and 8). Seeking clean SW/M, 25-35, for friendship, possible more. Must enjoy being around children and animals. #11282

WOMAN WITHOUT BAGGAGE
Attractive, fit, degreed, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", no dependents, rarely drinks, NS, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo, romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SW/M, 28-40, for LTR. #11181

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE
SWPF, 61, 5'3", 125lb, brown eyes, sensitive, caring, enjoys outdoors, travel, quiet at home evenings, seeks sincere SW/M, gentleman, caring, romantic, humorous, for a possible relationship. #11685

CAREER COMPLETED
College-educated African American female, 35, financially secure, no children, enjoys dining, movies, concerts. Seeking SW/M, 28-37, 6'0"-6'4", for a LTR. #11005

I AM WHO I AM
Full-figured DF, 40, brown hair, smoker, hard-worker, seeks an employed male, age/ethnicity unimportant, kind caring, for dining, travel, quiet times. #11101

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
SWF, 34, 5'4", 145lb, brown/brown, seeks a nice, sweet, personable male, who likes sports, reading and music. #11102

ENTREPRENEUR
Pretty, successful, humorous, charming, interesting, giving female, 52, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, cooking, traveling, loves people. Seeking suitable in a successful, sincere WM, 45-70. Please reply. #11102

DRAWN TO WIDOWERS
Real, pretty, smart, independent, 51, red/blonde, educated, values family, healthy, moral, dignified, interests: sports, dining, gardening, reading, walks. Seeking family-oriented male. #11109

PRETTY, FIT, AND POWERFUL
Humorous, romantic lady, 44, 5'4", 125lb, brunettes/blue, with a big heart, but not jealous or controlling. Seeking a very handsome, fit, and honest gentleman. #11115

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Good-looking 48, DCPFF, 5'9", 140lbs, NS, enjoys traveling, movies, dining, exercising, outdoor activities. Seeking SC/M, NS, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. #11093

BEAUTIFUL BLUE EYES
25, blonde, NS, seeks a personable SW/M, 28-35, for LTR only, must enjoy music, romance and animals. Serious replies please. #11017

INTRIGUING, IMPETUOUS
WF, 52+, 5'8", NS, 150lb, 55+, impulsive, creative, kind-hearted, who enjoys the river, mountains, pine trees, Chopin and Yanni. #11044

BEAUTIFUL
Big and beautiful DWF, 49, NS, exquisite tastes and light-hearted attitude describe you and I, so let's meet! #11016

LIVE LOVE LAUGH
Attractive, full-figured DWF, 45, 5'11", enjoys traveling, and new adventures. Seeking honest, caring, sincere, intelligent, fun loving, open minded, SM, 47, NS, no drugs, for possible LTR. #11011

GETTING TO KNOW YOU
Pelle SWF, 29, 5'10", 130lb, short brown, enjoys dancing, dining, movies, theater, and outdoor summer activities. seeks SW/M, 25-35, with no games, for friendship, relationship, possible marriage. Let's talk. #11007

WANTED: MAN IN UNIFORM
Late 40s, call 510, 240 lbs, NS, seeks a lady, dancing, concerts, walks, dining out. Seeking uniformed SW/M, 23-30, for friendship, possible LTR. Kids ok. #11000

LONELY IN LIVONIA
Shapely, adventurous, romantic, down-to-earth DWF, 38, 5'8", brunettes, NS, one son, home-maker type. Seeking someone who can appreciate a woman, committed, family-oriented LTR. #11002

RESIDENT/PHYSICIAN/ENGINEER
Wanted: Seeking down-to-earth, respectable gentleman, under 35, single, never married. I'm youthful, 5'6", MBA graduate, natural beauty, classy yet down-to-earth. Enjoys tennis, walking, movies, theatre, cultural events. #11004

SEEKING SENSE OF HUMOR
DWF, 43, medium build, NS, seeks a SW/M, 43-50, NS, employed, who likes children, outdoors, sports, for a possible LTR. #11000

INTERESTING GEMINI
SWPF, 50, NS, ND, 24 dependents, sense of humor, spiritual, spontaneous, easygoing, seeks tall, polished gentleman, 58-65, intelligent, honest. Must be interesting. #10971

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SBF, 25, enjoys movies, concerts, boating. Seeking potential male, 30-35. If you're out there, give me a call. #10915

SHORT AND SWEET
Classy petite DWF, red/brown, NS, social drinker, loves country music, dancing, boating, gambling, traveling, cooking, for someone special. If you are humorous, thoughtful and romantic, 55-60, under 6', I'm for you. #10922

CHAMPAGNE AND CAVIAR
SBF, 47, attractive, likes jazz, traveling, classic cars, dining. Seeking SM, sense of humor, financially secure, honest, nice unimportant. #10920

PRETTY BROWN-EYED ITALIAN
Outgoing single mom, 38, brown/brown, likes movies, theater, dancing, long walks, gold conversation. Seeking handsome male, dark hair/brown, 35-45, who is romantic, sincere, honest with a sense of humor. #11721

MIDDLE EASTERN A PLUS

Sincere, thoughtful, fit, athletic, degreed, understanding SWPM, 39, 6'1", 190lbs, seeks very slim, trim Middle Eastern/White female, for monogamous, possible LTR. #11770

OLD FASHION ROMANTIC GUY

Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, very giving, sincere SW/M, 39, extremely fit, knows how to treat a lady, loves kids. Seeking slim, soft, feminine, sweet-hearted SW/M, 30s, for monogamous LTR. #11714

DO PERSONALS WORK?

Gentle, honest, sincere SW/M, 47, enjoys movies, flea markets, country buffets, etc. Seeking attractive, active SWF, for LTR. #11652

UNIQUE BALANCE

Good-looking SWF, 51, 5'9", professional, homeowning, young mind, body and soul, sincere, active, romantic, intelligent, spontaneous, communicative, humorous. I enjoy bicycling, art, music, reading, travel. Seeking attractive, multi-dimensional, slender soulmate. #11717

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Sophisticated, resourceful SW/M, 44, free-wheeling entrepreneur, seeks tall, sexy, lively lady, 30s-40s, for socializing, hiking, sledding, for possible LTR. #11712

TRUE GENTLEMAN

Honest, caring, attractive SW/M, 6'0", brown/blue, enjoys movies, sports, quiet times, seeking affectionate, caring SF, with same qualities, for friendship and possible relationship. #10727

SEEKING SPECIAL LADY

Outgoing, handsome, degreed SW/M, 40, 5'8", NS, enjoys dining out, movies, theater, cultural events, long walks, romance, someone to laugh. Seeking slender, attractive SWF, who is sincere and interested in LTR. #11710

LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS

Professionally employed, college-educated WM, 48, 5'11", 185lb, brown/blue, NS, also enjoys traveling, travel, walking, bookstores. Seeking SWF, to share these and other interests. #115

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OAKLAND NATURALLY



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

Dark wings of the night

To go in the dark with a light is to know the light. To know the dark, go dark.

Go without sight and know that dark too blooms and sings, and is traveled by dark feet and dark wings.

— Wendell Berry

"Do not use your flashlight."

— Schechter.

"Does he know where he is going?"
— A participant, Owling 101.

Wendell Berry said it best. "Dark wings" — one of the many creatures of the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve. Red-backed salamander. Great blue heron. Red fox. Least weasel. Cooper's Hawk. Turkey Vulture. Gray treefrog. Mastodon. All creatures of "the woods," a term of endearment from those that know this nature preserve. For me, it is the night walk, in search of dark wings, alias the owl, that gives the biggest thrill.

A few dozen folks joined me for a dark trek through "the woods," the first site in Michigan to be recognized nationally as an urban wildlife sanctuary. There are 162 acres of woodlands, wetlands, hills, dales and swales. And owls.

The contingent gathered at the edge of the preserve. Call it Owling 101. The battle plan for the hunt was clear. We walk — silently without light — to the top of the ridge. A place where the oak trees grow old and big. A place where massive limbs — torn free by storms — leave cavities in trunks. And it is the tree cavities that provide homes for secretive screech owls.

Hold your right fist on top of your left fist. That is bigger than the screech owl. Empty the feathers out of a small feather pillow. They weigh more than the owl. Owls fly on silent wings, edged with tiny fluffy feathers. Nature's mufflers. The talons are sharp. The owl is quick. Certain death for mice and meadow voles that trek the trails after dark.

Owls gulp their meals. After a half dozen hours of digestion the owl coughs out an oblong package of fur and bones — the owl pellet. And it was a cache of owl pellets a decade ago that first led me to that ridge within the nature preserve.

The bait for the owl was basic. Not a mouse, but a tape recording of a screech owl. Play the tape. Wait. Play the tape. Wait. Rub your cold nose. And if nature's way blends with my wish, an owl answers back. I suppose the owl's reply is a territorial response to the mechanized invader. That is what I have been told.

Location number one brought only the wind and silence in response.

Location number two brought only the wind and silence in response.

Location number three brought goose bumps down my spine... and a smile.

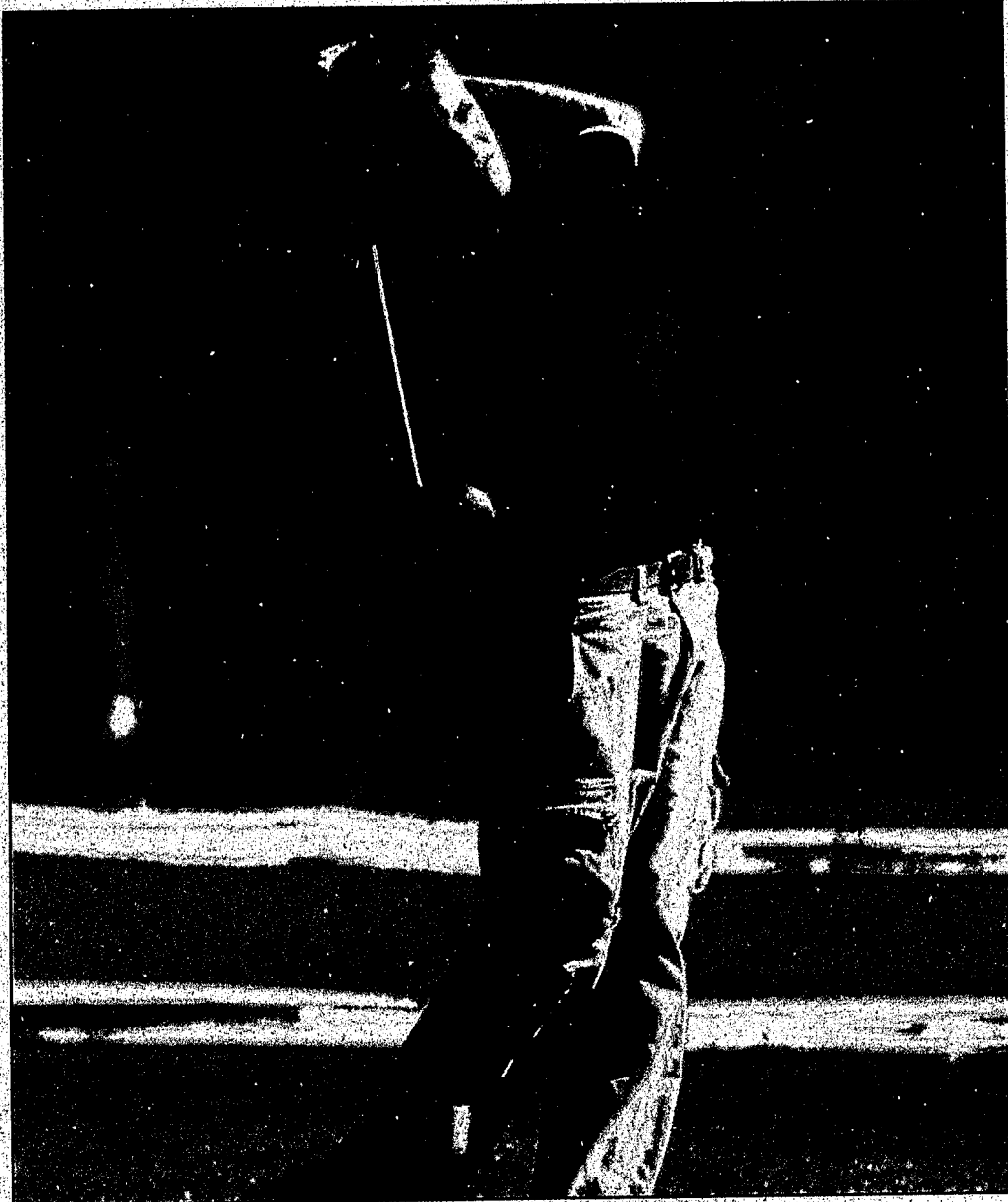
From over the ridge, not one owl, but a pair responded with their characteristic rising and falling whinny. The darkness sung. We had our owls. And we knew the darkness. And that is but one thing this writer does when wearing the hat of park's naturalist.

We are entering winter, the season of the owls. Throughout the county, great horned owls (those are the big guys that go *whoop-whoop-whoop-whoop*), and the more common screech owls that thrive in some suburban neighborhoods, sing to the darkness. And they sing to you as well. Take the time to listen.

Naturalists share a common bond. An understanding of the words of Wendell Berry. Like the owls, we know the darkness.

Oh yes, the mastodon. They were here too. Big woolly guys. They left

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One of the best: Clarkston's Trae Moreen had a solid season for the Wolves, earning himself a spot as a second-team selection on the All-North Oakland Golf Team.

Teeing it up

Area golfers prove they're among best

■ The Oxford Wildcats went to state as a team, and Lake Orion and Clarkston also had the kind of memorable performances that landed them spots on the 1998 All-North Oakland golf squad.

BY BRAD KADRACH
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The Oxford Wildcats qualified for the state meet as a team. Clarkston's Mark Churay was a state qualifier. The Lake Orion Dragons had a pair of all-league performers.

Such was the essence of the 1998 prep boys' golf season in this area, and the players who put such seasons together have earned a spot on the Eccentric All-North Oakland Golf Team.

Here's a look at the players:

First Team

■ Ben Ness, Clarkston, senior — The Wolves' captain averaged 40.2 for tournaments and dual meets, leading the Wolves in scoring average.

Ness medaled in three 18-hole tournaments: the Eccentric, the first Oakland Activities Association Division I meet, and the West Bloomfield Invitational. He had two even-par rounds: against Rochester Adams at Katke Couzens and against Rochester at Clarkston Creek.

"He had an exceptional season in the dual matches," Clarkston coach Tim Kaul said. "For most of the season, Ben was our steadiest, most consistent player. He was good as a leader, because he was steady, he encouraged the other kids to do well, and he encouraged them to keep their focus. He was the only senior, so it was important for him to play that role for us."

■ Tim Offer, Oxford, senior — The key to Offer's season, during which he averaged 39.8 for the Wildcats, was his ability to relax. The senior, a two-year captain, fired a 79 in the first Flint Metro League tournament, and managed his most consistent season.

Offer, who is headed to Michigan State University, had one bad round — a 52 against Lapeer East — in leading the Wildcats to the state meet for the second time in three years.

"This year he relaxed," Oxford coach Don Lovell said. "He knew we had four good golfers. He didn't have to shoot good numbers for us to succeed, but he did."

Lovell especially liked Offer's leadership qualities. "The kids knew what to expect of him," Lovell said. "He doesn't do the stand-up, visible things. He's more a behind-the-scenes leader. I really felt comfortable with him in that role."

■ Kevin Smith, Oxford, senior — Smith finished right behind his captain with a scoring average of 40.1, an improvement of about four shots.

"That's pretty dramatic improvement," Lovell said. "It's easy to improve when you're going from 52 to 48. When you're going from 43 to 39, like Smitty did, that's tough."

Smith's biggest improvement may have come in course management, learning where to put the ball and how to get it there. He also improved in one significant area: attitude.

"Smitty had an intensity this year," Lovell said. "You could tell in a quiet way, he was going to do what it took to get the job done. His improvement was a major factor in our performance."

■ Kevin Mattack, Oxford, senior — Mattack was the third of Oxford's Big Three, averaging 40.2 as the Wildcats kept a trio of golfers within half-a-shot of each other on their way to the state meet.

Always the team's biggest hitter, Mattack made his biggest improvement in temperament and course management. He let the bad shots roll off his back this season, and his game showed the improvement for it.

"He began to understand you can't let your temper get in the way," Lovell said. "I think he used to let the bad shots get to him. He's probably the longest hitter on the team, but I was really happy with the way his short game came around this year."

■ Eduardo Garcia, Lake Orion, senior — The Dragons' top golfer got off to a hot start, and overcame a mid-season slump to finish strong, garner-

1998 Eccentric All-North Oakland Golf Team

First Team

Player	School	Yr.
Tim Offer	Oxford	Sr.
Kevin Smith	Oxford	Sr.
Kevin Mattack	Oxford	Sr.
Eduardo Garcia	Lake Orion	Sr.
Andy Dewey	Lake Orion	Sr.
Ben Ness	Clarkston	Sr.

Second Team

Trae Moreen	Clarkston	Jr.
Mark Churay	Clarkston	Jr.
B. O'Neill	Oxford	Sr.
Mike Ruch	Oxford	Sr.
A. Hetherington	Lake Orion	Fr.
Josh Attwell	Lake Orion	So.

ing all-OAA II honors in his final season.

Garcia had seven tournaments with scores 82 or better, including the second round of the prestigious Traverse City tournament, where he followed a first-day 80 with a second-round 76 that tied him for second that day with some of the state's best players.

Garcia's biggest accomplishment may have been grabbing the attention of opposing coaches.

"All the other coaches recognized Eduardo as a good player," Lake Orion coach Gary Newcomb said. "They always asked about Eduardo, which I think is a nice compliment."

■ Andy Dewey, Lake Orion, senior — When the Dragon senior avoided the big number, he put together solid rounds in his last season. Dewey's best day came in the OAA II tournament, when he shot 79.

Dewey, who also earned all-OAA II honors, seemed always on the verge of putting together a really good score when one or two bad holes would catch up to him. Still, his coach lauded him for his effort.

"He was always struggling with one bad shot that added four or five shots to his score," Newcomb said. "He played hard all season. His stick-to-it-

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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

Alumni game

The Lake Orion Dragons are trying to bring back a tradition.

The Dragons will host a Men's Alumni Basketball Game Tuesday, Dec. 22, in the new Dragon Field House.

Games are tentatively scheduled for 6 and 8 p.m., depending on the number of alumni who respond.

The game is open to any former Lake Orion men's varsity basketball players.

"We've got a new building and a new field house," new Dragon varsity coach Jim Manzo said. "We want to build on that, and there's no better way to do that than bringing back Dragon tradition."

Former players can call the athletic department, 693-5458, or contact Manzo directly at 693-5420, Ext. 6040 or 6041, or at home, 628-8594.

Hoop shoot contest

Area boys and girls ages 8-13 are eligible to enter the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" free throw contest hosted annually by the Pontiac-Waterford Elks #810.

This event, scheduled for Dec. 5 at Waterford Kettering High School, begins at 1:30 p.m. for ages 8-9; 3 p.m. for ages 10-11; and 4:30 p.m. for ages 12-13.

Age groups are determined by age attained as of April 1, 1999.

Contestants should arrive 30 minutes prior to the event to register and must wear gym shoes.

For more information, call chairman Art Parker, 673-5469.

Wolfpack tryouts

The Clarkston Wolfpack girls AAU basketball tryouts are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6 at Clarkston Middle School.

Tryouts will be conducted from 1 to 2 p.m. for fifth graders; 2 to 3 p.m. for sixth graders; 3 to 4 p.m. for seventh graders; and 4 to 5 p.m. for eighth graders.

There is a \$10 tryout fee, and a \$250 season fee.

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

Shock tryouts

The Detroit Shock will hold tryouts for girls' AAU basketball teams Sunday, Dec. 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Oakland Community College Auburn Hills campus.

The tryouts will be for teams in four separate age divisions, including girls born in 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986. Coaches have experience in taking teams to AAU nationals.

There is a \$5 registration charge at the door. For more information call: For 1983 age group, Rich, (810) 768-1417; for 1984 age group, Larry, (248) 620-0238; for 1985 age group, Stacy, (810) 636-2006; and for 1986 age group, John, (248) 693-8943.

Lake Orion tryouts

The Lake Orion Vipers/Pistons/Shock basketball tryouts take place in early December. Players must bring a copy of their birth certificate and a \$5 tryout fee.

Following is the tryout schedule, with players' birth year, time, place and coach:

■ 1982, Dec. 9, 7 to 9 p.m., Scripps Middle School, Lisa Bennett, 628-4198 or Dale Judd, 628-1494.

■ 1983, Dec. 7, 7 to 9 p.m., Scripps Middle School, Ken Keener, 628-5442.

■ 1984, Dec. 8, 7 to 9 p.m., Scripps Middle School, Brad Ross, 391-1582.

■ 1985, Dec. 8, 7 to 9 p.m., Waldon Middle School, John Hill, 693-5775.

■ 1986, Dec. 10, 7 to 9 p.m., Scripps Middle School, Rich Campbell, 693-2993.

■ 1987, Dec. 7, 5 to 7 p.m., Orion Oaks, Dennis Hughes, 391-0680.

■ 1988, Dec. 9, 5 to 7 p.m., Scripps Middle School, Chris Swart, 391-6413.



PHOTO BY BOB KNOX

College bound: Clarkston's John Drallos (left) will play baseball for Valparaiso University in Indiana after committing verbally to the Crusaders.

Wolves' Drallos commits to Valpo

John Drallos has peered into his future, and it now includes college.

Drallos, a senior infielder for the Clarkston Wolves, has verbally committed to play baseball next year at Valparaiso University in Indiana.

"Everything seemed to fit," Drallos said of his college choice. "When I visited out there, I just

fell in love with the campus. Everything just seemed to fit."

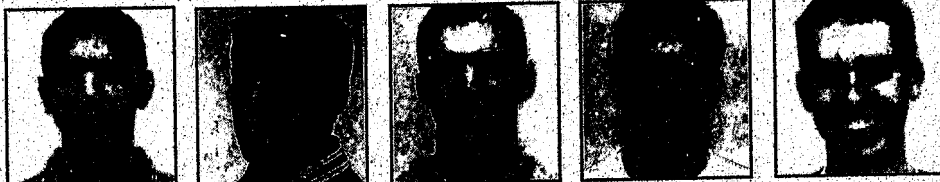
Drallos, the son of George and Linda Drallos, considered several other colleges, notably Indiana Tech and Oakland University. But the presence of an engineering program at Valpo drew Drallos' attention.

"I've been accepted into their school of engineering, but I'm

not sure what branch yet," Drallos said.

Drallos, primarily a second baseman for the Wolves, figures to be a utility infielder for the Crusaders. He likes the idea.

"I'll play anywhere they want," Drallos said. "That's what I've been doing as long as I've played."



Best of the best: The members of the Eccentric All-North Oakland Golf Team include (from left) Eduardo Garcia, and Andy Dewey, Lake Orion; and Tim Offer, Kevin Mattack and Kevin Smith of Oxford. A photo of Clarkston's Ben Ness was unavailable.

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iveness really helped. He showed good leadership.

Second Team

■ **Mark Churay, Clarkston, junior** — Churay, the Wolves' lone state qualifier, was also one of Clarkston's steadiest performers, averaging 40.9 over the course of the season, including the trip to state. Churay medaled in the first OAA tournament, the Eccentric tournament and at the regional.

He was an all-OAA golfer. "He's got a lot of potential," Kaul said of his junior. "He hits the ball a long way, and he's a very strong player. He just needs to be more consistent. I look for him to be a real leader on this team next year. He's had a taste now of what it's like to succeed, and I think he'll do what is necessary to make the improvement."

■ **Trae Moreen, Clarkston, junior** — Moreen medaled in just one tournament — the West Bloomfield Invitational — but showed the most improvement among the Wolves, shaving nearly two strokes off his score from the beginning of the season to the end. He averaged 40.7 for the season.

"He improved as the season went along," Kaul said. "When he can get his drives in the fairway, he's in pretty good shape, because he's a good iron player and he's a pretty good lag putter. His confidence got better as the season went along, because he became a steadier player."

■ **Brandon O'Neill, Oxford, senior** — O'Neill got off to a slow start, but by season's end had steadied himself. He shot 39 on the back nine at the season-ending Flint Metro League tournament, then followed a poor front nine with a 37 on the back at the regional.

"I was very impressed with the last half of his year," Lovell said. "I saw a lot of things I liked."

"His performances in the league meet and the regional showed he has the ability to hang in there and come back."

■ **Mike Ruch, Oxford, senior** — Ruch, who struggled with keeping his ball in play most of his Wildcat career, finally did that down the stretch this year, and it helped pay off for the Wildcats.

Ruch shot 86-83 at the state meet, and also shot well at the regional.

"All four years he struggled keeping his ball in play," Lovell

said. "The last half of this year he harnessed that. I was happy with how Mike finished."

■ **Adam Hetherington, Lake Orion, freshman** — Hetherington, who grabbed an all-OAA II nod in his first varsity season, showed as much promise as any young golfer his coach has seen.

As examples, Hetherington provided a 79 at the second league tournament and shot 82 at the regional.

"I can't think of another freshman who contributed more to his team than Adam did to our team," Newcomb said. "He was a solid player as a freshman."

■ **Josh Attwell, Lake Orion, sophomore** — Attwell was sort of the forgotten man in the Dragon rotation, the one who put together the consistently solid performances but just missed out on most of the honors.

He was an honorable mention choice for the all-OAA II team, and his best score came at the regional, when he shot 79.

"He was a little up and down," Newcomb said of Attwell. "He put so much pressure on himself to do well. He's just going to get better next year. He's going to be a great golfer for us."

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with the last glacial retreat. The small fluffy owls did not.

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Nature Notes

■ **West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve**: 2.1 miles of hilly nature trails. Ungroomed x-

country skiing. Dogs must be leashed. Nature trail brochures, information on other W.B. Parks and joining Friends of W.B. Parks and Recreation 248-738-2500

■ **Friends of Bald Mountain Recreation Area**: "Your Backyard in Winter" Informative program on winter bird and animal populations. Slide and live animals. Free. Open to the public. Bald Mt. gun range. Dec. 3rd 7:30 p.m. Call 248-693-2020 for information.

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Second Team — Caty Weidman, Ypsilanti Calvary Christian 5-6 jr. G; Elizabeth Ayers, Wixom Christian 5-9 jr. F; Amy

Burke, Ypsilanti Calvary Christian 5-10 sr. C; Jenny Parrott, Rochester Hills Christian 5-4 sr. G; Mandy Blumer, Troy Bethany Christian, 5-10 soph. F.

All-Tournament Team — Debi Hibbs, Clarkston Springfield Christian 5-6 sr. G; Holley Vanaman, Clarkston Springfield Christian 5-10 soph. F; Amy Burke, Ypsilanti Calvary Christian, 5-10 sr. C; Caty Weidman, 5-6 jr. F; Jennie Parrott, Rochester Hills Christian 5-4 sr. G.

Honorable Mention


Clarkston Springfield Christian — Holley Vanaman, 5-10 soph. F; Missie Bowen, 5-7 sr. G; Aleah Foster, 5-11 sr. C; Clinton Township Faith Christian — Rachel McClellan, 5-7 sr. F; Garden City United Christian — Jamie Wright, 5-11 jr. C; Amy Glassmeyer, 5-6 jr. G; Oxford Christian — Becca Blair, 5-10 jr. C; Troy Bethany

Christian — Christina Csika, 5-6 fr. G; Warren Antioch Baptist — Stephanie Boggs, 5-7 soph. G; Janelle Durlack, 5-7 soph. PG; Wixom Christian — Danielle Barquinero, 5-10 soph. F; Andrea Martinovitch, 5-10 soph. F; Ypsilanti Calvary Christian — Becky Paschal, 5-8 sr. F; Becky Gorham, 5-5 soph. G.

Conference Standings

Red Division — 1. Clarkston Springfield Christian (18-1, 8-0); 2. Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (12-5, 6-2); 3. (tie) Rochester Hills Christian (6-7, 3-5) and Clinton Township Faith Christian (7-9, 3-5); 5. Troy Bethany Christian (2-11, 0-8).

Blue Division — 1. Garden City United Christian (6-4, 4-1); 2. Wixom Christian (4-12, 4-2); 3. Warren Antioch Baptist (4-10, 3-3); 4. Oxford Christian (2-9, 0-5).




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TOYS FOR TOTS

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

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

CLASSES

BASIC SKI TUNING

An instructional clinic covering the basics of edge and base conditioning, waxing and detuning your alpine or nordic skis begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at REI in Northville. REI is located at 17559 Haggerty Road (at Six Mile). Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

FLY TYING

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

CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor

activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

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

FOUR SEASONS

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

FISHING BUDDYS

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

BASS ASSOCIATION

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

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 firearms season runs Nov. 15-30 statewide. The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 3. The muzzleloading season runs Dec. 4-13 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11-20 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

A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT

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

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 31 are 10 a.m. to sunset Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. On Mondays and Tuesdays only the sporting clay course is open, noon to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10

a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permit is \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Huron-Clinton metroparks are serving as collection spots for the Toys for Tots program. The program is conducted annually by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to serve needy children in local communities by providing them with new, unwrapped toys during the holiday season. Anyone wishing to donate a new unwrapped toy that has no violent connotations can drop them off at park offices of the HCMA Administrative Office through Dec. 16. Call (800) 477-2757 for more information.

SNACKS WITH SANTA

Spend some time with Santa, enjoy a snack and a hayride and sing some holiday songs during this program, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5-6 and Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12-13 at Kensington. Several sessions will be held each day and admission is by advanced ticket purchase only. Tickets are \$5 per person. Call (800) 377-3178 to register. A similar program will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, at Indian Springs.

BACKPACKING PICTURED ROCKS

Take a slide-illustrated backpacking trip to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Stony Creek.

WHITE-TAILED DEER

Search for deer signs and learn the whitetail's life history during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at Indian Springs. A similar program will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6973 to register or for more information.

ECO-EXPLORERS

Eco-explorers ages 6-8 will learn about the use of camouflage, mimicry and warning colors in the natural world through live and mounted animals, games, crafts and slides during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at Independence Oaks.

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

Participants will craft holiday gifts during simultaneous sessions for children and adults during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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

HOLIDAY TREES

Take a horse-drawn hayride through farmland to pick out your holiday tree during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5-6 and Dec. 12-13, at Maybury. Cost is \$30 per family and includes hayride, choice of pre-cut tree and daily motor vehicle permit.



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MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

DWF, 44, financially secure, professional musician, sexy, classy, blonde/blue, romantic. Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated SWDM, 35-50, passion for life, for a possible LTR. #1660

BEAUTIFUL SMILE

Very attractive, athletic, slender, degred DWF, 49, 5'7", enjoys sports, concerts, movies, laughter. Seeking tall, athletic, healthy, degred, spontaneous, honest, widowed or DWM, 48-53, with sense of humor. Birmingham area. #1588

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WAITING FOR YOUR CALL

Widowed WF, 60, 5'2", blonde/blue, NS, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, seeks honest, caring man, 50-65, good sense of humor. #1253

YOUNG-AT-HEART

Widowed WF, 60+, blonde/blue, NS, likes movies, dancing, enjoys traveling, cooking, seeking honest, romantic SWM, 60+, NS, for possible LTR. #1012

PRETTY, 45, NO KIDS

Bright, sweet, playful DWF, 5'8", 275lbs, curly, blonde, enjoys arts, beaches, sports, movies, reading. Seeking male friend/lover, to share time, travel, flirt, etc. #1625

SEEKS CONFIDENT, SECURE MAN

Pretty, classy, slim, secure, open, hip gal, 5'7", no children, seeks SWPM, average/active, trustworthy, financially secure, physically attractive, fun, hip guy, 48-52, 5'6"-5'11", no games. You won't be disappointed. #1531

BUSINESS OWNER WANTED

Very pretty, full-figured, blonde/pink, blonde SF, youthful 48, 5'6", smoker, lives in Troy, seeks mature, intelligent man, for friendship. #1472

PRETTY LADY

Classy, slender, youthful, playful, intelligent, professional SWF, 5'4", brown/brown, homemaker, no dependents, NS, social drinker, seeks educated PM, 45+, emotionally/financially secure, male, for coffee and see what happens. #1469

FIRST-TIME AD

WCF, 31, tall, thin, blonde, professional, seeks attractive, adventurous male who loves skiing, golfing and boating. #1470

COMPANION & BEST FRIEND

SWF, 6'4", 138lbs, blonde, NS, seeks SWM, 45-50, young-looking and energetic, like myself. A little bit country, a little bit rock-n-roll; can be humorous as well as serious. #1298

THE CALL YOU WON'T REGRET

Mature, kind-hearted, quiet SF, 22, 5'6", 160lbs, enjoys books, movies, seeks ambitious SWM, 24-30, for friendship first, possible LTR. #1628

WANT TO FALL IN LOVE?

SWF, 38, brown/hazel, enjoys cooking, going up North, boating, dancing, seeks humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, playful, locally fit, Catholic SWM, 35-40, 6'4", NS, for friendship, possible LTR. #1855

STILL LOOKING

SWF, 28, 5'6", enjoys dining out, dating, Red Wings, and more. Seeking SWM, 28-38, who is not afraid of a commitment. #1658

TAKE A CHANCE

Widowed lady, young 60, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining in/out, animals, walking, swimming, works part-time, has two weekends, weekends free to spend with loving, caring white gentleman, 60+. #1657

LONELY IN WESTLAND

Financially secure, passionate SWF, 50, 5'4", slightly overweight, firming down, NS, ND, seeks SWDM, 48-60, for companionship and companionship, possible LTR. #1183

WHERE ARE YOU?

Employed, active DWF, 59, 5'4", 145lbs, with varied interests, has searched far and wide for a SWM interested in LTR. I haven't found you yet. #1659

TWO OF BEING LONELY?

Attractive DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, NS, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #1108

SHARE MY LIFE

Earthy, easygoing, independent, creative, young-at-heart SWF, 48, 5'10", enjoys antiques, animals, and log cabin. Seeking affectionate, secure gentleman, 6+, who enjoys the outdoors. #1597

EXPRESSIVE

Youthful, active, energetic, outgoing SWF, 56, 5'4", seeks to meet SWM with similar traits for friendship possible relationship. #1535

WANTED: BEST FRIEND/LOVER

SWF, 47, 5'7", 125lbs, pretty, great sense of humor, enjoys romance, laughter, fun in the sun. Seeking tall, handsome, secure SWM, 42-54, who's not afraid of commitment. No drugs or alcohol. #1537

COMPANION FOR HOLIDAYS

Pretty, proportionate, 54 years young lady who loves life, travel, and fun. Still believes in kindness and sharing. Seeking tall, intelligent, emotionally/financially secure, healthy gentleman to enjoy the wonders of life with. #9123

BEAUTIFUL

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

FRIENDS FIRST

DWF, 31, red/green, 122 1/2, enjoys some sports, Nascar, dancing, quiet nights, and time with son. Seeking SWM, 28-38, HW proportionate, with similar interests, for friends first, possible LTR. #1473

LET'S HORSE AROUND...

Urban cowgirl, 40, 5'7", 145lbs, brunet/brown, horse owner, NS, loves volleyball, belly ball, cross-country skiing, hiking, travel. Seeking tall, fit male, 35-45, NS, with similar interests. #1345

SOULMATE/SEARCH

Attractive, passionate SF, seeks one special man, 35+, to be friend, lover, and companion. I know you are out there seeking me. #1346

R U SELECTIVE?

Tall, attractive lady, HW proportionate, with great sense of humor and lots of TLC to share. Seeking tall, intelligent, romantic, quality male, 5'6", with high standards, who enjoys various activities. #9728

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

Education, financially secure, SBPF, enjoys travel, reading, intelligent conversation. Seeking honest, sincere SWM, preferably a graduate/medical student. #1351

COULD CONNECT...

With tall, HW proportionate, secure, ethical, nice-looking guy, 47+, with hair. Pretty, dark-haired SWF, 40ish, 5'4", 115lbs, with varied interests, great legs and good heart, would like to talk with you. #1378

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE LADY

European-born, refined, giving, loving, educated, young 60ish, 5'5", good-looking, NS, many interests, intelligent, fun, with sense of humor, caring, intelligent, secure, NS, for lasting relationship. #1297

R.S.V.P.

An invitation to meet the attractive DWF, 44. If you are an attractive SWDM, 38-45, NS, smart, sincere, fun, no game guy. Let the party begin! #1289

LOOKING FOR A WALK...

...in the clouds with you. SWF, 55, 5'3", enjoys dining out, casinos, live entertainment. Seeking SM, 60-63, a good listener, for dating and companionship. #1290

LOOKING FOR LOVE

DW mother of three, HW proportionate, blonde/blue, enjoys hockey, dining, music, dancing, movies. Seeking sincere, honest, fun-loving, stable SWDM, 34-45, 5'8", HW proportionate. #1222

ALMOST HAVE IT ALL

Everything going for you, but someone to share life with? I'm looking for someone like myself: Professional, attractive, articulate, physically adventurous, I'm physically fit, 37, 5'6", long, dark hair/dark eyes. #1208

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PRETTY NATURE LOVER

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R U ME?

DWF, 57, 5'4", 125lbs, long brown/blonde, enjoys movies, restaurants, crafts, dancing, reading. Seeking SWDM, 55-65, with similar interests, Friendship first, possible LTR. #1284

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

Easygoing SWF, 31, 5'7", medium build, dark/hazel, never married, two daughters (4 and 9). Seeking clean SWM, 25-35, for friendship, possible LTR. #1252

WOMAN WITHOUT BAGGAGE

Attractive, fit, degred, honest SWF, 50, 5'2", no dependents, rarely drinks, NS, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo, romance, Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. #1183

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE

SWF, 51, 5'3", 125lbs, brown eyes, financially secure, enjoys outdoors, travel, quiet at home evenings, seeks sincere SWM, gentleman, caring, romantic, humorous, for a possible relationship. #2900

CARAMEL COMPLETED

College-educated African American female, 35, financially secure, no children, enjoys dining, movies, concerts. Seeking SM, 28-37, 6'0"-6'4", for a LTR. #1065

I AM WHO I AM

Full-figured DFW, 40, brown/green, smoker, hard-worker, seeks an employed male, age/rae/unimportant, kind, caring, for dining, travel, quiet times. #1068

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

SWF, 34, 5'4", 145lbs, brown/brown, seeks a nice, sweet, personable male, who likes sports, reading and music. #1161

ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, successful, humorous, charming, interesting, giving female, 52, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, cooking, socializing, seeks a successful, sincere SWM, 45-70. Please reply. #1162

DRAWN TO WIDOWERS

Real, pretty, smart, attractive female, 51, red/blonde, educated, values family, honesty, morals, dignity. Interests: sports, dining, gardening, reading, walks. Seeking single-male-oriented LTR. #1109

PRETTY, FIT, AND HONEST

Humorous, romantic lady, 44, 5'4", 125lbs, brunet/blue, with a big heart, but not jealous or controlling. Seeking a very handsome, fit, and honest gentleman. #1118

ARE YOU READY TO SOAR...

on eagle wings? Do you believe all things are possible including finding that special someone? If you dare to believe, God call and let's fly together. Seeking SBDM, 40-48, #1099

LADY IN WAITING

Good-looking, degred, 5'9", 145lbs, blonde, enjoys traveling, walks, quiet times, for monogamous relationship. Seeking SWM, 28-35, for LTR only, must enjoy music, romance and animals. Serious replies please. #1017

INTRIGUING, IMPETUOUS

WF, 50+, 5'6", seeks a tall WM, 55+, impulsive, creative, kind-hearted, who enjoys the river, mountains, pine trees, Chopin and Yanni. #1084

BEAUTIFUL

Big and beautiful DFW, 49, NS, exquisite tastes and light-hearted attitude describe you and I, so let's meet! #1016

LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH

Attractive, degred, DFW, 40, 5'11", enjoys traveling and new adventures. Seeking honest, caring, sincere, intelligent, fun loving, open minded SWM, 47-59, NS, drug free, for possible LTR. #1098

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Pretty SWF, 29, 5'3", short brown/brown, enjoys dancing, dining, movies, theatre, concerts, outdoor activities. Seeking SWM, 25-35, with similar interests, for friendship, relationship, possible marriage. Let's talk. #1007

WANTED: MAN IN UNIFORM

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

LONELY IN LIVONIA

Shapely, adventurous, romantic, down-to-earth DWF, 38, 5'3", brunet, NS, one son, homemaker type. Seeking someone who can appreciate a fun, committed, family-oriented LTR. #1009

RESIDENT/PHYSICIAN/ENGINEER

wanted. Seeking down-to-earth, respectable gentleman, under 35, single never married, fit, youthful, 5'6", MBA graduate, natural beauty, classy yet down-to-earth. Cultural events, walks, movies, theatre, cultural events. #1004

SEEKING SENSE OF HUMOR

DWF, 43, medium build, NS, seeks a sense of humor, spiritual, spontaneous, easygoing, seeks tall, polished gentleman, 58-65, intelligent, honest. Must be interesting. #9971

INTERESTING GEMINI

Honest, caring, attractive SWM, 6' brown/blue, enjoys movies, sports, quiet time. Seeking attractive, caring SF, with similar qualities, for friendship and possible relationship. #9927

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SBF, 25, enjoys movies, concerts, bowling, Seeking professional male, 25-30. If you're out there, give me a call. #9916

SHORT AND SWEET

Classy petite DFW, red/brown, NS, social drinker, loves country music, bowling, boating, gambling, traveling, cooking, for someone special. If you are a humorous, thoughtful and romantic, 55-60, under 6', I'm for you. #9822

CHAMPAGNE AND CAVARI

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

PRETTY BROWN-EYED ITALIAN

Outgoing single mom, 38, brown/blonde. Likes movies, theater, dancing, long walks, good conversation. Seeking handsome male, dark hair/brown, 35-45, who is romantic, sincere, honest, with a sense of humor. #1721

PHILOSOPHICAL AND KINDHEARTED

Friendly, philosophical SWPM, 33, attractive international relations PhD, athletic and physically fit, likes travel, tennis, skiing, art, music. Seeking strong-minded, kind, attractive, degred SWF, with similar interests. #1291

DO PERSONALS WORK?

Gentlemanly, warm, sincere SWM, 47, enjoys movies, flea markets, country, etc. Seeking expressive, attentive SWF, for LTR. #1652

UNIQUE, BALANCED...

good-looking SWM, 51, 5'6", professional, homemaker. Young mind, body, and soul, sincere, active, romantic, intelligent, spontaneous, communicative, humorous, enjoys bicycling, art, music, reading, travel. Seeking attractive, degred, dimensional, slender equate. #1717

SMILE WITH ME

Exceptional, practical, playful, caring, tall, handsome SWPM, 40-ish, dark blonde/large blue, seeks attractive, slim SWF, under 46, NS, with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in relationship. See you soon. #9554

PLAIN AND SIMPLY PUT

Wanted one easygoing, fun female, under 40, NS, under 140lbs, who enjoys movies, bowling, walks, quiet times, for monogamous relationship. #1723

STRONG SHOULDER, GOOD EARS

Fit, attractive, young-at-heart DFW, mid-40s, 6'3", 190lbs, enjoys travel, outdoor, quiet evenings, seeks cute, feminine companion, 35-45, for friendship, possible LTR. Canton area. #1773

KIND-HEARTED

Intelligent, passionate, caring, thoughtful, funny, good-looking, tall, well-built SWM, mid-30s, looking for sweet, easygoing, decent looking, sensual, passionate SF, for best friend/lover. #9481

FLORIDA VACATION MATES

Handsome SWM businessman, 45, vacations in Florida, seeks adventurous SWF, with fun-loving personality, enjoys winter getaway with, possible LTR. Age open. #1711

JUST RIGHT 4 U?

Sophisticated, resourceful SWM, 44, free wheeler entrepreneur, seeks interesting, lively lady, 30s-40s, for socializing, possible LTR. #1712

TRUE GENTLEMAN

Honest, caring, attractive SWM, 6' brown/blue, enjoys movies, sports, quiet time. Seeking attractive, caring SF, with similar qualities, for friendship and possible relationship. #9927

FIRST TIME AD

SWM seeks honest, ambitious, warm, caring SWF 60-60, not over 5'6" or over 140lbs, who likes flea markets, travel, home life, sewing, mending, cooking with variety of interests. No game playing. #1724

SEEKS FULL-FIGURED WOMAN

Widowed SM, 51, 5'5", with one child at home, seeks marriage-minded, kind, caring, loving, romantic woman, for LTR. #1716

REDFORD AREA

Very attractive, athletic SWM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs seeks attractive, fit SWF, 23-35, who enjoys exercising, shooting pool, movies and plain old fun and dating. #1684

ATTN: INCURABLE ROMANTIC

Have all the quality, sweet, sincere SFs gotten married or just moved to the Bermuda Triangle? Slim, sensual, spunky SWM, 48, seeks SF, 30-45, SE Oakland County. #1197

PHILOS

Sonoma from previous page

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Let's Talk About Vehicle Options



Art Cervi

I got to thinking the other day after Penny Davis and I finished doing a car review on "Let's Talk Cars" just how much we spoil ourselves with options on our vehicles. It used to be that our choices were: radio, heater, whitewalls... no, I'm not from the stone age! After World War II that's the way cars and trucks came. Slowly it expanded... windshield washers, turn signals (Manual at first) that attached to the steering column. Power steering, oh was this an instant hit! Cars that weighed 4,000 to 5,000 pounds were like tanks, and when you tried to park one that's about what it felt like. Automatic transmission were also catching on along with power brakes. We were

coming of age!

Today air conditioning is the norm and rare is the car without it. Believe it or not, air conditioning was actually around before World War II, yet strangely enough it took a long time to catch on. Try to think of how many late fifties cars have it. The sixties were the real kick-off, along about the time when we got bucket seats. The list goes on. Up until the mid 80s your option list could take up the whole front page of the buyer's agreement. Leather with power seats, power windows, door locks, am/fm stereo - no problem. It was not uncommon to have thousands of dollars in accessories. This still holds true today.

Manufacturers have now taken it one step further and have lumped together options into packages. These packages might include air, tinted glass, rear

defroster, am/fm - cd and cassette audio system, tilt steering wheel, speed control and alloy wheels all as one option. The stickler here is that if it's in a package you can't delete it. No, you can't get it separately. Safety groups, convenience groups, lighting groups, you name it, the list seems endless.

What I find most interesting is that today no matter what price vehicle we drive, whether for true luxury or just as a means of transportation, people want them fully optioned. If someone buys or leases a Buick Regal for instance, they want to make it into a mini Park Avenue. To give you an example of how much we take for granted...

have you ever taken your car in for service, gotten a loaner and realized that you needed a key to open the door... no keyless remote! Talk about an inconvenience. I don't mean to make light of this

subject, but it is surprising how much we have come to expect of our automobiles. It's hard to imagine, here in the Midwest, that a heater would be an option. Southern and western dealers sold a lot of vehicles without heaters, their customers felt it newer got cold enough to need one. Now if we can only get El Nino to keep coming back... we just might not need these heated seats... till next week...

Send your automotive questions to "Let's Talk Cars" c/o Observer and Eccentric or directly to WYUR and Art will answer as many as possible.

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Sonoma's versatility makes it a real treat

CAReport



By Anne Fracassa
Avanti NewsFeatures

What a difference the extended cab makes on the 1999 GMC Sonoma. A fellow journalist had the two-door regular cab sitting in his driveway

the same week I was driving the two-door extended cab with third door version.

Took a peak inside his Sonoma for reference and even got inside. Wow! It's teeny. Compared to the extended cab.

But if that's what you need in a small pickup truck, that's fine. The extended cab is much more comfortable and much more practical for hauling people or a couple of Christmas presents.

Lots of stuff had changed since the last model, too, and that's good. On the inside, you'll find a smaller airbag on the steering wheel and on the SLE model, you'll get a nicer dual sun visor.

The outside rearview mirror has been redesigned, giving you a much clearer view of what's in the lane next door. The mirror also has a heated feature this year.

Of course, there's a bunch of new colors to choose from, a content theft alarm is included with the keyless entry feature and there's a flash-to-pass offering on the turning stalk.

What I liked most about the Sonoma is the fact that it's so functional, versatile, smartly styled and has performance that can almost rival a full-size pickup truck.

Providing that performance level is the standard Vortec 2200 4-cylinder or optional Vortec 4300 V6 engines. The 2.2-liter 4-cylinder, mated to either a 5-speed manual or a 4-speed electronic automatic, will give you 120 horsepower. You'll be able to tow 2,000 pounds with this 2-wheel-drive model.

There are two distinct Vortec 4300s available. The first one will give you 175 horses in the 2-wheel-drive model and 180 horses with the wheel-drive model. This engine, standard on the 4-wheel-drive and optional on the 2-wheel-drive, can tow up to 6,000 pounds.



The 1999 Sonoma is a great little truck that can easily transform from a work truck during the day to a chariot for the evening.

The second Vortec 4300, which is the 4.3-liter variety, will give you 180 horsepower with the 2-wheel drive and 190 horsepower with the 4-wheel drive. This engine is optional on most models. Both 4300s can be equipped with 5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic transmissions.

You've got a host of choices when sitting down to buy the Sonoma, which really appeals to a lot of people. You can get the 2-door regular cab, the 2-door extended cab, the 2-door extended cab with what they call rear access if we'll be cool and call it the "third door," in the 6' or 7.3-foot bed and in a wide-side or sportside design.

Lots of applications, lots of options, depending on your specific need or lifestyle with the Sonoma.

If you choose the 4-wheel-drive model, you'll be pleased to find that Insta-Trac shift-on-the-fly is standard equipment. I can't wait until all automakers have shift-on-the-fly equipment. Just cleaner and more efficient that way.

I have to tell you, this is really smart styling on this truck. GMC has really awakened the past few years and I have to believe it's the merger with Pontiac that did it. The styling is crisp, sporty and downright beautiful in some models.

Can I call a truck beautiful? Not if I want a

reader to punch me in the mouth. But from my perspective, the styling of the Sonoma is beautiful.

The front of the Sonoma is clean and crisp. The headlamps are positioned just perfectly for the sporty look. It can look a little mean, staring you down, but it's really smart-looking. Everything flows around the front fascia from the fog and parking lamps to the headlamps and distinctive GMC logo front grille in its in one fluid motion.

Instrumentation is simple and easy to use, with all controls and gauges in easy reach. There are neat little features that make a difference when choosing a new truck and they include assist grips and two power points mounted just below the ash tray. That's a real nice feature.

Of course, there's an air bag shut-off switch that's operated by the key. No real switch here, but you insert your ignition key and turn it off. Remember to do so when putting anyone under 12 in the front seat.

I'm not necessarily fond of it, but the automatic models have the shifter on the steering column. I would rather see it on the floor, but GMC engineers say they had to allow room in the center

consoles for a remote cassette play with dual playback. The console also has a combo CD/cassette storage compartment, a spring-loaded coin release, dual-bin storage under the armrest and adjustable cupholders to accommodate a variety of containers.

Another feature that I hope is incorporated into many new cars and trucks is the lap-belt-to-seat design that allows the belts to travel in tandem with the seat. That way smaller and larger people will have a comfortable seat belt.

GMC also put its new-fangled Truck Body Computer on board the Sonoma.

What's that, you ask? Well, this standard feature controls a bunch of electrical systems like the PassLock theft-deterrent system, remote panic alarm (I've never had to use it for a panic situation; I use it to find the car in a crowded lot), battery rundown protection, accessory power, lockout protection, remote door lock and unlock, automatic headlamp control, exit lighting and the annoying turn signal reminder.

Oh, I almost forgot a 4-wheel anti-lock brakes are standard. And daytime running lights.

Gotta mention the nice ride and handling characteristics on the Sonoma. It's got three unique suspension systems, depending on the model you choose.

For example, the 2-wheel-drive Sonoma buyer can choose from the Smooth Ride suspension (great for any application), the firmer Heavy-Duty suspension (for the work truck and extended cab versions) or the 248 Sport suspension.

The Sport suspension gives you great handling and a very firm ride. I actually liked it. You'll feel planted firmly to the road and have a bit of fun in the process.

The 4-wheel-drive models have three choices in suspension: Smooth Ride, Heavy-Duty and a HighRider package. That gives you an aggressive high stance, unique wheel flares and provides optimum ride control and off-road capabilities. Good choice if you want to have some real fun.

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Q. While I have been seeing more help wanted ads in newspapers, I haven't seen more that fit me! Also, I'm not getting good results when I do send out resumes. Should I even be responding to ads?

A. Responding to help wanted ads is a basic and important part of any well-balanced job search. Sometimes, just a little fine-tuning in your technique can result in a significantly greater response. Let's review some fundamentals.

- Don't be too selective. Candidates who are new on the market often take ads literally and are too quick to screen out opportunities that could actually be worthwhile. If an ad calls for nine years of related experience and you've only got eight, send a resume anyway. If the stated salary is slightly less than your target, send a resume anyway. If you are turned off by an ad's appearance or by language that smacks of sales hype, send a resume anyway. Don't try to read between the lines. If you meet half the criteria, invest the thirty-two cents.

- Crank up the volume. We occasionally run into job seekers who seem to think that sending out four or five resumes a week is a lot. It isn't. The more lines you put in the water, the more likely you are to get a bite. Sure, you might end up throwing some fish back. But isn't it better to review and reject some opportunities than to keep pounding away with no results at all? The

more decisions you can take away from the market, the more control you have.

- Chase your paper. You certainly don't have to follow up every piece of correspondence with a telephone call. In fact, calling Personnel Departments to ask "Did you get my resume?" will only result in frustration. However, when it is possible to get the name of the department head or functional manager in charge of hiring for the position (the person who is feeling the Pain), a well-timed chat can lead to an invitation to interview. Even a well-worded voice mail message can be effective.

- Sell to the need. Ads usually spell out what a company wants, but most job seekers send resumes and cover letters that are standardized and employ the most generic terms possible. Some people try to include every business-related word they can think of, just hoping to hit the right combination. This isn't the lotto. Why not read the ad a few times, define the needs, reflect a bit on how you can meet them, then tweak your cover letter or resume a little to show that you are the living solution? We still get resumes on which the Objective (To become a veterinary professional) has nothing to do with the job (Production Supervisor). That's barking up the wrong tree.

Most outplacement consultants insist that only ten to twelve percent of all applicants get jobs through employment advertising. Among office, clerical and management employees who are conducting selective, pro-active searches, I believe the numbers are much higher.

Q. Many employers haven't

called or written me back after an interview and some have given vague or mixed answers to my follow-ups. Maybe I'm just not recognizing 'no' when I hear it.

A. Even seasoned interviewers don't like telling candidates they didn't get the job. I personally have trouble with it when I'm dealing with young people, even though I know it is one of life's lessons. Certainly, not being forthright about bad news isn't doing anyone a favor.

Unfortunately, silence is frequently the way employers tell candidates they are not in the running. The hope apparently is that a person will uncover another opportunity or simply realize that too much time has passed and fade away. Of course, it isn't correct to conclude that silence means rejection in every case. Sometimes, unexpected business developments knock recruiting down a notch or two on the list of priorities and the employment dance might resume once other matters have been addressed. But when your calls haven't been returned over a period of more than three weeks, it's a good bet that there will not be a deal.

Listen for signals toward the end of the interview or in follow-up conversations. Some interviewers will indicate that other candidates are being considered for the position (the recruiter told you that they haven't talked with anyone yet). Then there is the HR Manager's statement that a decision won't be made until the year 2003. It might be a clue. I occasionally tell people that "it is always prudent to keep looking" in an effort to prepare

them.

In fact, you should never stop looking. Even when things are looking great and nuptials seem imminent, don't abandon your search. A million things can go wrong between the initial interview and your first day on the job. Whether you are hearing yes, no, maybe, later, soon, or nothing at all, continue to focus on initiating activities. In a job search, nothing is a sure thing.

DUMB THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK:

- Focus on holiday shopping at the expense of your job campaign. Be sure to get those mittens off to Uncle Walter and put off sending resumes until next week.

- Pound egg nog at the office party the night before your big interview.

- Expand your resume: Make it the size of the yellow pages.

- Launch into an animated diatribe about Bill and Monica with a recruiter you just met.

- Show up twenty minutes late for an interview, but don't mention it or apologize. No one will notice.

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Send questions to George Hayes, Job Search, P.O. Box 2497, Southfield, MI 48037. Mr. Hayes is president of Emplex Corporation, a consulting firm offering recruiting, testing and outplacement services to U.S. and Canadian companies.

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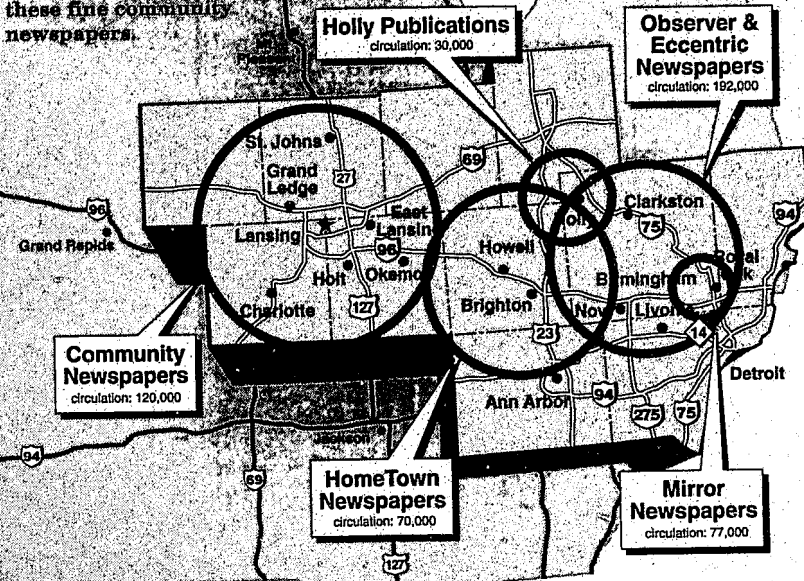
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Deadline for applications is 3 pm, Monday, Dec. 7, 1998

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National Service company seeks career-minded individual for management of inventory control program. This position requires extensive travel both in state & out of state. Candidates must be organized, detail-oriented and have word processing and spreadsheet generation experience. Duties will include data entry, expediting, shipping & receiving and customer service. Benefits package, 401K and salary to \$25,000. Please submit resume to:
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Mortgage experts say homeowners should consider refinancing now

By BILL BROCATO
SPECIAL WRITER

(AP) — Homeowners should take advantage of low lending rates to refinance their mortgages, and potential buyers also should act quickly instead of waiting for interest rates to fall further, say lenders and housing industry experts.

Mortgage refinancing has become a significant market — capturing about half of the \$1.5 trillion in home loans expected in 1998. But consumers should understand that not all refinancing deals are created equal.

"The key is whether refinancing for a lower monthly payment means real savings over the long term," said Frank Demarais, vice president of product marketing for Fannie Mae in Washington, D.C. "Homeowners with adjustable rate mortgages may want to look at locking in at a fixed rate now."

Fannie Mae is the commonly used nickname for the Federal National Mortgage Association, a government-chartered organiza-

tion that provides money for home mortgages by buying mortgages primarily from the Federal Housing Administration.

Mortgage rates have fallen from an average of 7.6 percent in 1997 to 7.2 percent or less in 1998. Rates were as high as 10.32 in 1991. The Federal Reserve on Tuesday again cut short-term interest rates, which potentially could mean even lower mortgage rates.

"There's optimism in the market that the lowering of the federal funds rate will allow mortgage rates to continue to ease," said John Desmond, chief executive of First Mississippi Capital Corp. in Gulfport, Miss.

Demarais said some homeowners with an adjustable rate will wait too long before refinancing. "Historically," he said, "consumers wait for the bottom and miss their window of opportunity. Now is certainly a good time to refinance."

How long before rates start rising again is a tough prediction, said Tim Ryan, an economist and dean of business administration

at the University of New Orleans. Right now, he said, consumers are benefiting from low inflation and even lower expectations in coming years.

Ryan predicts slightly lower mortgage rates in 1999 but said rates could climb past 7.4 percent by the year 2000.

His advice: Don't wait for the rate to drop further before refinancing.

However, refinancing a mortgage should give homeowners more than just a lower monthly payment. Some lenders may treat a refinanced loan like a new loan, requiring homeowners to have their property reappraised and pay title search fees and other closing costs.

For example, if total closing costs are \$3,000 to \$4,000, a person may be better off putting that money in other investments such as government bonds that provide better long-term returns.

"It's probably not worth it to refinance based on a quarter-point drop in mortgage rates," Ryan said. "Costs of refinancing can be fairly substantial. It can

be like buying a new property all over again."

Suzie Manuel, vice president of Coast Community Bank, said Coast Community charges \$58 for a credit report, and all other closing costs are added to the refinanced mortgage. She said the bank does not ask for a new property survey or termite inspection report.

Sunny Satchfield, executive vice president and branch manager of T&N Mortgage Inc. in Gulfport, said a good rule of thumb is to look for a rate that is 2 percentage points below the present rate. She believes the Coast's heated real estate market has attracted a lot of lending competition, giving borrowers an edge not found in other regions of the country. "In today's market, we have lenders paying closing costs on loans," she said. "Some are not charging other fees that add costs to refinancing."

With interest rates so low, consumers with less-than-perfect credit ratings also are benefiting, Satchfield said.

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When the glue has dried, remove the clamp and apply a coat of latex wood patcher. The latex patcher shrinks a bit when it dries so you may need to repeat this process once or twice to achieve a level surface. Avoid spreading the patcher beyond the repaired area. When the latex patcher is dry, sand with fine sandpaper. Use a sanding block to ensure that the surface

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If the door was originally stained and varnished, buy a stain that matches the original color. If you have a scrap piece of the veneer, bring it to the store to help make an accurate color match. Apply the stain and wipe it with a soft cloth to blend it with the existing finish. After the stain has dried, apply a finish coat of varnish to the area.

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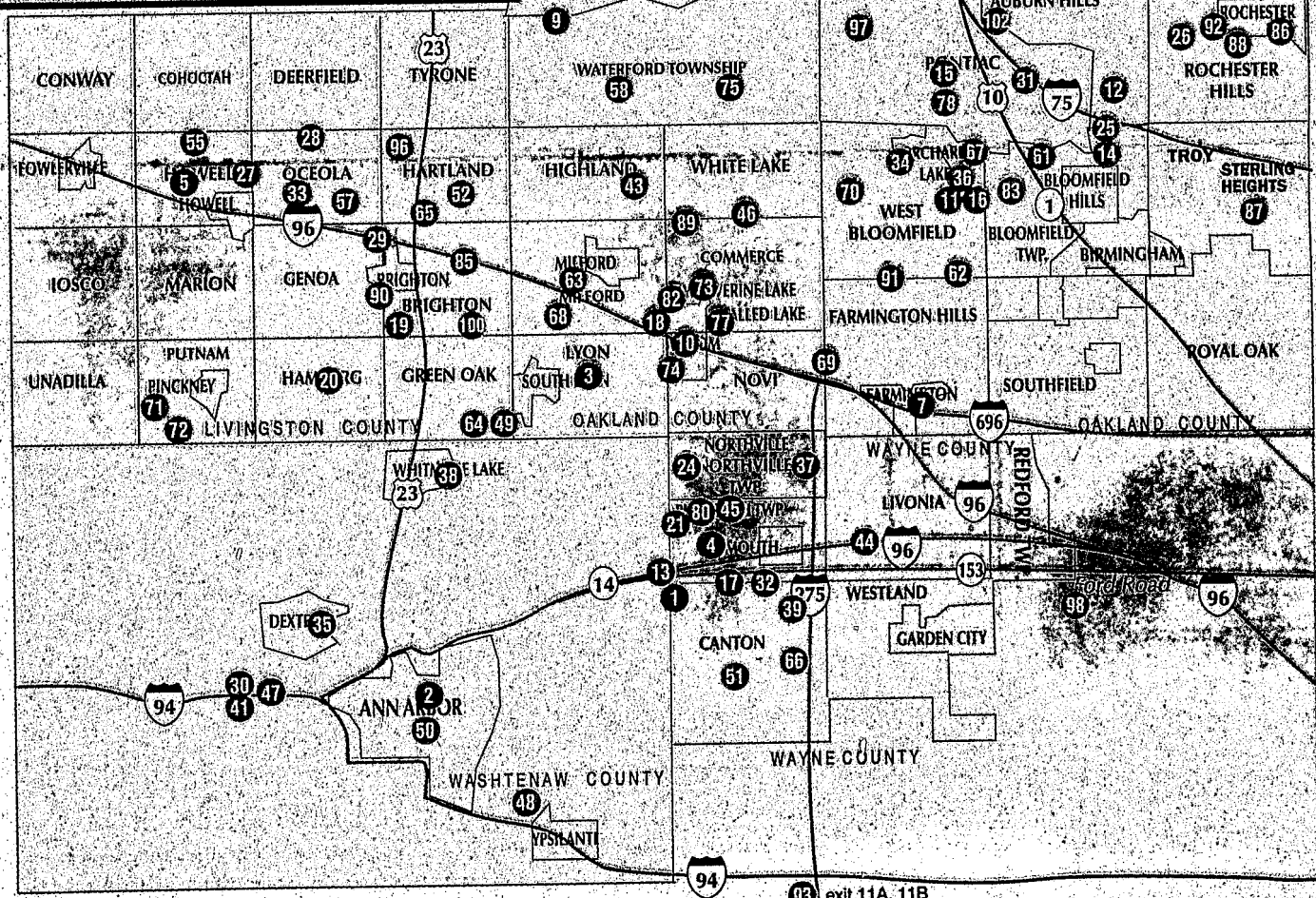


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Spacious kitchen provides lots of work space

Painted columns support the Marion's lavishly windowed front porch, creating an overall impression of warmth and understated refinement. Shutters and a plant shelf add to the charm.

This large two-story home with side-opening garage is designed to fit on a narrow corner lot, but the garage could just as easily open to the front.

Entering, you step into a two-story foyer, brightened by a gabled dormer and two skylights. Plants thrive on the high shelves

near the front door.

In the living room, high windows on both sides of the fireplace cap built-in shelves, useful for displaying photos, objets d'art, books, you name it.

Kitchen, eating nook and family room are all of a piece, one function flowing naturally into another. This large area is richly glassed at the rear. The French or atrium door opens onto a breezeway and covered patio supported by more columns.

A work island with built-in range and overhead pot rack is

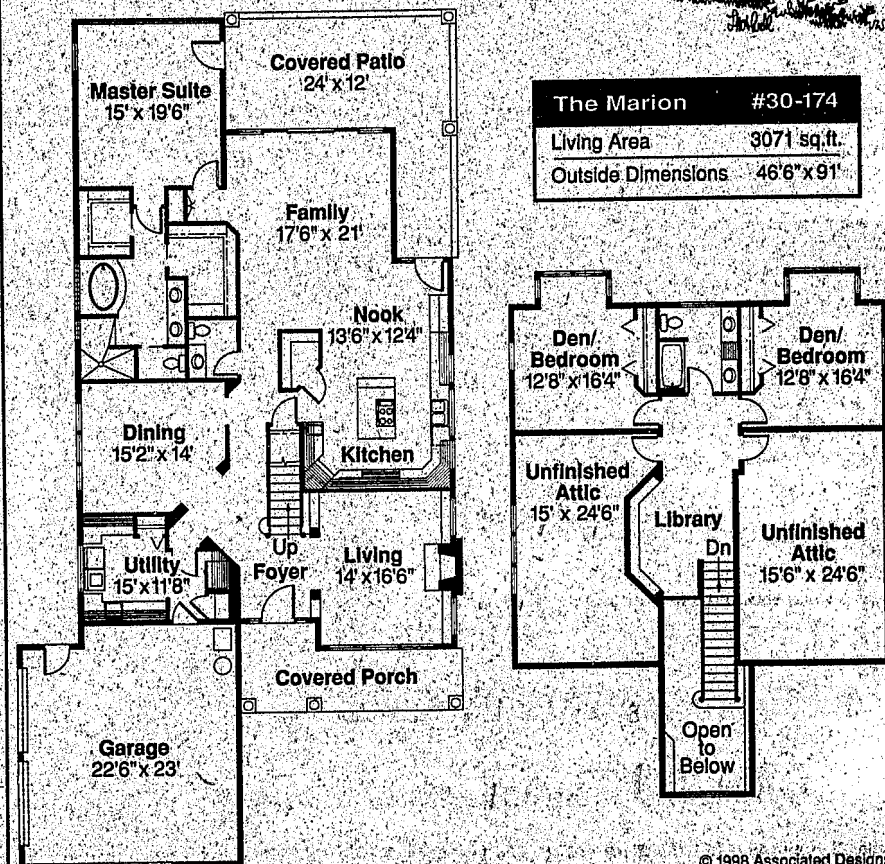
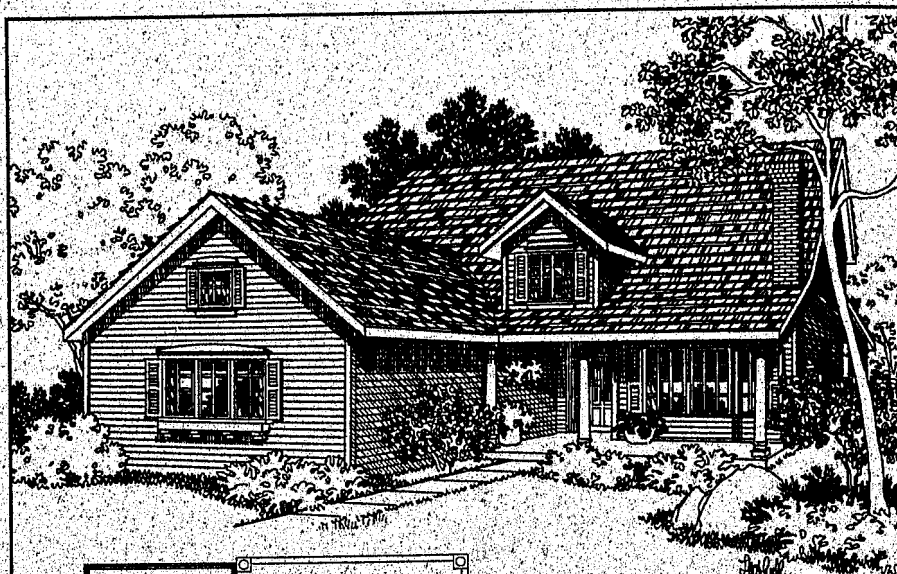
at the center of the spacious kitchen. Counters wrap around three sides. Other features include a large appliance center, walk-in pantry, prep sink, and built-in desk with storage shelves. The dining room and a large utility room are right across the hall.

Amenities in the well-appointed master suite include two large walk-in closets, double vanity, private toilet, custom walk-in shower, and deep soaking tub.

On the Marion's upper level, skylights brighten a library that

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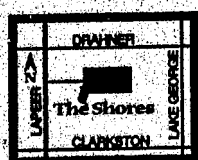
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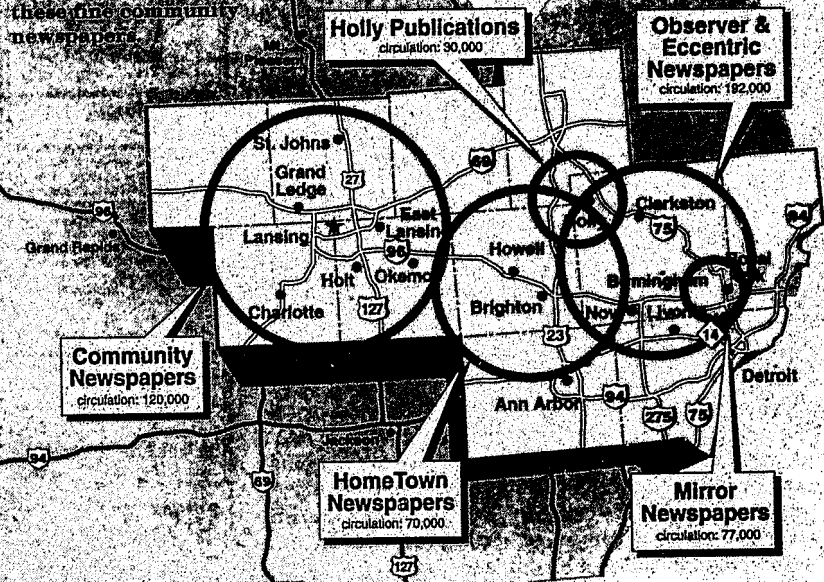
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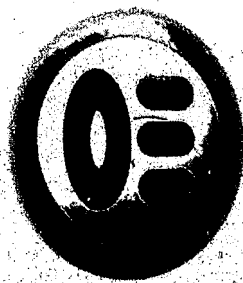
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indoor air quality as one of the five most urgent environmental problems facing the United States.

Fortunately, there are ways to reduce indoor pollutants and improve the quality of life for everyone, including the 40 million Americans who suffer from allergies and asthma. Here are some tips from the American Lung Association Health House Project to help you and your

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■ Don't permit recycling items such as newspapers, rags, cans and bottles to accumulate in your living space. These products can be the sources of toxic vapors, unpleasant odors and bacteria. Store these items in a covered area in your garage or outdoors and recycle them frequently.

■ If you have pets, bathe and groom them often and minimize

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■ Never store more than a few pieces of firewood indoors. Drying firewood inside your home can create a large number of mold spores that can contaminate your entire house.

■ Check flues and chimneys for blockage and cracks that allow fumes to enter the home. Smoke particles and soot can be back-drafted from a fireplace into living space if a fireplace is

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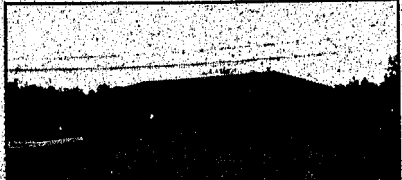
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1. Hire a cleaning crew: Enlisting a professional cleaning crew for a top-to-bottom cleaning can reveal that certain items, such as the family room carpet, do not have to be replaced.

2. Replace wall and floor coverings: Homes take on a whole new look if peeled paint, wallpaper and stained floor coverings are replaced. Choose neutral shades; color can be added with fabric, paintings and other acces-

series. Remember — potential buyers may not share your love for lilac.

3. Resurface kitchen cabinets: If the kitchen and bathroom cabinets are in good condition, it is considerably less expensive to resurface than to replace them outright.

4. Landscape and exteriors: Make sure your yard complements the neighbors' yards. Repair cracked driveways and install new door handles and address numbers. These will make your house look more attractive from the outside.

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

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

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IS THAT YOU?

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

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LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST

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

TOO MUCH TO LIST

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

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL

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

AMAZING GRACE

Pretty WWWW, 50, 5'3", slender, with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys dancing, movies, bowling, country drives. She seeks a tall, handsome D/WW, 45-50, 5'10"-5'11", without kids at home. Ad# 2130

HOPES & DREAMS

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

SHARE HER DREAMS

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

STRESS FREE LIVING

Professional SWCF, 32, 5'3", who enjoys dining out, movies, traveling, music, cooking and gardening, is seeking a SWCM, 28-39, to share life with. Ad# 7286

FIT AND TRIM

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

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

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AT THIS POINT OF LIFE

Are you interested in meeting a special lady? I'm an outgoing, friendly SWF, 34, 5'5", who enjoys photography, art, a variety of music and movies, going to church and all outdoor activities. I would like to enjoy the company of a SWM, 33-38, Ad# 6155

MAKE THE CONNECTION

Affectionate, caring Catholic DWF, 50, 5'4", who enjoys dancing, gardening, movies, indoor and outdoor activities, is in search of an affectionate, Catholic SWM, 45-55, with good morals. Ad# 1217

DIVERSE INTERESTS

DWC mom of two, 47, 5'3", with dark hair, who enjoys the outdoors, biking, reading, music, Bible study and the outdoors, is seeking a SWCM, for a possible relationship. Ad# 7388

SPECIAL LADY

You'll have a great time with this outgoing, loving SWF, 35, 5'9", N/S, who enjoys church, movies, concerts, sporting events, quiet times and more. If you are a secure SWM, 35-42, N/S, who shares similar interests, call now. Ad# 1963

MY SPECIAL SOMEONE?

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

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JUST LIKE YOU

Professional SBCM, 36, 5'5", 155lbs., is seeking a humorous, outgoing, never-married SCF, 27-38, N/S, childless, who loves the Lord. Ad# 7474

HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Pick up the phone and call this easygoing Born Again D/WW mom of one, 36, 6'1", with brown hair and blue eyes. He enjoys the theater, working on cars, dining out and working out, is hoping to start relationship with an honest SWF, 30-45, kids are welcome. Ad# 6683

MONOGAMOUS

Professional, Catholic DWM, 42, 5'9", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors and more, seeks a down-to-earth, Catholic SWF, 33-48, Ad# 2753

CAN YOU RELATE?

He's a Catholic SWM, 42, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who's educated, employed and outgoing. He enjoys music, the arts and being around family and friends. He seeks a passionate and caring SWF, 27-42, who enjoys similar interests. Ad# 4242

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Professional, handsome SWM, 38, 6", in search of a slender, outgoing and sincere SWF, 28-44, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 6789

TAKE A LOOK

Self-employed, professional SWM, 30, 6'1", is looking to share life with a slender, romantic SWF who enjoys swimming, sunsets and spending time with friends. Ad# 3336

GO OUT WITH ME

Caring, affectionate and educated D/WW, 38, 6", is looking to meet a SWCF, under 38, who likes dining out, watching movies and going to plays. Ad# 1991

CALL SOON

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

LOVE & LAUGHTER

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

ENHANCE MY LIFE

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

YOU COULD BE THE ONE

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ENJOY LIFE WITH ME

Handsome SBCM, 24, 5'9", is seeking a beautiful, caring SBCF, 22-35, who enjoys dining out, spending time with friends, the outdoors and more. Ad# 3615

SHARE MY WORLD

SWC dad of one, 43, 6', a professional, who enjoys dining out, music and movies, the outdoors and family activities, is searching for a SWCF, under 40, for a lifetime of happiness. Ad# 2100

SEARCHING

SWM, 60, 5'5", 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys long walks, movies, flea markets and art galleries, seeks a medium-built SWF, 54-62, Ad# 2526

HEART TO HEART

Outgoing, friendly SWCM, 34, 5'9", is searching for a SWCF, over 24, who enjoys the outdoors, good conversation and old-fashioned fun. Ad# 4163

FOCUS HERE

I'm a well-built SWM, 27, 6'3", 240lbs., with brown hair and eyes, who enjoys quiet times. I'm seeking a loving, humorous SWF, 23-35, for possible relationship. Ad# 5150

SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME

He is a fun-loving, sincere, passionate, romantic, athletic SWM, 26, 6'2", who enjoys movies, dining out and spending time with friends. He is searching for a slender SWF, 22-45, Ad# 2222

JUST YOU AND I

Catholic SWM, 44, 6', who enjoys youth ministry, seeks a slender, Catholic S/DWF, 25-40, who is marriage-minded, fun-loving and sincere. Ad# 4232

IT HAS TO BE YOU

Handsome SWM, 44, 6'1", 190lbs., who enjoys outdoor activities, dining out and quiet times at home, is searching for a slender, romantic SWF, 28-44, Ad# 1313

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FRIENDLY NATURE

Professional, Catholic SWM, 36, 5'10", with a good sense of humor, enjoys working out and romantic dinners. He is in search of a fit, Catholic SWF, 23-36, with similar interests. Ad# 7001

JUST YOU AND I

Handsome SBM, 35, 5'5", 155lbs., seeks a SCF, 25-37, with a great personality. He enjoys Bible study, bowling and playing tennis. Ad# 8989

OLD-FASHIONED

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OUTGOING

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STILL LOOKING

SBC dad, 20, 6', who enjoys basketball, is seeking a compatible SBCF, 22-40, preferably never-married and childless. Ad# 1470

BORN-AGAIN

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

BACK TO BASICS

Outgoing SBC dad, 20, 6', who enjoys music, movies and family activities, seeks a SWF, for friendship and fun. Ad# 1564

COMMON BOND

Outgoing and friendly, he's a professional WWWW, 59, 6'2", whose interests include Bible study, golf, reading, theater, dining out and lots of laughter. He's seeking a special SWCF, 50-60, for companionship. Ad# 5845

BACK TO THE BASICS

Here's a D/WW, 40, 5'11", looking for a SWCF, 34-50, who enjoys outdoor activities, dining out, movies, and travel. Ad# 1001

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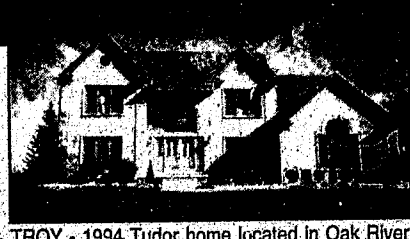
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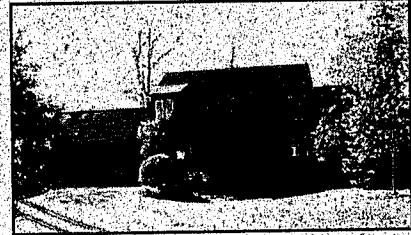
WEST BLOOMFIELD - 5500 sq. ft. custom built home on an acre + wooded ravine lot. 6 bedroom, 5 1/2 bath, huge family room, great room, dining room, and newer kitchen. 3 car garage. (84KNO) \$899,900 (248) 642-8100



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