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### AROUND



#### What's the real story?

Christian radio personality Mark Gillman likes to play games with his listeners.

In a trivia game he calls "My Town," the Independence Township resident tells four stories and asks his listeners to guess which news event is fake. Can you tell fact from fiction? He wants to know.

Items taken from the Clarkston and Independence Township police logs are his ammunition. During Thursday's broadcast, Gillman convinced three listeners that someone had stolen a Zamboni ice machine from Lakeland Arena and parked it in a garage.

It's a local spin on the old "Ripley's Believe it or Not" television show.

#### Blonde-in-bikini distraction

At a recent Clarkston High School boys basketball game, fans of the opposing team were on a mission to break the concentration of the home team.

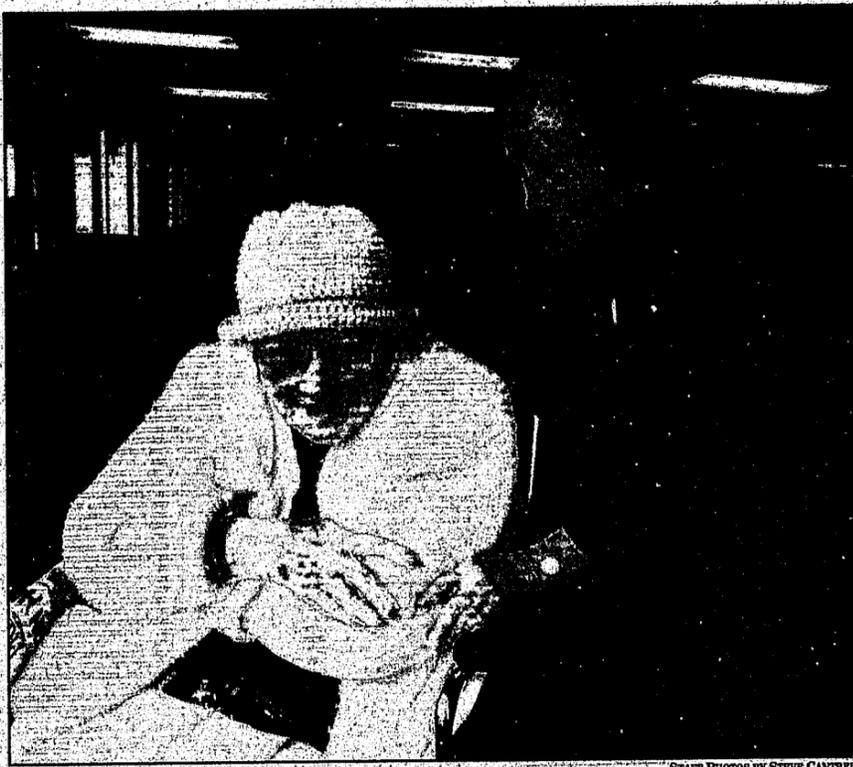
Just as a CHS player began to toss a free throw, someone standing in his line of sight behind the basket, unrolled a giant poster of Jenny McCarthy wearing a bikini.

McCarthy is the blonde actress who appeared on MTV's "Singled Out" gameshow.

The player made the shot, regardless of the distraction.

When a member of the Clarkston High School administration saw the poster, she confiscated it from the audience member.

Brent Cooley, principal of the school, saw the whole situation transpire. He took the poster and jokingly hid it behind his back, as if to keep it for himself. The crowd roared with laughter.



Keeping company: Matilda Budge, a resident of Integrated Health System, visits with Bea Halsema, who volunteers her time there.

## A helpful heart

### Tireless volunteer is a frequent fixture at senior functions

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Once Bea Halsema puts her heart into something, she can't help but keep it going. The Waterford Township resident has been visiting residents at Integrated Health Services Inc., formerly called the Greenery, in Independence Township for three years. It started when her husband moved into the skilled nursing facility.

Though he has passed away, Halsema has not stopped visiting the other residents. Now 82 years old, she still makes her weekly stop every Thursday like clockwork.

"I just got to know a bunch of people," said Halsema. "A lot of them don't have too much company. There are different ones I got quite attached to."

She shows up around noon and stays until about 4 p.m. each Thursday for the weekly Bingo game and other recreational activities. She sets out the cards and chips, and often brings in homemade gifts for the winners.

"I help the ones who aren't able to watch the cards," she said. "Some of them need more help than others. Some of them don't need any help at all. Most of 'em have their good and bad days. I get along good with most of 'em."

Others in the center said they can always count on her help.

Staff members like Cynthia Sherry said Halsema makes her job easier. Sherry, a Grand Blanc resident, has been the assistant director of activities at I.H.S. since August.

"She's just such a great support," said Sherry. "She's really a

big help."

Sherry said that in addition to the aid Halsema provides during recreational activities, she has brought in clothing for the residents.

"She calls when she's not coming in," Halsema said. "Bea is very patient, very understanding."

The center would benefit from having more volunteers like her, Sherry said. However, now that the holidays have arrived, residents have more visitors than usual — whether they're family, friends or school children stopping by to sing Christmas carols. Sherry said she wishes it was like this "all year long."

"But Halsema keeps visiting because she enjoys it, she said.

"It's a thing to look forward to," said Halsema. "I just got used to it. It's nice to come out and just help out a little bit."

Once in awhile, she said, she gets a little surprise. A friend or acquaintance will stop by for therapy. The center offers rehabilitation services

for occupational, physical and speech therapy. Some of the services are short-term; others can be long-term or for an undetermined amount of time. Halsema said she considers the therapists at I.H.S. to be "very good with their patients."

"I would never hesitate to recommend here," said Halsema. "All in all, I think they do a good job."

Scott Shell, director of recreational programs, said that Halsema started coming to the center before he began working there. He

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Bea Halsema



Recreational creation: Bea Halsema (right) assists Grace Everdean in creating her own jewelry box out of holiday cards.

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He had been hospitalized for almost two weeks, and those close to Sheriff John F. Nichols knew he was falling.

Yet when death came Friday, there was shock and grief.

"We knew he was in bad shape," said Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorceyca. "But we were all hoping for the best."

Flags at the county complex were lowered to half-mast in honor of Nichols who died about 3:25 a.m. at



John Nichols

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Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital where he had been admitted Dec. 7 for what was described as a "routine examination."

He died of complications associated with congestive heart failure and emphysema, according to a hospital spokesperson.

"There were a lot of teary eyes around here today," said Capt. Mike McCabe, who was interviewed by Nichols when he joined the department 22 years ago. "But after awhile, people were telling their fondest John Nichols stories."

McCabe remembers "shaking in my boots" when Nichols was on the oral review panel considering him

## Opponents rally against warehouse proposal



■ Critics of an auto parts warehouse do their homework and gather petition signatures from those opposing the plan.

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON  
STAFF WRITER

Cheryl Kerrick and Dave Miller never considered themselves activists and they certainly don't feel they're trouble makers.

Instead, the duo is extremely concerned about the effect 500 diesel-fueled trucks traveling a daily route to a warehouse near their home will have on their children and the community.

"I couldn't believe it when I climbed up on the roof of my new house and saw some guys doing soil sampling at the property behind mine," Miller said, referring to his home on Dyorek Street. "I went over there and asked if they were working on something for a new sportsplex and they laughed and said, no, it was a warehouse for Ryder and their trucks."

The thought of hundreds of trucks running up and down Sashabaw Road just feet from Pine Knob Elementary School sparked Kerrick and Miller, who are soon to be neighbors on Dyorek Street, into action.

The pair quickly formed the Committee to Preserve Our Community (CPC). Kerrick is president and Miller is vice president.

Since mid-November Kerrick and Miller have single-handedly managed to rally hundreds of residents to their cause and recently presented a petition bearing 1,369 signatures opposing the warehouse plan to Independence Township officials.

Their efforts helped stall approval of a conceptual site plan for the warehouse at last week's Township Planning Commission meeting. The gathering featured a standing-room-only crowd.

"We've interfered with their plans at this point, we're very happy to say," Kerrick said.

#### The proposed project

Specifics of the warehouse plan include allowing Ryder Dedicated Logistics to construct a 450,000-square-foot facility on 31 acres between Maybee and Waldon roads just south of I-75. The building would be 900 feet in length, the size of three football fields.

The proposal described the facility as a storage place for automotive parts for General Motor's Lake Orion Plant. The property management company, Cunningham-Limp Co., recently verified that there will be 504 truck trips to the site each day.

"And when you realize that all of those trucks have to come back out once they go in, we're now talking about over 1,000 a day," Kerrick said.

That conclusion is backed by data presented to the township following a recent traffic study conducted by Hubbell, Roth and Clark Inc. of Bloomfield Hills.

After conducting a traffic count at a Ryder site in



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Concerned citizens: A group of residents fighting to keep an auto parts warehouse from being built include (left to right, back row) Dave Miller, Gary Taylor, Cheryl Kerrick, John Wiesen and (front row) Melinda Wiesen.

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## Law enforcement community hard hit by Nichols' passing

for employment. "I was fresh out of Michigan State, and there was John Nichols with jaw jutting out and his crew cut. I was thrilled."

As he spent more time with the department — and saw the sheriff in operation — his respect for Nichols grew, said McCabe. "He was the epitome of law enforcement," he said.

Nichols started his career in law enforcement in January, 1942 at the age of 24 when he joined the Detroit Police Department. He was a patrol officer until he joined the Army, ultimately commanding an infantry company in Europe.

When the war ended, Nichols rejoined the Detroit

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# Turner looks ahead to assignment as principal of new elementary school

BY JAN BAKER  
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It's a career jump that doesn't happen to most Clarkston school administrators, but Chris Turner — the principal of Bailey Lake Elementary — will be leaving a bunch of bulldogs to go to a horse farm.

Turner, who has overseen Bailey Lake students and their bulldog mascot for about four years, will take the reins of Clarkston's new elementary school at M-15 and Hubbard Road when it opens in the latter part of 1999. The site of the new building — which hasn't been named yet — formerly housed award-winning equines.

In an interview Thursday, the tranquil school administrator admitted he's whooping for joy at the chance to gallop into a new building. (Well, maybe he's not "whooping" exactly. And maybe he won't be galloping either. But

he is smiling a lot and planning on making tracks through the new school often — in an orderly fashion, of course.)

"It's my first new building, and I'm very much looking forward to it," Turner said. "I'm very happy at Bailey Lake and pleased with the progress we've made in the last 4½ years, but I think this is a good move for me. When the opportunity came along, I couldn't pass it up."

And apparently, the district couldn't pass up sending its own Mister Rogers-in-Dockers to its new "Mr. Ed" Elementary. Turner said that after he submitted his resume for the new school position, only 1½ weeks passed before he was offered the position.

For Bailey Lake parent Sue Boatman, that's not surprising.

"He's a wonderful principal," Boatman said recently. "He's down-to-earth with children, often sitting on the floor with

them during different activities. And his door's always open — he's really good at dealing with kids and dealing with parents. It all makes for a good atmosphere."

Boatman said she's happy Turner has the chance to steer a brand-new school, but "he'll be sorely missed. He's just wonderful."

Turner — who lives in Independence Township with his wife Sandy and their children Jeffrey, Rebecca and Meredith — was hired into the Clarkston School District in 1994. Before that, he served as principal at Jefferson Elementary in Ferndale for four years.

His teaching background includes stints at Washington Elementary in Ferndale, Detroit Country Day School in Birmingham and Bowler Elementary in Nevada.

As a student himself, the Clarkston administrator earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Central Michigan University in 1981. He also holds a master's degree in teaching (reading and language arts) from Oakland University and a specialist degree in educational administration from the same school.

When does Turner start his new job?

"Well, I already met with a committee to talk about school colors for the new elementary last Monday night before the Clarkston School Board meeting," he said with a chuckle. No decision was made on the colors.



Same district, different school: Chris Turner, the current principal of Bailey Lake Elementary, has been named the first principal of a school still under construction.

However, the principal pointed out that even though some plans have to be made in the next few months regarding the new school and its staffing, his hooves are still firmly planted at Bailey Lake until June.

"We still have a lot to do here this year," he said. "But I know I'm going to miss a lot of people at Bailey Lake. I've established some wonderful relationships with families and staff — and I know it's going to be hard to say goodbye."

# Employees recognized for helping township gain project grants

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON  
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'Tis the season for giving, but how many people realize Independence Township has at least a half dozen Santa Clauses of its own?

The hard work of a number of employees has paid off big over the last few years, bringing in millions of dollars in funding for special projects.

A recent meeting of the Independence Township Board had the members officially honoring Ann Conklin, parks and recreation; Mollie Lynch, library; George Anderson, D.P.W.; Lt. Dale Blair, sheriff's department; Dale Stuart, township supervisor.

"It can be a tedious and frustrating process to find the grants and to apply for them," Treasurer Jim Wenger said. "It's a very time-consuming task; yet, these individual put a great deal of energy into pursuing the funding."

Wenger displayed the details of the efforts put forth to bring additional dollars to the township via a slide show presentation. The slides reflected current images and dollar amounts generated for each area over the last eight to 10 years.

Since 1991 the library has received a total of \$435,467. Those dollars were generated by memorials, donations, Friends of the Library activities and Community Development Block Grant funds. Several areas of the library have been spruced up, including the biography section.

When a slide of five red fire hydrants jumped on the screen,

Wenger explained that the picture represented the five water grants the DPW has received since 1986. Their total take was \$2,115,553.

The Police Department COPS grant covers the cost for three officers over the next three years. The breakdown was federal funding for three officers for three years, \$225,000 and state funds for the trio, \$61,500.

The \$1,614,200 in funding that rolled into the Parks and Recreation Department since 1988 has been from many places and brought about lots of improvements. Land acquisition grants and funding for a SMART van were among the pluses.

The department also took in \$72,000 from the bottles for building fund, \$8,200 each from the Optimist and Rotary clubs, \$4,600 from Clarkston Schools, \$7,200 for the Ryan Schmidt gold friebee at Baycourt and playscape donations of \$55,000.

The township also got \$170,000 in funding for the safety path at I-75 and Perry Lake Road and \$90,000 for the Pine Knob book match handled by the supervisor's office.

When all of those dollars are added to the 1996, 1997 and 1998 census figures that will bring in another \$809,992, the township's non-tax generated dollar total is an impressive \$5.5 million.

"We want the community to realize in this time of sharing and being thankful that we have dedicated people here, too," Wenger said.

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## Volunteer

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said that she's always been very helpful and organized, especially when it comes to Bingo or a special party.

"The residents all know her," he said. "She introduces herself to the new residents. It's like she's one of the family."

Halsema has two daughters, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Family members

are spread from Canada to Florida, but she's looking forward to making Christmas dinner for some of her family members this year.

She enjoys sewing, cooking and baking in her spare time. She often brings in cookies for the staff and residents. In the past few years, she's gotten to know them well.

Halsema met her friend Edith Fotheringham while volunteering.

"We hit it off," said Halsema of her friend. "We get on the phone

and gab." Fotheringham stops by once or twice a week to see a resident whom she's known for more than 50 years.

Though she's not a registered volunteer, Fotheringham also visits with the other residents and helps with activities. She said she enjoys seeing Halsema there as well.

"You won't find anybody better," said Fotheringham, as Halsema begins to blush. "She makes things enjoyable."

Fotheringham said Halsema

gets along well with the other residents and is easy to talk to.

"It takes one to know one," added Halsema, smiling.

Fotheringham also enjoys visiting.

Volunteers are welcome to join in for group activities, one-on-one programs, adopt-a-grandparent programs, or room-to-room visits.

Anyone interested in volunteering at Integrated Health Services Inc. of Michigan can call (248) 674-0903 for more information.

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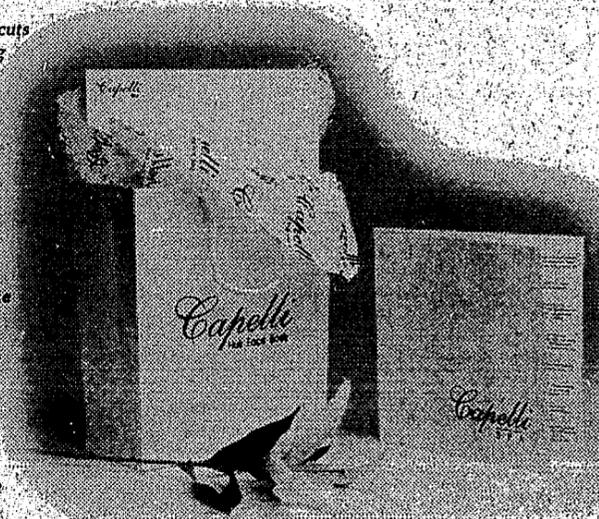
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# Center's therapists take on growing problem of addiction

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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You can't tell a drug addict by looking at one. That's the message Jim Knorp would like people to understand. When Knorp, the clinical director at Insight Recovery Center in Springfield Township, walks into the room, in a calm and pleasant manner, one sees a man whose life work is to help others.

But one might not see that he, too, is a recovering drug and alcohol addict. After helping himself, he sought training that enabled him to help others with similar addictions.

"I get to continually see how sick they are when they come in and how well they appear when they leave," said Knorp. "We're helping people help themselves."

The residential center opened in 1979, offering services for mental health, detoxification for substance abuse and outpatient services. It is one of 10 Michigan locations and originally was based in Flint. Knorp joined the team in 1984 and has been with the organization since then. He considers their program the best in three states: Michigan, Ohio and Illinois.

His background includes course work in counseling and a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan. In some ways, his battle with addiction has made it easier for residents to open up to him about what they are experiencing.

"Being a recovering person allows you to get your foot in the door," he said. "But if all you have to offer is your foot, then you're in trouble. The best therapist is someone who is professionally trained and has three to four years of experience. I think all that is, is a head start."

There are seven therapists, six full-time and one part-time, at the center. Among them are two psychologists, four social workers and a doctor of public health. Their experience ranges from four to 18 years of work. All state-certified as addiction counselors, the individuals are responsible for 20-25 residents. Case managers, or therapists, do not handle more than five people at a time to ensure personal attention.

Knorp said that individuals who have remained in this field of work show "a real commitment to patient care."

The job requires a great deal of patience and flexibility, he added.

"A very good therapist primarily needs to be a good listener, not just to hear what someone is saying, but to hear how they're saying it and what they aren't saying. These are areas you learn to look at."



Speaking openly: Jim Knorp, clinical director of Insight Recovery Center, counsels a resident coping with heroin addiction.

He added that flexibility is important when working with people who are experiencing a level of emotional turmoil, like most of the residents.

"People use chemicals to either suppress a feeling or to express their feelings, or to change how they feel," said Knorp.

Ruby Grandberry, primary therapist, counsels residents daily. She has been in the field for 18 years and works as a family, group and individual therapist, case manager for the insurance companies, and is in charge of patient aftercare.

"I like to feel that I am offering them a new way of looking at change in their lives," said Grandberry.

She said that she has stayed with this type of work because she likes to see the growth and changes that come about in the family as well as the addicted person. She also aims to help the residents grow spiritually, to become a "total person." Being whole, she said, refers to the body, mind and spirit.

Admission to Insight begins with the decision to seek recovery. One individual at the center commented that it took him 12 hours to get to the center from a city that's only about 30 minutes away.

It's Cheryl Kelley's job to admit individuals who are seeking help. As the admissions counselor, Kelley deals with insurance companies and families who choose to private pay.

Though it varies widely depending upon the length of stay and other factors, one day at Insight can cost an individual about \$320 if they pay privately. Most insurance plans cover the cost, but for those who can't afford it or don't have insurance, Kelley provides alternative information.

"With families that can't afford private pay, we give them the number to state and county projects so they can seek help," said Kelley, who has worked in the field for five years. "It's a growing problem that's not going to go away."

Though the residents may call ahead, or just show up at the center, Kelley said, the care does not stop after they leave. She said it's wonderful to see former residents return to the center to give speeches and reassurance to the current residents as years pass.

But once an individual makes that commitment, he or she will see an admissions counselor, give a brief medical history and provide insurance information. Once the insurance company authorizes treatment, a doctor will give a physical, and the person will be shown to a room and searched. The rooms are similar to those found in most college dormitories. They contain a bed, desk, closet, sink and window with a view of the surrounding 400 acres of land. Three meals a day are provided in the cafeteria, and plenty of recreational activities are available.

For the first three to five days, a patient goes through detoxification to remove the drugs from his or her body. The daily routine for a resident begins at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 11:30 p.m. on weekdays, or 1 a.m. on weekends. Days are filled with lectures, meetings, group therapy sessions, exercise and recreational time. The average stay at Insight is between 12 and 14 days, but individuals have stayed as little as three days or as long as 21. Residents do have contact with other individuals during their stay but may have visits from family members, and often meet members of the surrounding community who attend Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous classes at the Colomiere Center, where Insight is located.

**People use chemicals to either suppress a feeling or to express their feelings, or to change how they feel.**

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# Physics whiz has a ball working up the perfect snow sphere for tossing

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As we cross our fingers and search the sky in hopes of a white Christmas, we are bound to indulge in memories of past first snowfalls.

We await the beauty of cottony snow pulling down thick, pine tree branches.

We cringe at the recollection of a heavy shovel scraping against cement.

We smile at the memory a steaming mug warming tingling fingers after an afternoon battle that began with the zing of a snowball.

The perfect snowball. People in the scientific community say there are forces which can help winter warriors gain an advantage in making the perfect snowball. Over in the artistic community, however, a first snowfall can be an opportunity to participate in the most basic of all creative acts.

"Snowballs are interesting because there are forces that oppose each other," said Fred Higgins, a physics teacher at Cranbrook-Kingswood Upper School. "You don't want to change the momentum. You want to make sure it's not too fast, but you also want to follow through on the throw."

Joseph Wesner, a sculptor and professor at the Center for Creative Studies, says the perfection in creating a snowball comes from "the aspiration to want to go do it," something which he said is instinctive in children.

"You're putting your hands in some material and shaping something. It's the most primary creative experience there is," said Wesner.

Snow actually possesses all the properties of a mineral and ranks a 1.5 on the hardness scale, according to Gary Gerson, a geology teacher at Cranbrook-Kingswood.

"When you make a snowball, you use pressure with the packing of your hands and you slightly melt it and slightly recrystallize it. It's the same action that forms glaciers," Ger-

son said. Several physics formulas are involved, Higgins said, including momentum, which is mass multiplied by velocity, and impulse, which is force multiplied by time.

Force and time have an inverse relationship, Higgins said. So a snowball that is too fluffy will have a long time with little force on impact, and vice versa.

Conditions for making the perfect snowball are: below freezing temperatures, with high humidity and little wind, the experts say.

The artist may focus on the notion of creating a perfect sphere and the physical realities of the medium, "until you realize that you could throw it," Wesner said.

He said his sculpture students would focus on the interpretation of perfection, which in some cultures often includes physical flaws in sculpture.

"My snowball is as perfect as it may be for me, but you would debate it. You would debate my criteria of perfect."

Devorah Semp, an art student at Southfield-Lathrup High School, agrees.

"A perfect snowball would be round with no little glitches and smooth," she said, hesitating. "Well, I guess there's no such thing as the perfect snowball."

And the winner is...

"I think the reason I always win snowball fights is because I know physics," said Higgins, who said the winner throws the largest number of clean hits at an opponent's upper body.

The winner is declared when the other person says, "I want to go inside."

"The winner of a snowball fight is the one whose opponent has the most snow stuck to him or her with the least amount of injuries," said Gerson.

Can anything be substituted for snow, if there is none available?

"You could use a pint of white rice... It packs very nicely," said Gerson, who tried the alternative this month. "I threw it at my dog and she ate it."

## Expelled student may return in January

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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One of three Clarkston High School students suspended in connection with the sale of marijuana-laced brownies will not return to classes this semester.

The student and his parents appealed a disciplinary review board's decision for a 180-day expulsion. At the Dec. 14 meeting of the Clarkston Board of Education, president Kurt Shanks proposed that the board deny that appeal for the remainder of the semester, but allow the 15-year-old student to reappear as a student next semester.

He said the consideration to let the student back into the school would be contingent on certain criteria to be developed by the superintendent. He could

not yet specify what that criteria would be.

After more than 30 minutes of deliberation in a closed meeting, board members convened publicly and voted 7-0 in favor of Shanks' proposition.

"The administration had already put into effect the decision to expel (the student) for 180 days, the remainder of the school year," said Shanks in a telephone interview after the meeting. "The appeal overturned the 180-day expulsion."

The student, along with two other boys, was suspended from the school.

Deputy Chuck Young, the school's police liaison, received a tip on Oct. 29 that students were selling the laced brownies within the school building for \$10-\$15 a each. Formal charges have not

yet been filed in the matter.

"We've got a zero-tolerance type of policy in effect in the district," said Shanks. "In this particular case, the administration did the appropriate thing. The board, in its decision, took into account not just the individual student, but all of the students."

Clarkston High School Principal Brent Cooley said that the other two students will also stand before a disciplinary review board. However, he said, each case is different.

If the 15-year-old is able to return to Clarkston High School in January, he will be on probation and will have to repeat the previous semester of classes. Shanks said the policy shows all students that the behavior "is not something that we tolerate."

## POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire officials in Independence Township and the city of Clarkston Dec. 13-18.

### Independence Police

#### Thefts

On Dec. 14, a license plate was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Sashabaw Road.

On Dec. 15, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Olympus Drive.

On Dec. 16, a wood stove and ski equipment were reported stolen from a storage building on Oakhurst Lane.

### Home Invasion

On Dec. 17, a television and VCR were reported stolen from a residence on Mill.

### Independence Fire

Between Dec. 14-18, firefighters responded to 17 calls. Among them were five personal-injury accidents, three investigations and six medical calls.

On Dec. 14, a 79-year-old female was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital due to injuries sustained in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road.

### Clarkston Police

On Dec. 15, police investigated an accident on Clarkston Road near Robertson Court in which a vehicle driven by a 16-year-old Clarkston girl hit the rear of a vehicle driven by a 17-year-old Clarkston boy. The girl was cited for failure to stop a clear distance ahead. No one was injured.

On Dec. 17, police responded to a residence near Holcomb in which a 45-year-old woman was possibly experiencing alcohol poisoning. Independence Township firefighters were also on the scene. The woman's daughter transported her to St. Joseph Hospital.

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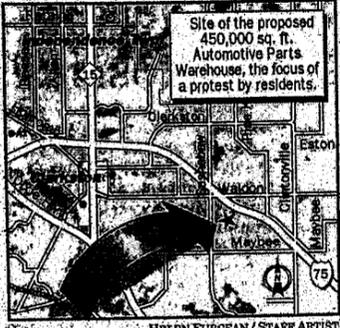
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# Warehouse from page A1



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Canton, the agency provided estimates for traffic at a future Clarkston facility and came up with 1,350 truck trips per day.

In view of the findings, the Planning Commission tabled the matter to consider several aspects of the project, particularly zoning issues. The property along Maybee and Waldon is zoned industrial office park (IOP), which permits warehouses but not transportation and trucking facilities.

### Sharing their concerns

CPC has hosted several informal meetings for residents at area homes where Kerrick and Miller share the vast amount of information they have gathered in the past few weeks.

One of the first things the pair did after learning about the warehouse was go to Canton to see a similar Ryder facility. They were shocked at what they found.

"I was frightened by what I saw. That's a pit over there," Miller said.

Describing the area near the building as run down, Miller and Kerrick said the place is next to a storage unit, an abandoned business and a small trailer park built around 1960.

"They said no residents complained about that facility, but that's because there's no one there to complain," Kerrick said. "And they only opened on July 6 of 1998."

Kerrick and Miller also held meetings with the property management company and claim they were told things would be started at the site by mid-December, Miller said.

That bit of news prompted Kerrick and Miller to step up their efforts. They have spent more than \$500 of their own

# Couple invest time, energy battling proposal

By HANNAH L. HENNINGTON  
Staff Writer

When Dennis and Debra Kring moved into their brand-new home on Dwyer Street in Independence Township three years ago, they were looking forward to the fresh country air.

"They definitely didn't expect to be downwind from 600 trucks emitting diesel fumes."

"We moved from Waterford Township to get away from landfills," Douglas Kring said. "And we can't believe it. Now, they are thinking of putting this diesel truck terminal right by our new home."

The terminal Kring refers to is a proposal that would allow Ryder Dedicated Logistics to construct a 450,000-square-foot facility on 31 acres along Bowpointe Road, between Maybee and Waldon roads, just south of I-75. The management firm for the project has told township officials that 500 trucks a day could be making trips to the site. Despite the Planning Commission's

recent decision to table the proposal for further study, Kring brought his concerns before the township board on Tuesday.

"This is going to be a major eyesore and nuisance to our house and the four houses that abut the property up to the site," Kring told officials.

He also expressed strong concerns regarding the effects the diesel trucks would have on the environment.

"I don't believe the environmental studies are correct at all," Kring said. "Diesel exhaust is cancer-causing and a health hazard."

Kring based his information on data he found on the Internet from the California Air Resources Board (CARB). He said they named a component of diesel exhaust as cancer causing and a toxic air contaminant.

"I live due east of the area, and I don't feel my health will be protected once the project goes up," Kring said. "And I don't feel that the facts are being presented properly."

"If they have the right zoning, then environmental issues are not germane," Trustee Neil Wallace said.

Zoning is an area of the project that has been called into question. The property along Maybee and Waldon is zoned industrial office park (IOP), which permits warehouses but not transportation and trucking facilities.

Following the meeting, Township Supervisor Dale Stuart said that to his knowledge, the zoning is appropriate.

"At this point in time the property is properly zoned within that district," Stuart said, noting that was the finding of the township planner.

That being the case, Stuart explained that the township, by law, can't just turn the developer away.

"We can't tell a developer it's the right zoning but we don't want you here — we'd be sued for violating their property rights," Stuart said.

The township attorney is looking into the zoning issue and will file a report stating his opinion soon, Stuart said.

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Dale Stuart  
supervisor, Independence Township

money to get the word out to area residents about the facility.

"We've spent money on making copies and mailing lots of literature to residents," Kerrick said.

Gathering the signatures for the petition involved a lot of door-to-door leg work, in addition to posting people outside area stores and schools.

"I think we got the first 900 or so ourselves and then we started assigning neighbors certain streets to gather up the rest," Kerrick said.

### Seeking support

The residents asked Clarkston Community Schools officials to take a stand on the issue. Superintendent Dr. Al

Roberts released a statement saying that the district is, of course, concerned about health and safety issues but isn't in a position to take a stand.

"Using the school system to promote any political stance (good or bad) cannot occur," Roberts said. "Even when we are dealing with issues that directly impact our youngsters, we are only permitted to share information, not slant it to take a pro or con position."

Supervisor Dale Stuart said he spent an hour discussing the project with Miller and Kerrick and tried to alleviate some of their concerns.

He said the township has completed both traffic and environmental studies and isn't just jumping into the project. The fact that the township's own planner has said the zoning for the project is appropriate also impresses Stuart.

When people say there will be 1,000 trucks crumming the roadways, they aren't considering the fact that road improvements will come first, he added.

Ryder has agreed to pick up the tab for making Sashabaw Road a four-lane roadway. The road project is expected to cost about \$500,000.

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**'I get the feeling that (Supervisor) Dale Stuart is a proponent of this project and I told him, "don't sell us out for a half a million dollar road improvement project."'**

David Miller  
vice president, Committee to Preserve Our Community

ject and I told him, 'don't sell us out for a half a million dollar road improvement,'" Miller said.

Stuart responded, "It would be very popular for me to say I'm against this and I'll fight it tooth and nail to the end, but I can't do that. I'm here to uphold the law."

Stuart explained that if the zoning is all right, they would violate the developer's property rights by not considering the project.

"I have to do what's in the best interest of the community. And you can't just expect someone with 40 acres of industrial zoned property to just sit on it,"

### Proposal facts

**Project:** Warehouse plan that would allow Ryder Dedicated Logistics to construct a 450,000-square-foot facility on 31 acres in Independence Township.

**Location:** Along Bowpointe between Maybee and Waldon roads just south of I-75.

**Size:** The facility would be 900 feet in length, the size of three football fields.

**Preliminary proposal:** Described the facility as a storage place for automotive parts for General Motor's Lake Orion Plant.

**Trucking terminal concerns:** More recent information provided by the management company, Cunningham-Limp Co., acknowledged that there will be 504 truck trips to the site each day.

**Traffic study data:** Study was presented to the township by Hubbell, Roth and Clark Inc. of Bloomfield Hills. Following a traffic count at a similar Ryder facility in Canton, the firm estimated traffic at a future Clarkston facility as 1,350 truck trips per day.

**Road improvements:** The Hubbell, Roth and Clark study outlined improvements to Sashabaw Road.

**Zoning question:** The property along Maybee and Waldon is zoned industrial office park (IOP), which permits warehouses but not transportation and trucking facilities.

**Project status:** The Planning Commission recently tabled any action on the plan to consider zoning issues and other questions posed by concerned residents.

Stuart said. "And it could be worse. I'd rather see this than four or five manufacturing plants in there."

Miller and Kerrick remain adamant in their attempt to stop the warehouse plan.

"This is a recreation area. We don't need a big, ugly warehouse there," Miller said.

"Something like this will diminish the value of our community."

The duo have several more battle strategies up their sleeves but don't want to play their hand just yet.

The Planning Commission will meet again and could consider the issue in early January.

# Nichols from page A1

department and worked his way up the ranks — culminating in 1970, when he was named police commissioner, the top command

post on the department of 5,000 officers and civilians.

William J. Dwyer, now chief of police in Farmington Hills, was a

patrol officer when Commissioner Nichols was in charge of the department. "He gave me my first promotion, to sergeant," he

recalled. Dwyer, who succeeded Nichols in Farmington Hills, remembers the commissioner as a stern disciplinarian, who demanded professionalism. "He was demanding, but fair," said Dwyer. "And he always stuck up for his people, as long as they had done the right thing."

Ironically, Nichols was fired as Detroit's top cop in 1973, when he ran for mayor of Detroit without first resigning as police commissioner.

Nichols won the primary, but lost a hotly-contested general election to Coleman A. Young who campaigned, in part, on the promise to integrate the then mostly-white police force to make it less of an occupying army and more reflective of the increasingly black community. In 1974, Nichols became



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**On the Job:** Oakland County Sheriff John Nichols, seen here in a recent photograph, remained active as the head of the department despite a condition that required oxygen. Nichols served as sheriff since 1984.

undersheriff to Johannes Spreen, a position he held until 1977, when he became chief in Farmington Hills. Seven years later, in the fall of 1984, Nichols ran for Oakland County sheriff and won easily.

County executive L. Brooks Patterson was prosecutor at the time. He remembers Nichols — who celebrated his 80th birthday Nov. 23 — as a tough professional. "In a career that spanned five decades, he was the best," said Patterson.

Gorcycá was 34 — less than half Nichols' age — in 1997, when assumed the duties as prosecutor. He remembers the crusty Nichols calling a meeting, "to tell me, the rookie, how the game is played."

"I was respectful," the young prosecutor recalled. "But not intimidated. One thing I always like about him was his bluntness. You always knew where you stood."

Deputy Douglas C. Edgar, outgoing president of the Oakland County Sheriffs' Association, remembers Nichols as "probably the most intelligent person I've ever met."

As the head of the deputies union, Edgar said he negotiated labor contracts directly with Nichols and, on occasion, negotiated disciplinary problems. But the relationship was more like professor and student, Edgar insisted.

"He knew so much, and he was so wise," Edgar remarked.

Nichols had a police administration degree from Wayne State University and, at various times, was on the faculty of Wayne State and what was then Mercy College.

Nichols is survived by his wife Jean; a son, Jon; a daughter Sharilyn Schleicher; five grand children and four great-grand children.

Visitation will be from 2-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Mt. Zion Temple, 4900 Maybee Road, Clarkston. Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mt. Zion Temple, with burial in Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

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# Autistic students make their mark A calm Kevorkian awaits March 1 trial for death of Waterford man

BY BARR PERT TEMPLETON  
STAFF WRITER

Seeing a young adult who is autistic working in the community may have seemed like an impossibility several years ago, but students from the Oakland Schools Autistic Program are now doing just that every day.

A special program, made possible by the USAPartnership, enables autistic students between 18 and 26 years old to take part in the job skills vocational program in five locations throughout the community.

"The community-based part of our program is new, and that is the emphasis now," said Joyce Wefel, a special education teacher for the Oakland Schools Autistic Program. "And our criteria is that we believe in age-appropriate activities in a community environment."

Introducing the plan to the community involves distributing packets of information on the program and conducting an in-service to see what the agencies or businesses may have for the kids to do.

Wefel will often ask the prospective employer to give her students 150 of the exact same things to do like filing or stuffing envelopes. "The tasks are very routine and we tell the employer to think of things that might not be their employees favorite thing to do," Wefel said. "Kids who have autism really like the repetitive things."

In most cases the work done by the students is on a volunteer basis and a majority of the people in the program are in a training mode right now.

"With these kids you can't say, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?'" Wefel said. "But this program gets the young adults into a situation where they can learn to be responsible, look nice and act appropriately in a work environment."

Two students have gone on to

paying posts. One goes to two different sites each week and another visits four sites during the week. Both have been in the program for years and are ready to move on, Wefel said.

"We always have someone from our department with them at the site so it's still not a total job, it's like a co-op program," Wefel said. "With this program we can try them in different settings so they get the job skills plus the chance to do the work."

Student volunteers have been going to Oakland County Health Division offices since 1997. They spend five hours a week at the Pontiac office. "This program has proved to be a win-win situation," said Barbara Donahue, administrative assistant for Personal and Preventative Health Services. "The volunteers save us a great deal of staff resource time and they acquire job skills which can be used in the future."

Going to the main offices on Tuesdays, the students perform tasks such as labeling, stuffing envelopes and sorting items. Elias Brothers usually welcomes three or four new students to the program each year.

"They are interviewed when they come in for the first time just like it would be for a real job," Watkins said. "And then we do an orientation. I think they respond and enjoy it. They even go to our cafeteria for lunch each time they're here."

Having the opportunity to educate her students and the public at the same time makes the vocational job skills program an even greater accomplishment for the Oakland Schools Autism Program.

Once students turn 26 they leave the Oakland Schools program but are then referred to the Michigan Jobs Commission or Community Mental Health. Those agencies arrange similar work opportunities for autistic adults and supervise them in the workplace, Wefel said.

BY PAT MURPHY  
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It was a stoic Jack Kevorkian who was arraigned in Oakland Circuit Court Wednesday.

Dressed in a plain brown suit and trench coat, Kevorkian showed no emotion as he stood mute before Judge Jessica R. Cooper who entered a plea of not guilty on his behalf and scheduled trial for March 1.

Even after the 10-minute hearing, Kevorkian didn't say much. Yes, he has been contacted by other people wanting his services, Kevorkian told the horde of reporters and television crews in the hallways.

But the numbers haven't been "overwhelming," because people know he's busy with the upcoming trial.

ing trial.

The real crime, Kevorkian calmly told reporters, is the indifference of unnamed officials — presumably the prosecutor and state lawmakers — show to the suffering of people like Thomas W. Youk.

The 70-year-old retired pathologist who lives in West Bloomfield is charged in the death of Youk, 52, who suffered from advanced ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. Kevorkian is charged with first degree murder, violating Michigan's new law against assisting in a suicide and delivering a controlled substance.

Kevorkian helped Youk die on Sept. 17 at his Waterford Township home while a video camera recorded the event. Kevorkian gave the video to CBS Television, and it was broadcast on 60

Minutes.

The tape showed Youk, in the final stages of his disease, acknowledging his wish to die. It also showed Kevorkian administering three injections, including one that would "stop his heart."

On that tape, a combative Kevorkian said his intent was to eliminate Youk's pain and to force a legal showdown on euthanasia. He challenged prosecutors to charge him with a crime — either murder or manslaughter — and said not prosecuting him would tantamount to acknowledging he was legal to help Youk die.

The video tape was a major part of the evidence presented at Kevorkian's preliminary examination last week in Waterford District Court. It will also be a major part of the upcoming trial,

according to Oakland County assistant prosecutor John Skrzynski.

"The tape is most compelling evidence," Skrzynski said prior to Wednesday's arraignment. "It shows first degree murder. The question is, 'Will the jury follow the law?'"

Unlike previous court appearances at which he clearly relished the opportunity to espouse his philosophies, Kevorkian didn't address the media at a makeshift podium outside the courthouse.

His lead attorney, however, said his client is "relaxed and confident," as he faces the prospect of a trial. "It's up to the jury to decide a crime was committed," said David J. Gorosh, the lead defense attorney.

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# Malls & Mainstreets

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## Beauty knows no shortcuts

I just completed my first week of makeovers at the beautiful Hotel Baronette in Novi, and each woman I made up had the same question every woman has had since I started in the business 125 years ago, "How long will this take me?"

Let me tell you something... you, the woman who says to me, "I need an

easy hairstyle because I am busy." If you were adept at hair, you would take the time. If you were adept at makeup, you would take the time. No one is so busy they cannot take the time for proper grooming. Yes, grooming. That's all makeup and skin care are. Just like brushing your teeth. You take the time for

### BEAUTY AND THE BEST



JEFFREY BRUCE

that, don't you? (Please God.)

In this day of e-mail, microwaves and faxes, it seems that everyone is looking for shortcuts. Stop it! Let's get our priorities straight. How you look should be your number one priority, since how you look directly affects how you feel.

Several wives tales regarding skin care proliferate from the words, "instant," and, my personal favorite, "anti-aging." Nothing is instant. Botox, which scares me to death, and could literally maim you for life, is something any sane person would not attempt. "Anti-aging"...what? Nothing and no one can get rid of a line or a wrinkle. Soften them, certainly. But get rid of them? Never. If you try that, as per a plastic surgeon's knife, you will look like you could star in Mr. Tennessee Williams's classic, *The Night of the Iguana*, and you'd play the iguana!

So, all of you Michiganders, how should you take care of your skin this holiday season? Two years ago I spent two months in the Ann Arbor area, starring in Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite." If you remember, that winter you had 10 straight days of 48 degrees below zero with the wind-chill factor. I thought I was in Hell and I have good skin!

My skin care regimen is for all of my readers, male and female. Clinique really said it best with its ad, "Clean, Clarify and Tone." At night I use an aloe-based cleanser on my face, rinsing with warm water. Freshener (which is astringent without alcohol) follows, and then I hydrate with my aloe creme with collagen and biotin (my 24 hour cream). Next, I apply night creme followed by eye creme. Sound intricate? Not really. When I have the cleanser on, I brush my teeth. That takes three minutes. The whole shebang takes a total of four!

In the morning, I wash my face with a mild cleanser that does not contain alkaline or lanolin, rinse off, apply freshener, and then my aloe creme. That's it! Women would then add moisturizer if they are wearing makeup that day. In the cold winter weather, be sure to wear additional moisturizer, preferably one that does not have a heavy water content. Water...cold wind on your skin, freezing, not a pretty picture.

To complete your skin care regimen, if you are truly ambitious, you should perform a facial on yourself. Twice a week for normal to dry skin, three times weekly for normal to oily. It's really quite easy. First use an exfoliate (a product that sluffs off dead cuticle from the surface layer of the skin.) Rinse off and use a drawing masque. This will not only remove any blackheads/sebum buildup, but will also tighten your pores. The total process takes 20 minutes each time. Not a big deal! And well worth the time when you see the beautiful results.

Many of you have asked about the private makeover appointments at the Baronette in Novi. December and January are completely sold out (sorry again!) February has an added five days. For more information, please call 1-800-944-6588. You can also e-mail me at [jwbb@worldnet.att.net](mailto:jwbb@worldnet.att.net), or visit our Web site, [jeffreybrucecosmetics.com](http://jeffreybrucecosmetics.com). The minimum purchase of \$125 goes toward any Jeffrey Bruce aloe-based products used on you that day. You are one of four women for a two and one-half hour session (repetition breeds knowledge) and a great time is had by all. What a great holiday gift! ME!!! Of course, gift certificates are available.

I hope all of you have a beautiful and healthy New Year. See you in 1999!

## street seen



## Shapes of the season

Shop windows are filled with faceless forms, their curvy torsos draped in holiday finery and warm winter woollens. In anticipation of snowflakes, mannequins are bundled in scarves and sweaters, mittens and fur cuffs. Others model holiday attire, including beaded sweaters and sexy white lingerie. Whether you're yearning for the ski slopes or a cozy night in front of the fire, area retailers and their window sculptures show the fashions that fuel your fantasies.

- Linda Bachrack



Window gazing: (clockwise from top left) Knitwear from Anthropologie; Christmas sweater from Kathryn Scott; white nighties from Harp's; live mannequin Jade Thieu with Liebchen at Figaro Salon; clothes from Tender; snowboard attire from Structure; bundled up at Woodward & Maple; beaded sweater from Metropolitan Tailoring; (center) French flair from Lilith. All in Birmingham.

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### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

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### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

#### SEE THE LIGHT

John Wagner, author of *Michigan Lighthouses*, and *Aerial Photographic Perspective*, signs his book 1-5 p.m., Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place, Livonia.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

#### POST-CHRISTMAS TOYS

The Toy & Hobby Expo returns today and tomorrow to the Novi Expo Center. The show features fantastic operating displays, including the World's Largest Mobile Model Railroad. Today, 3-9 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$6; ages 4-12, \$3. Parking \$4. 1-96 at Novi Road. (734) 455-2110.

#### IN UNITY

Celebrate Unity, the first principle of Kwanzaa, on the first day of Kwanzaa. Enjoy stories told by professional storyteller Elaine Jordan, a Kwanzaa craft and music by Ya Tafari. 1 p.m. Borders Downtown Birmingham, 34300 Woodward.

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To donate old bowling and golf trophies, call Greg Gilbert, Oxford Township supervisor, (248) 969-9479.

Colored light wheels for aluminum Christmas trees can be found at English Gardens on Coolidge Road in Royal Oak, and through the Hammacher Schlemmer catalog, 1-800-543-3377.

Hard-to-find scents can be found through *Fragrances Unlimited* from Gary Droz, manager. You can write to Droz at 4836 Washtenaw, Apt. 7, A7, Ann Arbor, MI, 48108, or call him at (734) 434-0629, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily.

To reach the company that makes custom made lipstick, call 1-800-MAKEUP4U.

Linda called to say that, as of December, Nestlé's Hazelnut Coffee is back on store shelves, unfortunately only at Jewell Supermarkets in Wisconsin and Illinois.

Found a Combi stroller.  
Found the words to "Johnny Roebeck" for Mary Beth.  
Found the "Parodies for Charity" CD.

**WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:**  
Salada Tea 100 count regular tea bags (not decaffeinated).

Delores wants Revlon Moon Drops lipstick in Million Dollar Red (it came in a green tube).

Deb is looking for the Lustre Rose china pattern by Amcrest (sold through grocery stores).

Still looking for a Drowsy doll.

Anna is looking for the book, *Temptations*, by Otis Williams from 1989 (a large paperback).

Sonya is looking for a 100% men's wool Shaker sweater.

Lorraine wants a Power Ranger poster.

Bob is looking for a completely disassembled Harley Davidson motorcycle to reassemble (reasonably in contact) for a winter project.

Eleanore of Warren is looking for Zoya nail polish #0192, color Coretta.

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

Noreen wants a 1998 Farmington High School yearbook, new/used.

Pat wants children's metal dishes from the 1950s with an Oriental theme and individual packets of gardenia scented bubble bath from the '50s.

A Fisher Price alligator flashlight from two years ago for Pat.

Doris is looking for Clinique Cheek Base in Peach Soft.

Lisa wants a man's back pocket wallet made from eel skin.

The game of Flinch, for Barbara.

Darryl is looking for New Era Potato Chips, NeHi Creme Soda and Apple Easy Dessert (in a box, like apple cobbler).

Jerry is looking for four colognes: Faberge's Aphrodisiac, Woodhug, Nine Flags by Colton Company, and Russian Leather.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

### FRESH FACE

Jennifer Koshorek of Berkley has been selected as the "Face of Ms. J" Birmingham in the second annual Jacobson's Ms. J model search for its Midwest stores. Koshorek, 17, will be featured in visual displays and signage throughout the Birmingham Ms. J department. She also receives a Ms. J merchandise certificate for \$100.

Koshorek is one of 13 Midwest store winners. The Ms. J department features fashion-forward apparel catering to the 16 to 30-year-old shopper who's smart, hip and knowing.



### The Loop, Claire's)

For more gift ideas or holiday event information, call Westland Center Customer Service (734) 421-0291.

### CYBER SHOPPING

According to a report from Dataquest, Internet holiday retailing will reach \$2.35 billion worldwide (more than double 1997 totals of \$1 billion). Roughly 10 percent of U.S. consumers polled made an Internet purchase during the week after Thanksgiving, according to Marketing Corp. of America. Says Josh Linker, president of GlobalLink New Media, this is due to a number of factors:

- Consumers have overcome their security fears and show it by using credit cards online.
  - Time management. People can do in 10 minutes, what would take them an hour at the mall.
  - Online access is growing. According to a Marketing Corp. of America study, half of U.S. adults have Internet access.
  - Simplicity. Instead of driving from store to store, consumers have an incredible resource of information at their fingertips.
- GlobalLink New Media is an Internet development company in Bloomfield Hills.

### OF THE MOMENT

Metals In Time, a new sterling silver and watch store in Royal Oak, offers an unparalleled stock of watches, from the affordable Swatch to ceramic RADOs and a prestigious line of Maurice Lacroix. Until Christmas, all silver jewelry is 20 percent off. 416 S. Washington, (248) 582-9344.

### EVENT HOTLINE

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has launched a 24-hour hotline to give the inside scoop into all of Plymouth's great events. If you would like to know what's going on in town this weekend or even next month, simply call (734) 453-1540. The Calendar of Events also can be found on the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Web page at plymouthchamber.org.

### ELITE FASHION

Elite, the newest fashion retailer at Fairlane Town Center, delivers just what its name promises: high-style women's fashions and accessories that guarantee a one-of-a-kind look.

A local brother and sister business team opened the boutique that carries a broad size range, from 2-26. The new store began last April as a single Fairlane Town Center kiosk, selling accessories only. Before long, Elite amassed such a following, it simultaneously ran four different kiosks in the mall.

The shop's selection spans casual through

evening fashions, including coats. Also find handbags, scarves, sunglasses and shoes.

### ISLAND APPAREL



If you plan to visit a balmy tropical island in the next few weeks, you might be shopping around for resortwear instead of warm woollens. Roz & Sherm's Annie Frank suggests the following hot designers for cruise or resort attire:

- Tommy Bahama: Classy safari looks in khaki and pastel blue, including comfortable two-piece silks.
- Harari and Hino & Malee: Not found in your local retail mall, these two designers provide a vast assortment of simple, yet elegant, day into nighttime wear.
- Any fashionable cruise outfit should have a pair of classy pumps to accompany it, says Frank. Roz & Sherm shoe manager and buyer Paula Becker says lucite, high platform bottoms and strappy pumps are top sellers.
- Tie the whole resort outfit together with sterling silver jewelry by three new designers - M&J Savitt, Vaubel and Lazaro.

### WESTLAND'S WANT LIST

Westland Shopping Center's picks for the hottest merchandise trends this season include:

- Furby, the newest animatronic pet.
- Blues Clues, Rugrats and Teletubbies (Kay-Bee Toys, Hudson's, Kohls, BDalton)
- Wide-wale corduroy pants, track pants, bell-bottom denim, wide-legged denim, cotton fleece, hula girl dresses, cardigan sweater twin sets with velvet ribbon trim, messenger bags, Adidas fisherman hats, fatigues (Size 5-7-9, Raye, County Seat, Kohls, JCPenney, Sears, Hudson's)
- Handmade soaps and Bath Bombs (The Bath & Body Shop, Merle Norman, Perfumania, Victoria's Secret)
- Special Editions Barbie, Beanie Babies, Hallmark Ornaments (Beanie Baby Kiosk and Fischer Hallmark)
- Reproduction jewelry, including Titanic-inspired jewels and vintage chokers (Corey's,

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COUNTY NOTES

Helping out for the holidays

What are you doing Christmas Day? Some 600 members of the Jewish community are taking part in the Volunteer Extravaganza, a day-long event to feed the hungry, visit the elderly and substitute for staff who wish to spend the day with their families.

The program, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25, at 40 Detroit-area shelters, soup kitchens and older adult facilities, including several in the Oakland County.

- Local sites are:
- Elan Village, 26501 Lapeer Road, Southfield, games with residents, 10 a.m. to noon.
  - Fleischman Residence, 6710 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
  - West Bloomfield Convalescent Center, 6446 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield.
  - Lakeland Center, 26900 Franklin Road, Southfield, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- For more information, call Heidi Press at (248) 203-1486 or Judi Berger at (248) 203-1486.

Law gets national post

Oakland County Commissioner Thomas A. Law, R-West Bloomfield, was recently appointed to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee. This national committee addresses issues relating to courts, juvenile justice programs, law enforcement, corrections, community crime prevention and victims services.

Commissioner Law previously served on NACo's Transportation Steering Committee and the Energy and Environment Steering Committee.

In accepting this appointment to the Justice and Public Safety Committee, Law said, "I'm very appreciative of this opportunity to represent the perspective of Oakland County government on national public safety issues. Serving on this Committee provides me with insight into how similar public safety issues are being addressed by other communities."

NACo is the only national organization representing county governments in the United States. NACo's 13 steering committees form the policy-making arm of the association. Each committee is comprised of approximately 50-60 county officials who meet several times each year to examine issues critical to local government.

Road commission takes on state highways

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) Board of Road Commissioners today unanimously approved a new two-year contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to continue to maintain all state highways in the county. RCOC is one of 66 county road commissions across Michigan that are under contract with MDOT to maintain the state highways in their counties.

RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair noted the new contract is similar to previous contracts — it calls for MDOT to reimburse RCOC for the cost of performing all standard road maintenance on all MDOT roads. MDOT has jurisdiction over all freeways in the county as well as all roads with an "M" or "U.S." designation, such as M-1 (Woodward Ave.), M-24 (Lapeer Road) and U.S. 24 (Telegraph Road). In all, there are 910 miles of state highways in Oakland County.

The new contract will expire on Sept. 30, 2000.

John and Jean: A love that lasted 44 years

BY PAT MURPHY  
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In the last moments they shared, Jean and John Nichols joked together and shared a few memories. And he again said he would not retire as sheriff of Oakland County.

"I told him his butt was showing," she said about the man to whom she had been married for 44 years. "He had some crusty response, and we laughed."

That was Wednesday evening, 10 days after the sheriff checked into Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and about 36 hours before Nichols died from complications related to congestive heart failure and emphysema.

Jean Nichols fully expected her husband to come home Thursday morning, and she was looking forward to being with him again — even though caring for her oxygen-dependent partner wouldn't be easy.

But when she went to the hospital Thursday, there was bad news, John Nichols suffered a

"set back." Fluid was again gathering in his chest cavity, and doctors wanted to transfer him to the University of Michigan Medical Center, but their patient was not stable enough.

"He had been doing so well," Jean Nichols said Friday. "But I knew something was seriously wrong. Doctors put him on a ventilator, hoping he would bounce back."

She and her husband had previously talked about the possible need for a ventilator or other life-sustaining measures, Jean Nichols said. She knew her strong-willed husband didn't want to be a vegetable.

Early Friday, any decision about the need to continue life support became moot. Nichols died about 3:25 a.m., according to a hospital spokesperson.

"I knew what the phone call was about," Jean Nichols said.

"I cried, but I'm glad he's not suffering. Life without him will be hard, and I expect to shed a few tears. But I'm strong."

Jean Nichols was a police officer in the early 1950s when she

first met John Nichols, then a lieutenant. She recalls that they worked on a case together, and she was surprised — and encouraged — when she learned he was not married.

Nichols was a widower. His first wife had committed suicide, with his service revolver — something he didn't like to talk about. "She had mental problems, and that's the end of the story," he told reporters in the fall of 1973. That was when Nichols was running for mayor of Detroit, and the media was scrutinizing his background.

Weeks passed after she first encountered the "sharp and cute" lieutenant, Jean Nichols recalled. "The next time I saw him was in the hospital, and he was covered with blood from going through a bay window."

The lieutenant still didn't seem particularly interested, Jean Nichols recalled — so much so she privately mentioned it to one of the lieutenant's colleagues. "Then I got a phone call," she said, "and he asked for a date."

On that date — with typical Nichols bluntness — the young lieutenant announced he intended to marry her, Jean recalled. On Aug. 22, 1954, he did.

The ensuing years anything but uneventful, Jean Nichols said: Her husband rose through the ranks to become Detroit police commissioner and he ran unsuccessfully against Coleman A. Young for mayor of Detroit.

"We had one child," she said, "those were wonderful years."

Jean Nichols described her husband as a caring person who was never shy about speaking his mind — sometimes in salty language. "You always knew where you stood with John," she said, "but that was one of the reasons I loved him."

She wanted her husband to retire, Jean said, and told him so frequently. "But he was a tough old bird who wanted to continue working," she said. "I think he had a few things he wanted to accomplish — like getting a helicopter for the department."

"John loved his job," said Jean Nichols.

Sheriff John Nichols' heir is not apparent

BY PAT MURPHY  
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It's no secret potential successors have coveted the Oakland County Sheriff's job for some time.

But the jockeying for position intensified when John F. Nichols was hospitalized, and insiders realized the sheriff might not be able to finish out his term.

"The infighting and backstabbing was intense," said one elected official who asked not to be identified.

"The department was in shambles," said a police commander who agreed to talk only if he (or she) was not identified.

Others, however, said such assessments are exaggerated,

approaching "utter nonsense."

The outgoing president of the Oakland County Deputy Sheriff's Association, for example, Friday insisted that Nichols had so emphasized discipline within the department that it functioned smoothly and efficiently.

"Everybody did their jobs," said Douglas C. Edgar, who had dealt with Nichols personally on numerous occasions and knew the inner workings of the department and command officers. "Reports about infighting were overblown," he said.

"Were we concerned about the future and the possibility of change?" Edgar said, "of course. But it's a tribute to Sheriff Nichols that we continued doing our jobs to the best of our ability."

The process of selecting a replacement for Nichols — who died Friday morning — will officially begin on Dec. 28, when the three elected officials charged with appointing a new sheriff will meet to discuss procedure.

"It's inappropriate to discuss a successor until after Sheriff Nichols is buried," said County Clerk G. William Caddell who, with Prosecutor David Gorceca and chief probate Judge Eugene A. Moore, constitute what is called the vacancy committee.

Caddell said the committee will discuss details such as advertising the vacancy, establishing the criteria for eligibility and setting a timetable for interviews and, eventually, selecting a successor.

"But there's plenty of time for

that after we pay our respects to Sheriff Nichols and his family," said Caddell.

One of the people most frequently mentioned as a possible successor to Nichols is State Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, who was a police officer prior to being elected to the legislature.

"My thoughts right now are with Jean (the sheriff's widow) and the family," Bouchard said Friday. "All I want to talk about right now is the sheriff's outstanding career of public service."

Others mentioned as possible successors include undersheriff Henry Buffa, Maj. Thomas E. Quisenberry, Capt. Barnett Jones and Capt. Mike McCabe.

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### COOKING CONQUESTS



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## Include some surprises on your menu

Here it is, my favorite time of the year. The chill is in the air, the snow is on the ground (well almost), and I look forward to spending time with my family and friends. During the holidays, I eagerly anticipate the arrival of out of town guests as much as a child waiting for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve!

This year I volunteered to cook Christmas dinner, and visions of sugar plums are dancing in my head. While the main dishes of our holiday feast will remain the same, my relatives have asked me to prepare a few new special appetizers and rich desserts. The pre- and post-dinner offerings provide the perfect opportunity to try something a bit more adventurous.

Surprise your family with new recipes for a flavorful holiday season that is sure to impress. You might actually surprise yourself and have these become new holiday traditions.

### BELGIAN CHOCOLATE JEWEL

Serves 8

#### For the ganache

- 5 1/4 ounces heavy cream
- 2 1/4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 1/2 ounces Belgian Bittersweet Chocolate
- 1/2 tablespoon water
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Grand Marnier

Chop the chocolate into small pieces. Bring the cream to a boil. Place the butter and chocolate into a bowl and add in the cream. Whisk until you reach a smooth consistency. Add in the water and liquor. Pour the ganache into an ice tray and freeze until firm. When firm, remove from the ice tray and return to freezer until needed.

#### For the cake

- 1 1/4 tablespoons unsalted butter at room temperature
- 3 egg yolks
- 6 ounces Belgian bittersweet chocolate
- 4 tablespoons all purpose flour
- 4 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3 egg whites
- 4 1/4 tablespoons granulated sugar

Cream together yolks and butter in a mixer. Add in the melted chocolate and mix thoroughly. Add in corn starch and almond flour and mix until fully incorporated. Remove to a bowl. In a very clean and dry mixing bowl, whip egg whites to a soft peak adding in all sugar at the end. Fold meringue into cake mixture and let stand.

#### Cake Assembly

Place cake batter into pastry bag and pipe a bottom layer into a non-stick muffin pan. Place a frozen ganache jewel into the center and pipe more batter around and over the jewel enough to cover completely. Place muffin pan in freezer and let set. Preheat oven to 325° F. and place muffin pan on middle rack. Cook until the top begins to crack slightly. Let stand 5 minutes; remove from pan and serve with reserved ganache or ice cream.

### ARTICHOKE AND SPINACH DIP

Serves 8

- 1 (10 ounce) can Artichoke Hearts, drained
- 2 cups fresh spinach, chopped
- 2 tablespoons seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 6 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- Ground black pepper (to taste)
- 48 melba toast rounds

Thoroughly drain can of artichoke hearts and place in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a steel blade.

Please see CONQUESTS, B3

### LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- New Year's Eve alcohol-free drinks

Sleigh ride: Visitors will be able to enjoy a sleigh ride (weather permitting) through Greenfield Village during the holiday season.



Yesteryear: (Below) Turkey for Christmas dinner is one of the "Traditions of the Season" at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum.

# Christmas memories

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

OK, you've got your boots shined, the horse hitched, and the family waiting in the sleigh. It's 1880 in Wayne County and you're on your way to grandma's house for Christmas dinner. What will she serve?

It probably won't be venison, even though grandma lives in the country.

"A lot of the game had been driven away," said Jim Johnson, a food historian at Greenfield Village and a member of its special events team.

It may be a fresh cut of pork or beef. "They did butchering at this time of the year so you would have things to eat that you would not normally get," said Johnson. Most likely, grandma will cook a duck, goose or turkey. "We hear over and over again turkey being pushed for Christmas dinner."

### By the late 1800s, the American melting pot was blending cultures, and people were striving toward a national style

By the late 1800s, the American melting pot was blending cultures, and people were striving toward a national style. Ethnic recipes were reserved for the holidays. If grandma is German, she may stuff that turkey with sauerkraut. She'll also serve homemade bread and butter and lots of vegetables fresh from her root cellar, like turnips, parsnips and potatoes. Carrots are for dessert, in cakes or puddings.

Don't dare ask grandma to serve anything "medium rare" or "el dente." Cooks in the late 1800s feared undercooked food would make their guests sick. Only celery, which had its own special dish, was served raw.

By the 1850s, the hermetically sealed canning jar was perfected, said Johnson, so your Christmas dinner will include a variety of canned fruits, pickles and relishes. And if grandma hasn't been touched by the Temperance Movement, there'll be some spirits.

You may wish your family a Merry

Please see MEMORIES, B2

### TRADITIONS OF THE SEASON

**WHERE:** At Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum, Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, just west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue.

**WHEN:** Continues through Sunday, Jan. 3. Museum & Village open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Closed Christmas Day.

**ADMISSION:** Adults \$12.50; senior citizens 62 and older \$11.50; children 5-12 years old \$7.50; children under five and members admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Take in the aroma of cooking demonstrations at the Edison Homestead where turn-of-the-century favorites like white fruitcake and lemon tarts will be prepared.
- Warm up at the Martha Mary Chapel and enjoy traditional holiday carols performed by a choir.
- Visitors will be greeted by a three-story holiday tree in the plaza of Henry Ford Museum. The Museum is also featuring a classic toy exhibit, and 720-square-foot gingerbread town with 32 gingerbread buildings and six toy trains pulling 75 cars over 500 feet of track.
- While touring the Museum, boys and girls will have a chance to whisper their Christmas list in Santa's ear.



HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

# Champagne makes holiday splash complete



FOCUS ON WINES  
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For a number of years we've spotlighted a champagne house and domestic sparkling wines at this time of year. To qualify, the wines must be unique, have consistent quality and truly sparkling personality.

Getting top billing from France this year is Champagne Pommery. With Pommery there is not only the great history of a champagne house and Madame Pommery, but several delightful styles.

Pommery was founded in 1857 by Alexandre Louis Pommery. One year later, he died and his widow took over the business and made it a success. Until 1874, champagnes in general, had both high levels of sugar and alcohol, thought to be necessary to counterbalance champagne's natural acidity. The clever Madame Pommery knew from her contacts with the English that their tastes were evolving toward drier and lighter (lower alcohol) wine styles.

Therefore, Madame Pommery, together with her cellar master, took the financial risk of technical changes resulting in the creation of the first Brut, or dry-style champagne, most preferred today.

Four Pommery champagnes are readily available in our market: Brut Royal \$86, Brut Royal Apanage \$42, Brut Rose \$44 and 1991 Brut Millesime (Vintage Brut) \$44. They are all excellent and preference one over the other is a matter of personal taste or what will be served as food accompaniment. In award-winning packaging, Pommery champagnes are gift-wrapped for the holidays.

Each champagne house considers its non-vintage Brut as a house style. Pommery Brut Royal is no exception. To maintain its consistent style, it is made from 40 different top crus in the Champagne region and is a blend of traditional champagne grapes chardonnay, pinot noir and pinot meunier.

Pommery Brut Royal Apanage has singular charm and finesse. To achieve this consistency, only 12 Champagne crus are chosen for the wine that is 45 percent chardonnay. Aged in Pommery cellars longer than Brut Royal, Apanage is our personal preference as the perfect aperitif or champagne to be served with a fish course.

Pommery Brut Rose is fuller-bodied and more robust. It makes a perfect pairing with roasted quail, turkey or

Please see CHAMPAGNE, B2

### SPARKLING PICKS

In addition to Pommery champagnes, Domaine Carriere Le Reve and Domaine Chandon Cuvee 2000, highlighted in the column, we recommend:

#### French Champagnes

NV Gosset Champagne \$41, but shop around because we've seen it for \$30; 1990 Bollinger Grande Annee \$70; 1990 Champagne Deutz Cuvee William Deutz \$85; NV Louis Roederer Brut Premier \$42; and 1990 Moet et Chandon Cuvee Dom Perignon \$110.

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CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

Lessons of life:  
People behind  
the stories in '98

Over the past year, I've met some of the most intriguing people who've generously shared their time, talent and vision. Writing about them could hardly be called a "job." Rather, getting to know these people has been a study in courage, wit and wisdom. Here's an incomplete list of the inspirational people of 1998 whose stories appeared in the Arts section:

- Marshall Fredericks
- Stewart Francke
- Sonia Nothman
- Nick Serkaian
- Linda Brown
- Helen Febbo & Joseph Bernard
- Phyllis Meer & Mark Freed

**Touched by greatness**  
In mid-February, two months before he died at 90, legendary sculptor Marshall Fredericks was struggling to



To remember: Nick Serkaian's "Armenian Radio Hour" celebrates his ancestors' culture, and beseeches listeners not to forget the travesty of war.



Heroc: Songwriter Stewart Francke translated his popularity into helping those who cannot afford bone-marrow transplants.

travel from his Birmingham home to his studio along Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak.

With the help of an aide, he walked through a studio filled with replicas of his famous public sculptures.

Slowly, he approached his towering sculpture of "Lord Byron." To the uncritical eye, the work was a masterpiece of the mythic meeting the romantic.

Throughout his life, Fredericks returned to rework the piece. He was never quite convinced that he had finished the mammoth work.

Art, as Fredericks' life teaches, is a never-ending process, a continual search for wisdom amid a world of flux.

A song to write

For years, no local rock/pop musician worked harder than Stewart Francke. He wrote, sang and produced his own CDs, appearing to sing for a few people at local book stores, and before sold-out audiences at big-time venues like The Palace.

In June, however, his life turned into one, long "ER" episode when he was diagnosed with leukemia.

Rather than withdraw, Francke and his sister, Kit, established a foundation to help raise money for those who couldn't afford a bone marrow transplant.

A few months after receiving an

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# The Best of '98



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**Beastly Delights:** This dragon (c. 604-563 b.c.) is one of the animals on exhibit through Jan. 31 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN AND FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITERS

We live in a world of lists. To-do lists. Best-sellers' lists. Endless enumerations of popular opinions. All in all, a dizzying compilation of stuff. Hopefully, the following list won't induce vertigo. And maybe, just maybe, it'll put some perspective on the people and events that distinguished the past year.

Here's hoping:

- Indelible impressions**  
**Best museum exhibits:** "Monet at Vetheuil: The Turning Point" at the University of Michigan Museum of Art; "The Invisible Made Visible: Angels from the Vatican" at the DIA; "And I Shall See Their Faces" at the Jewish Community Center; "Juke Joint" and "Detroit's Black Bottom" at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.  
**Best gallery exhibits:** "Martin A. Maddox: A Memorial Exhibit" at the Kidd Gallery; "Detachable Music for a Collapsible Culture" at the Detroit Artists Market; paintings of Lui Liu at Galerie Blu; "New Paintings by William Glen Crooks" at David Klein Gallery; "Street Scenes: New Paintings by Stephen Magsig" at Lemberg Gallery; "Book Works" by Donald Lipsky at Hill Gallery; and, "Jeffrey Abt: Paintings and Drawings" at the Cary Gallery.  
**Best new/expanded museum:** Cranbrook's expansive Institute of Science, including new permanent exhibits.  
**Best art festivals:** First annual "Arts, Beats & Eats" in downtown Pontiac; Ann Arbor Art Fairs; and, "Art & Apples," presented by Paint Creek Center for the Arts.  
**Best invitational exhibit:** Habatat Galleries' International Glass Exhibit featuring 65 leading artists.  
**Best expression of love in a gallery:** Artist Terry Lee Dill's video testimonial of his eternal affection for his fiancée, Diane Roch Smith.  
**Best community dance production:** Plymouth Canton Ballet Company's "Dracula."  
**Best fine arts competitions:** BBAC's Michigan Fine Arts Competition; Canton Project Arts Fine Arts Competition, and, Art in the Village sponsored

- by the Livonia Arts Commission.  
**Best art exhibits for kids:** "Beastly Delights" at the DIA; and, ongoing exhibits at Elizabeth Stone Gallery in Birmingham.  
**Best emerging art community:** Plymouth's Old Village.  
**Best art created on site:** Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. The 17th annual event takes place Jan. 13-18.  
**Best art created for a corporate setting:** The swirling stainless-steel sculpture, "Eco," by Joseph Wesner of Birmingham. The sculpture stands inside the Delphi building in Troy.

- Overdue recognition**  
**Best contemporary arts museum that's not officially called a contemporary arts museum:** Cranbrook Arts Museum.  
It's time Director Gregory Wittkopp, and Assistant Curator Irene Hofmann got the credit they deserve for their gutsy pursuit of provocative contemporary art exhibits.  
**Best literary undertaking:** Author/funeral director Thomas Lynch of Milford, whose recent book of poetry, "Still Life in Milford," reveals a literary artist in control of irony, metaphor and meter.



**Historical setting:** Livonia Arts Commission president Bob Sheridan displays some of the work in "Art in the Village," held at Greenmead Historical Village in June. It was one of the Best Fine Arts Competitions in 1998.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACKSON  
**A jewel:** Developer Chuck Forbes' bold decision to move The Gem Theatre saved the historic building from the wrecking ball.

**Best local literary journal:** "Witness," edited by Peter Stine and published by Oakland Community College. A compendium of poems, essays and short stories by national writers inspired by social issues.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER  
**Visionary:** Evelyn Orbach, artistic director at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre, believes theater is a way to entertain as well as challenge audiences about social issues.

- Pioneer Awards**  
**Best conversation about the arts:** (OK, this might sound self-serving.) The quarterly roundtable discussions on the arts sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.  
**Best efforts to build dance scene:** MOT's partnership with the American Ballet Theatre to make the Detroit Opera House the midwest home for the legendary ballet company.  
**Outstanding performances by the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, and Detroit Dance Collective.**  
**Best progress by an annual art fair:** The West Bloomfield Art Festival, which featured 200 artists from around the U.S.  
June's fair demonstrated the effectiveness of the chamber of commerce partnering with one of the area's biggest corporations, Henry Ford Medical Center, to promote the arts.

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MUSIC

## Trumpeter/actor returns home to play

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Todd Curtis' life is like a soap opera. Just when he seemed headed for success in the 1970s and 1980s, Curtis' career as a soap star was nearly cut short by an auto accident that left

**Hepler, Ramo and Curtis**  
What: The trio performs a mix of Brazilian music, American standards, Spanish, French and Italian classics, and originals.  
Where/When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31 at (Il Posto Ristorante), 29110 Franklin Road, Southfield. (248) 827-8070; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333; and 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sundays in January, at the Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. \$3 cover, for reservations call (734) 416-9288.

the Livonia native with serious facial injuries. At the time, Curtis was playing a rich playboy named Jordy Clegg on "Capitol." Undaunted, Curtis, and the producers, simply wrote the 1986 accident into the script after his release from the hospital.  
Playing trumpet again wasn't as simple. Curtis was once a promising musician who'd perfected his skills at Boston University's Tanglewood Institute. The facial injuries Curtis sustained when he went through the windshield, more than likely, would prevent him from ever blowing a note again.  
That was one of the hardest pills for Curtis to swallow. Before he'd won the

part on "Capitol," Curtis played with the Westside Jazz Ensemble while taking acting classes in California. After the accident, "any thoughts of trumpet were put on the shelf," however the emotional pain was tempered by the fact that Curtis had resumed his acting career.  
Curtis needn't have worried when "Capitol" was canceled after a five-year run. Before long, producers of the "Young and the Restless" hired him to play Skip Evans, a photographer. Parts in action films such as "American Tigers," "Night Eyes 3" and "Out for Blood" followed his five years on the "Young and the Restless."  
It was while filming "Chain of Command" in Israel that Curtis decided to visit his sister Heidi Hepler, who had moved to Rome in the early 1990s. The trip triggered a renewed interest in trumpet. Hepler, a vocalist, is half of a duo with husband Michele (MEL-ay) Ramo.  
Apprehensive to find out if he could still play, Cur-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL  
**Family affair:** Todd Curtis (left) joins sister Heidi Hepler and brother-in-law Michele Ramo (above) for their rare mix of music.

tis finally picked up the trumpet again last year but told no one, not even his sister.  
"It was the scariest thing that ever happened, nothing came out," said Curtis, "but trumpet is a different form of expression and I missed it. The last time I played was on 'Capitol.' I wrote a fanfare for the show. It was really a lot of fun."  
Curtis didn't give up on his playing though. Gradually, his technique came back with daily practice. In June of this year, Curtis sent Heidi a tape of his

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infusion of new bone marrow, Francke is recovering at home. Thankfully, the prognosis for a full recovery is excellent.

And now, many of us await Francke's comeback to the stage.

### Main message

Last May, no one had come to hear Sonia Nothman speak in the spacious hall where "And I

Still See Their Faces" had been installed.

The photography exhibit at the Jewish Community Center documented the lives of Jews prior to the Holocaust.

Yet as a concentration camp survivor, Nothman didn't hesitate to assume her position at the podium.

"I will tell you my story," she

said to the arts writer on hand to review the exhibit.

In intricate detail, Nothman of West Bloomfield recalled the communal life in pre-industrialized Poland where she was raised.

And then, in a stark, chilling tone she described the "Hell on earth" of the Nazi concentration camps where she was impris-

oned during World War II.

"My parents taught us not to hate, that's my main message," said Nothman.

In these days of indifference and historical myopia, Nothman's personal stories resound as an eerie reminder about the consequences who befall those who forget the lessons of history.

### Sense of history

Listeners of Nick Serkaian's on-air show, "The Armenian Radio Hour," know his voice quite well.

The Northville resident hasn't missed a broadcast in 31 years. And like Nothman, Serkaian is committed to telling the history about his ancestors.

He proudly notes that it goes back about 1700 years.

But Serkaian's expression of ethnic pride turns indignant when he describes the 1915 Armenian genocide at the hands of the Turks.

Although he's retold the story many times, invariably his eyes fill with tears and his husky voice shakes.

He has committed his life to educating people on an often-overlooked tragedy of the 20th century.

"It's my mother's influence," laughed Serkaian. "She told me, 'If you don't serve your people, I'll curse you.'"

Obviously, along with the curse came a blessing.

### A daily trial

Linda Brown of Clarkston began her legal career representing management. Today, she works part time helping people with disabilities with their legal problems.

On mornings when parents rush their kids off to school, Brown needs extra time - and patience - to prepare her two autistic sons, ages 8 and 10.

While some may consider autism an obstacle, Brown sees it as a challenge.

In the last 10 years, she has worked for more sensitive testing for autism, and has fought against stereotypes of autistic children. In September, she was instrumental in organizing an art exhibit presented by the Autism Society of America, Oakland County Chapter.

"We're going to make the lives of our children and our lives as happy as we can make them."

For Brown, the trial is just that begins anew each day.

### A philosophy runs deep

Too often, there's a perception that anyone approaching 60 is slowing down. But for Helen Febbo and Joseph Bernard, that's a time when the essentials of life and art become more apparent.

Febbo and Bernard - both of Birmingham - shared space at Posner Gallery in May. And while they demonstrated a compelling technique in their abstract-figurative paintings and lush collages, their wisdom left the most lasting impression.

"Everyone searches to get to the real meaning in life," said Febbo. "Everything you do in art has to do with your life."

Meanwhile, Bernard, who teaches at the Center for Creative Studies, compared his collages to arranging and rearranging memories.

"The thrill is in the discovery," he said.

### A healthy world

Phyllis Meer and Dr. Mark Freed realized that true healing doesn't take place in a clinical setting.

In October, Meer of West Bloomfield, a nurse practitioner, spearheaded a benefit concert to raise money for medical assistance to children suffering from the fallout of the Chernobyl nuclear plant.

With radiation levels still extremely high, there's no end to the spread of cancer.

But 12 years after the world's worst nuclear disaster, Meer and others won't let the issue fade away.

Recasting the world isn't just a dream for Freed of Birmingham. Recently, he established a foundation to bring physicians and nurses into schools to teach young students about health.

And Freed's latest book, "The Magic of Children," published in November, sets out to cure the inevitable condition of adulthood whereby cynicism replaces optimism, and resignation casts a shade over innocence.

Through tender photos and quotes from children, Freed presents a world where wonder, love and kindness are the cherished rewards in life.

A reminder, perhaps, that the holiday season rekindles both the hopes of childhood, and the often forgotten promise of adulthood.

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(PRNewswire) - Ancient Glass from the Holy Land, an exhibition on loan to the Detroit Institute of Arts from the Israel Antiquities Authority, featuring over 200 glass vessels, has been extended until Feb. 7. The majority of the objects in the exhibition in the Knight Gallery have never. The Detroit Institute of Arts is at 5200 Woodward

Ave., Detroit. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. The museum is closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

On Thursday, Dec. 24, the museum will be open until 4 p.m. It will be closed Friday, Dec. 25. Special holiday hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26 through Thursday, Dec.

31. Admission to Ancient Glass from the Holy Land, and other programs, is free with museum admission; recommended is \$4 adult; \$1 children, students and seniors; DIA members free.

The exhibition was co-organized by the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco and the Israel Antiquities Authority.

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Ice creations: Richard Teeples (right) and helpers carve out an ice sculpture.

Best from page B3

Best first year for arts centers: The Southfield Centre for the Arts completed its inaugural year, and established itself as a home for regional arts groups, and as a performing venue; and, the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in Canton, which opened in September.

Best word to describe what art groups talk about when not discussing art: Marketing.

Team art award

Best father & son artists: Robert and Joseph Maniscalco of Orchard Lake.

The elder Maniscalco is one of the most accomplished portrait painters in the country. His son, Robert, who recently returned to the area, also has a deft touch with the portrait brush.

Best conceptual vibe: Innovative conceptual artist Jeff Bourgeois of Rochester, and other local artists who've transformed the old buildings near downtown Pontiac into studios.

Pontiac may not be Soho, but so what? The fledgling scene is the best statement that artists not only find creative solutions but are good for the economy.

Best sidekicks: Andi Wolfe and Sylvia Gotlib, both of West Bloomfield, co-chairs of the annual Jewish Book Fair.

Wolfe and Gotlib personified the art of having a "good time" while working. Together they orchestrated a book fair featuring thousands of new titles.

Art for a cause

Best exhibits for a cause: "Survivors In Search of a Voice: The Art of Courage, a multi-

media monument to women with breast cancer at Somerset Collection.

"Peace Through Humor: Visions of Peace from the Hands of Children" at the Janice Charach Epstein Museum Gallery.

"Empty Bowls," a fund-raiser for Gleaners Food Bank, held at Pewabic Pottery.

"She Be Me" presented by Canton Project Arts at Summit on the Park.

Best ongoing commitment: Very Special Arts of Michigan, which continues to showcase artists with disabilities.

Leadership
Best vision for culture: Cranbrook President Robert Gavin, and acting director of Cranbrook's Institute of Science Elaine Gurian.

In a short period, both have broadened the perception of the Cranbrook Educational Community as a "destination point" to appreciate culture, rather than an exclusive enclave.

Best developer: Chuck Forbes of Troy, who moved and renovated The Gem Theatre in downtown Detroit, rather than have the historic building destroyed.

Best vision for theater: Evelyn Orbach, artistic director of the Jewish Ensemble Theatre.

The multi-talented Orbach continues to promote theater as a venue to entertain, educate and challenge audiences about contemporary issues.

Most enthusiastic new arts leader: Louis Spisto, DSO executive director, who took charge

in January, has shown a relentless enthusiasm.

Ponderables

Best disappearing act: The Gateway sculpture project in downtown Birmingham.

The proposed public sculpture by renown artist Alice Aycock can't seem to gain enough support to be funded and erected.

When will supporters and opponents find common ground, and realize that, collectively, public sculptures should be as varied as the populace?

Best abdication of common sense: The Birmingham City Commission's attempt to hold up a permit for Common Ground's annual art fair in Shain Park.

The commission figured the nonprofit social service agency should share its revenue with other local nonprofits or else.

Thankfully — and wisely — the commission relented, and this past September's event was a well-attended success.

Best bill yet to become law: The proposed tri-county arts funding initiative that would earmark a property tax of .5 mill to go to fund operating budgets for cultural institutions and arts groups.

Best gossip: A metro area developer is planning to renovate several buildings in downtown Detroit in hopes of opening a contemporary arts museum.

Best hope: Arts education programs will become central to teaching curriculums. And celebrating the arts will be considered as a positive way to promote self-expression and social understanding.

Music from page B3

music. She cried after hearing it. She'd long waited for the day when her "little brother" would return "to his roots in music."

Shortly thereafter, Ramo called Curtis in Santa Monica with an invitation to play with the duo. Since arriving two months ago, Hepler, Ramo and Curtis have entertained audiences at Encore in Birmingham and the Coffee Studio in Plymouth. On New Year's Eve, the trio performs at Il Postito Ristorante in Southfield, and in March as part of the "Just for You" arts and entertainment series at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

Their music defies categorization but shows strong influences of Brazilian, American, Spanish, French, Italian, jazz and classical music.

"I saw the potential," said Ramo. "The timing was there and the same thing happened to me. I didn't play guitar when I first came to this country, but at least I played violin. I know how hard it is to get back to something you haven't done for a while. Todd and I went to Hines Park to practice. I don't know the horn language, but I know what I wanted to hear."

From Italy with love

Born and raised in a small Sicilian village, Ramo began studying guitar at age 12 and violin at age 13. By age 16, he'd heard a recording by jazz violinist Stephan Grapelli and guitarist Joe Pass and decided that one day he would move to America.

At his father's insistence on obtaining a degree, Ramo went to Palermo to study violin at the Conservatory of Music. Although

his passion at this point was for the guitar, the instrument was out because the conservatory didn't have a guitar certificate. By age 17, he was under contract as a violinist with the Orchestra Del Teatro Massimo in Palermo. He went on to earn a master's degree in violin at the Conservatory of Caltanissetta in Italy in 1985.

Two years later on the way to the U.S. at age 23, Ramo's guitar was stolen in Florence so he improvised. He worked as a strolling violinist in a restaurant near Belle Isle. Ramo now has five recordings to his credit and is grateful for the opportunities he found in this country. He became a U.S. citizen in July.

From the early years when Ramo wrote his first piece of music capturing the sounds of birds, honking horns and homeless dogs while practicing 12 to 15 hours a day on a shepherd's range in Italy, he evolved into a composer for orchestra. "Afro-Brazilian Concerto for Guitar and Orchestra" is set for debut in 1999 by the Munich Youth Orchestra.

Ramo releases a solo recording in January. Curtis plays on one cut, Hepler sings on another.

Family history

"We're all trained in the classical field and broke out of it," said Hepler. "There's an understanding of what we're doing with phrasing."

Growing up in Livonia, Hepler's and Curtis' parents sought to cultivate an interest in the arts in their children. All three pursued studies in music: Curtis on trumpet, Heidi on cello and

younger sister Holly on piano. Talent seems to run in the family. Holly Hepler attended Interlochen Arts Center's summer camp and now works as an engineer for Fox 2-Detroit.

Hepler, from an early age, sang with the church choir. Later, she studied voice with Marjorie Gordon in Detroit; Seth Riggs, Los Angeles, and with the University of Michigan Opera Theatre at the Interlochen Arts Center. While in Rome she performed at the 1991 Rome Jazz Festival. Longing for home, Hepler returned to Michigan in 1994 and began singing with Ramo. They married in October 1994. Since then they've been busy touring Italy, Germany and The Netherlands as a duo.

"In our home, creativity was so encouraged," said Hepler. "And that's such an important thing. We used to put on productions like Rumpelstiltskin in the basement."

Future plans

Music lovers will be able to enjoy the rare brand of music created by Hepler, Ramo and Curtis at least until January. Curtis' return to his home in California depends on potential movie deals and a series, currently in the negotiating stages. In the meantime, the trio will continue to be a family affair.

It's a small world according to Ramo. His sister is a big fan of "Capitol" now playing continuously in reruns in Italy. He never realized Curtis was such a big star in Italy until talking to his sister who still lives there.

"I didn't realize 'Capitol' was so popular in Italy; Dallas was number two."

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Table with movie listings organized by theater. Columns include theater name, showtimes, and movie titles. Movies listed include National Amusements Showcase, NP JACK FROST, PRINCE OF EGYPT, STAR TREK: INSURRECTION, MPR Theatres, and others. Each listing includes showtimes and ratings.

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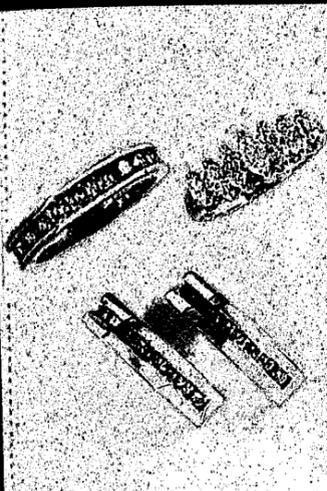
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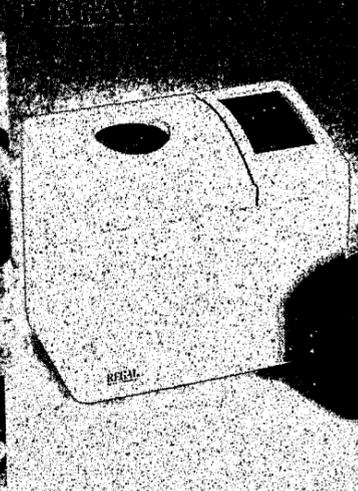
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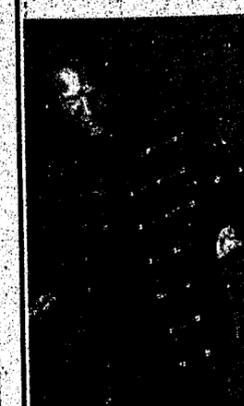
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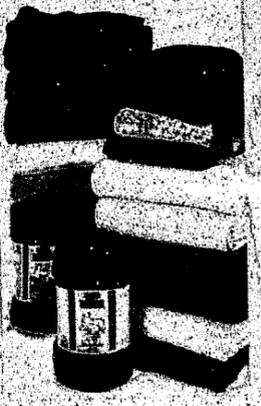
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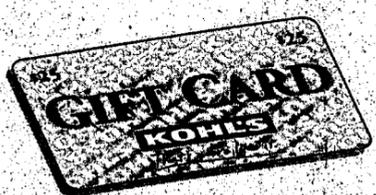


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# Weighty and funny, 'Resident Alien' has its moments

Show dates for "Resident Alien" are Dec. 20, Dec. 23-27, Dec. 30-Jan. 3. Times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; Saturday 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. Additional matinee 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23. JET performs in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the JCC, 6600 West Maple Road (corner of Maple & Drake) in West Bloomfield. Tickets are \$23-\$25 for more information visit their Web site at <http://comnet.org/jet> or to buy tickets call (248) 788-2900. JET will present two special New Year's Eve performances of "Resident Alien," 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31. Tickets for the 6:30 p.m. show \$35 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, champagne, and party favors. Tickets for the 10 p.m. show \$50

per person includes champagne, party favors, and breakfast. Call number listed above for reservations/information.

BY VICTORIA DIAZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Does God exist? What is the nature of true love? Are angels metaphysical? What do you do when you can do nothing? Who reads Kierkegaard? And what's the correct pronunciation of "Buddenbrooks?"

These are just a few of the weighty questions under discussion in Stuart Spencer's fantasy-comedy, "Resident Alien," now onstage at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre. The play was originally produced by Actors Theatre of Louisville for this year's

Imagine 'Northern Exposure' experiencing 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind.' Picture Mayberry beamed to Wisconsin, and tangling with 'space — the final frontier,' and you'll get at least a part of the picture

Humana Festival.

"Resident Alien," here directed by John Seibert, is the story of two men, each born on different planets, and each feeling as if his home planet isn't really where he belongs. One day, one of these men is dumped on Earth, in a kind of temporary exchange program for the other man's young son.

Soon after the cosmological kidnapping, the two men meet. Then, the boy's mother enters

the action (and, of course, she's not buying any story about little green men kidnapping her son), her not-too-bright husband thickens the plot, and the town sheriff tries to keep everybody and everything from falling apart. Imagine "Northern Exposure" experiencing "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." Picture Mayberry beamed to Wisconsin, and tangling with "space — the final frontier," and you'll get at least a part of the

picture.

Sounds like it could/should be fun, maybe. But the production falls short.

Perhaps part of the reason for this is that the play is trying to be too many things at once. Part comedy, part romance, part suspense, flavored with philosophy and techno-thrills, it seems to get bogged down sometimes in its own mixed signals. (Also, even though some of Spencer's lines and situations are screamingly funny, some play-goers may wonder why he chose to build comedy around the disappearance of a child — a distinctly unfunny event, especially to those who have directly experienced it.)

Generally, the six-member cast does a good job, although

they all seem a little under-inspired at times. Scott Screws as the erudite, earthbound Michael, and Greg Trzaskoma as the rather bilious-looking Alien are charged with some of the funniest lines in the play, which they usually deliver with aplomb.

Rounding out the cast, Scott Goci makes a brief, enthusiastic appearance as the kidnapped boy, Billy.

Settings, which include a definitely unpretentious kitchen, an equally unpretentious bar, a Kmart (where the blue light is almost always on-the-blink), and several other spots in and around a small Wisconsin town, have just the right mundane-but-cartoonish flavor.

Special effects are first rate.

# 'A Cricket in Times Square' delightful children's show

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in collaboration with the Wild Swan Theatre present "A Cricket in Times Square." The annual children's holiday play is performed in the Anderson Center Theatre in the museum. American Sign Language interpretation is provided for deaf and hearing-impaired audience members. Special services for the blind and visually-impaired individuals are available when arranged in advance by calling (313) 982-6044. The show runs Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. through Jan. 2. For tickets call (313) 982-6176.

BY SUE SUCHYTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

"The Cricket in Times Square" is a fast-paced children show with delightful animal characters and a cricket-sized set that young and old will enjoy. When Chester, a Connecticut cricket, arrives in Times Square

via a picnic basket, he is discovered by Mario Bellini, a young Depression-era boy whose parents run a struggling newsstand. With the help of a friend cat and mouse, Chester the Cricket gets in and out of scrapes, and uses his unique musical talent to help the newsstand prosper.

The useful rotating set defines the play. Half of it is a human-sized newsstand, while the other half is on a cricket-sized portion of the same set, a giant box of Ohio Blue tip matches, a cricket cage the size of an elevator, a towering radio, and an imposing cash register. The scenes switch back and forth between the humans in the story and the animals, offering a unique perspective. The actors move things along quickly by rotating the set 180 degrees for each scene change.

Unlike last year's offering, "The City Mouse and the Coun-

try Mouse," this year's play is lively and quick, holding its young audiences' attention. Aaron Toronto plays the lively cricket Chester, and delights audiences with his energetic high-jumping bounces. Chester is a good role model, too, choosing right over wrong even when the consequences are tougher.

Sandy Ryder plays the delightfully eccentric mouse Tucker, the richest rodent in New York City. Ryder's Tucker struts about with enthusiasm and energy, evoking giggles from the youngsters with his unusual habits.

The mischievous mouse has an unusual friendship with the resident cat, Henrietta, his partner in crime, played by Michelle Trame-Lanzi. Henrietta looks like a mouse at first, since the relationship lacks the normal cat and mouse adversarial edge, and since both actors are the same size and wear furry cos-

tumes with large floppy ears. Some meowing mixed with the dialogue might clear things up.

The three animal actors double as humans in the alternating scenes, and manage their quick costume changes cleverly and completely; one wouldn't know they weren't double cast if not for the program. Ryder plays Mama Bellini, Toronto plays the wise Chinese neighbor who conveys cricket lore, and Lanzi plays a newsstand customer. Don Donnelley is full of boyish charm as Mario, the excited youth who discovers Chester, and Jackie Marns is a likable father-figure as the forgiving and optimistic Papa Bellini.

Chester the musical cricket's foot-tapping tunes, including Glenn Miller's "In the Mood" add a fun touch to the show, although Roger and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma" probably wasn't written until after the Depression.



American classic: Don Donnelley as Mario in "The Cricket in Times Square" presented by Wild Swan Theater at Henry Ford Museum.

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## Netters win with home cooking

BY MIKE SCOTT  
SPECIAL WRITER

Clarkston had little trouble winning their first home match of the season, pounding Waterford Mott Wednesday 15-5, 15-3 Wednesday.

The Wolves (5-1-1, 2-0 OAA II) once again were beneficiaries of near-perfect serving and a balanced offensive attack. Six players recorded kills for Clarkston, led by junior Britanni Brewer and sophomore Mary Warchuck who combined for eight. Kara Bergkoetter and Angela Humphreys added two kills apiece.

But even more impressive than the

kills was the setting from junior Jenni Winn and sophomore Kristen Falck who set up the middle and outside hitters with ease all night.

Head coach Gordie Richardson is pleased with his team's offensive balance and overall ability early in the season.

"We seem to have pretty good movement. I really do think our hitting is going to be consistent because we can go to a number of girls," he said. "We're able to bring the ball from a lot of different angles."

The only time Clarkston was not dominant in the match was early in the first game when the Corsairs (0-1, 0-1)

OAA II) jumped out to a 3-0 lead. But Bergkoetter followed with two aces and Warchuck and Ingrid Zimmerman each added kills as the Wolves took a 6-5 advantage.

Then Brewer took control. She finished the game with three kills and two blocks as Clarkston scored the last nine points of the game.

The Wolves wrapped it up with a Faalk ace. For the match, Clarkston had seven aces and missed only one serve.

"The difference was (Clarkston) put the ball in play and their passing was better," said Waterford Mott head coach Edward Couturier, whose team

was playing its first match of the season. "We're not real big so we need to make up for that with better passing than we had tonight."

Couturier, who lost his top two hitters to graduation from a year ago, said he expects to give the Wolves more of a challenge when they meet again later in the regular season.

"We know we have a long way to go so that we're able to be where we want to in January," he said.

The Wolves were never in danger in the second game, jumping out to a 9-0 lead due in large part to Mott's poor

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BRAD KADRICH

### This and that...

Cleaning out the ol' notebook:

Many of the wrestling names in this area are familiar: AJ Grant, Pat DeGain, Chris Bettridge, Alan Wilfong.

Here's one you may not have heard, unless you follow Oxford wrestling very closely: Willie Breyer.

Oxford's sophomore 189-pounder impressed a lot of people with his performance in the regional tournament last year, and has started strong again this season. He's strong, he learns quickly, and he's got a killer attitude.

The prediction here is: Breyer medals at the Oakland County meet (which concluded before deadline) and a trip to the state tournament.

Lake Orion's Darren Tooley and Adam Eldridge have taken their pass-and-catch routine to a different plane, the basketball court. They've been two of the better players for new coach Jim Manzo.

And they're going to try to advance even one more level next football season. Tooley, the Dragons' quarterback, announced this week he has committed to play at Central Michigan University. Eldridge will reportedly join him, trying to make the team as a walk-on.

Memo to CMU coaches: Give this kid a shot.

The Oxford Leader sports editor, Phil Stayhue, has put his voice on the line in a bet with Oxford's wrestling team.

Stayhue, who obviously didn't learn anything from my hair-loss experience, has said he will publicly karaoke if three of Oxford's wrestlers reach the state meet. Phil: I've got three names for you: Charlie Myer, Alan Wilfong, Eric Ghiaciuc. (And that doesn't count Willie Breyer and Matt Cagle, both of whom could go.) I've got two words for you:

Start singing.

Clarkston volleyball coach Gordie Richardson doesn't rebuild, he reloads.

Richardson, the long-time Wolves' net coach, lost Georgia Senkyr and Aimee Giroux from last year's district champions. But the Wolves are off to a strong start this season, and the bet here is they repeat in districts.

The NBA players holding an exhibition game to benefit the less fortunate in their own ranks.

I know they've since changed it and it's going to benefit charity now, but I have two words for the entire plan:

Puh-lease.

Here's two basketball names to keep an eye on: Ryan Kaul in Clarkston and Mike Spencer in Oxford. Talk about opposite ends of the spectrum.

The only thing they have in common is that both are sophomores. Spencer is a 6-foot-5 rebounding machine with a nice touch on the ball who should provide a powerful presence when he's really learned the game.

Kaul is listed at an even six feet tall. He's a point guard who has shown a knack for getting people the ball where it will do them the most good. He needs to settle into running a varsity program after starring on the JV last year, but when he does, look out.

With due respect to Mike DeGain's program at Clarkston and Doug Kline's at Lake Orion, no one is going to come close to Rochester Adams this year, especially in the Oakland Activities Association.

The Highlanders have already easily disposed of Northville, a state semifinalist last year, and won't be tested all season. Remember you heard it hear first.

Dan Fife said his Clarkston basketball team could end up with a losing regular season record and still be a much better team at the end of the season than it is now. And he's right.

The Wolves, playing the system Fife is in his 17th year of preaching, will always be a solid defensive club. If Fife can find a way to eke a few more points out of guys like Ryan Marino and Tim Loveless, Clarkston could be in a good position when district play rolls around.

The district field isn't all that strong — the two Lapeer schools, Oxford, Holly — and Clarkston could easily get a district title.

## Icers stretch unbeaten streak to 6

BY MIKE SCOTT  
SPECIAL WRITER

Winning can be contagious and it appears as if the Clarkston hockey team has caught the bug.

The Wolves extended their unbeaten streak to six games with a convincing 5-1 non-league victory over Allen Park Wednesday night on the road.

It was the second time Clarkston (6-1-1) had defeated their hosts this season. On November 28, the Wolves won 3-2.

The outcome wasn't in doubt for long this time, as the Wolves, following a pattern they have established in recent games, jumped out to a quick lead early in the first period. And unlike recent games, Clarkston maintained its momentum in the second period, holding Allen Park scoreless.

DJ Thomas, Jeremy Gabriel, Jon Bemis, Anthony Facione and Bill Kalush all scored for the Wolves, who nearly doubled Allen Park's shot total. Steve Badger made 14 saves for Clarkston, which won for the fourth consecutive game.

Head coach Bryan Krygier was pleased with his team's performance and stressed the importance of not suffering a letdown in the second period.

"You can tell we're definitely playing better hockey and improving," he said. "The guys are playing very well as a team. And this time we didn't lose any ground in the second period."

Once again Clarkston enjoyed balanced scoring as a player from nearly every line found the net. Thomas' goal was significant because it came from a defensive player and Krygier wants his blue-liners to be involved in the scoring.

When Thomas, Ron Wells, Jay Manojlovich or one of the other defensemen are involved in the attack, the responsibility of dropping back to cover that position falls on the closest forward, and Krygier is confident in his players' ability to recognize that.

"I encourage our defensemen to get involved in the offense," he said. "Some teams aren't able to have that luxury and it gives us a big advantage."

The Wolves led 5-0 in the third period, and yielded a late power play goal by Allen Park, which was virtually void of quality scoring chances in the first 30 minutes.

Jumping out to quick leads has been the catalyst of Clarkston's win streak and is particularly beneficial when playing on the road, according to Krygier. He said taking a home crowd out of the game early, and scoring in the first five minutes of a game, are consistent objectives for his team.

"I don't think we've lost a game yet when we jumped out ahead," he said. "We want to be able to dictate play early."

Allen Park has lost a handful of one-goal games this season but is a solid team with good skaters and strong goaltending, said Krygier. He expects them to improve as the season progresses.

Senior Adam Leech, who started the season at a forward position, has been playing a large amount of time lately on defense, a move which strengthens the Wolves' depth. Leech is getting more ice time as a result of the move and adds a scoring threat on the blue line.

"I just want our defense to be a little deeper," said Krygier. "I like the way (Leech) jumps up into the play and makes us more dangerous."

Clarkston, which played at Bloomfield Hills Andover last night, battles Troy at Cranbrook High School at 5 p.m. Tuesday before taking the holi-

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PHOTO BY BOB ENOSKA

Heavy hitter: Clarkston's Jon Robinson controls the action against JB Buley of Bloomfield Hills Lahser during their 275-pound match in the Oakland County wrestling tournament Friday at Oxford High School. Robinson won the match and advanced to the second day of competition.

## Clarkston advances 10

### Wolves dominate first day of action at county meet



Led by their defending champions, the Clarkston Wolves advanced 10 wrestlers to the championship round, and 12 grapplers overall, in the Oakland County wrestling meet at Oxford High School.

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Oxford and Lake Orion are supposed to be young and inexperienced, and Clarkston is supposed to trail far behind Rochester Adams in the Oakland Activities Association Division I wrestling wars.

But you wouldn't have known it by the results of the first day of the Oakland County wrestling meet, held Friday at both Oxford and Lake Orion high schools.

Clarkston, runner-up to the Highlanders in this tournament a year ago, advanced 12 wrestlers to the tournament's second day, while the Wildcats and Dragons, also-rans a year ago, both sent 1 to the second day. The tournament finals were wrestled at Oxford High School Saturday, but results were not available at press time.

The Wolves have 10 wrestlers still alive in the championship round, including defending county and state champions Pat DeGain (215) and AJ Grant. Lake Orion has six wrestlers still in the winners' bracket, as do the Wildcats, whose remaining wrestlers include defending Oakland County champ and state qualifier Alan Wilfong (125).

Clarkston's championship contenders also include Ryan L'Amoreaux (119), Brian Chism (130), Dave Welanko (135), Kevin Turnbull (145), Rocky Bills (152), Andy Auten (160), Chris Labrie (171) and heavyweight Jon Robinson. Clarkston also has

112-pound Cory Henneman and 140-pound Brett Gove alive in the consolation bracket.

Bills and Labrie both won exciting matches to qualify for the second day. Bills trailed with 28 seconds left and got a takedown, then turned Rochester's Drew Olson with three seconds remaining to pick up the win. Labrie beat Keith Roy of Milford 10-8 with an overtime takedown.

"Those are two seniors, who've been around and have paid their dues," Clarkston coach Mike DeGain said. "It's their turn, and they're cashing in."

Oxford's state qualifiers led the Wildcats into the second day. Wilfong beat Brandon's Scott Kelly 7-5 in overtime to qualify. Sophomore Charlie Myer, who missed last year's county meet due to injury, pinned Mike Moorhous of Waterford Mott and Toby Wright of Holly to reach the championship round. Junior heavyweight Eric Ghiaciuc drew a bye, then pinned Matt Shelley of Lakeland.

The other Wildcats to cash in were youngsters. Sophomore Justin Craft (103 pounds) pinned Todd Agney of Oak Park in 4:35, then beat Bobby Kakos of Birmingham Groves 14-7. Sophomore Willie Breyer pinned John Mitchell of Troy in just 16 seconds, then stuck Nick Humphries of

Milford in 55 seconds. And junior 215-pounder Andy Boone also pinned his way to the second day, sticking Ian Jones of Holly and Pat Quiney of Milford, the latter in 44 seconds.

"I know we have a tough team when we come to wrestle," Oxford coach Paul McDevitt said. "(Myer and Breyer) looked great, and so did Boone. He's been a starter since his freshman year, and he always lacked the confidence. That's starting to come for him now."

Oxford also has four alive in the consolation bracket: Nick Stevens (130), Jason Eldridge (140), Cameron Stiles (145) and Bobby Schmidt. Eldridge, Stiles and Schmidt are all freshmen.

Lake Orion has a couple of old-guard wrestlers in the championship round, and a couple of newcomers. Chris Bettridge is alive at 189 pounds, where he and Adams' Kevin Boyd have to be the favorites, and Andy Dewey is hanging around at 130 pounds. Other championship contenders for the Dragons include Mike Lambie at 140, Steve Walter at 145, Matt Champine at 171 and freshman Ricky Kallis at 125.

Kallis is alive after two wins, including a 41-second pin of Farmington's Alex Lopes.

"I think we had a great day, considering we got six guys through to the second day," Dragon coach Doug Kline said. "I'm absolutely thrilled for (Kallis). He worked very, very hard and wrestled very well."

Lake Orion's consolation bracket wrestlers include heavyweight Chuck Ventimiglia, Mike Quigley (112), Derek Russ (119) and Brian Patrick (215).

Those are two seniors who've been around and have paid their dues.

—Mike DeGain  
—Clarkston wrestling coach

**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.

**Ram tryouts**

The Michigan Lake Area Rams Amateur Athletic Federation travel baseball organization will conduct a tryout camp for its Mickey Mantle (ages 15-16) team. Tryouts are for the upcoming baseball season. Specialized indoor training begins in February. For more information call team manager Gary Neino, (734) 981-3845.

**Pony baseball tryouts**

Walk-in registration for Lakes Athletic Association Pony Baseball will be held 6:30-9 p.m. January 4 and 13, and 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 16 in the cafeteria at Walled Lake Central. Registration is open to players ages 5-16. Call (248) 975-8157 for more information.

**Bernie Carbo camp**

The Bernie Carbo Premier Baseball School will conduct individual and small group clinics in power pitching, fielding and hitting, as well as video analysis. Philadelphia Phillies minor-league hurler Mark Rutherford (Livonia Church/Eastern Michigan) will assist as an instructor. For fall and winter appointments call (734) 421-4928.

**Soccer signup set**

The Oakland Developmental Soccer League, a division of the Oakland Youth Soccer League, will be holding open registration Feb. 1, through March 31, 1999 for the spring season. Due to limited enrollment opportunities, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration forms can be picked up at Global Soccer in Lake Orion, the RARA office in Rochester, Rochester Hills Public Library and City of Auburn Hills Recreation Department.

**League seeks teams**

The Midwest Super League, an amateur youth baseball organization, has openings for qualified teams to join the league and for the 1999 season. The league offers competition in the following divisions and age groups: Connie Mack (17-18), Mickey Mantle (15-16) and Sandy Koufax (13-14). Each division is limited to 10 qualified teams to ensure a high level of play. While based in the Metro Detroit area, member teams originate from outstate Michigan and Canada as well. League affiliation with national baseball programs (AABC, NABF and AAU) lead to high-profile tournaments in various locations around the United States. Coaches who would like to enter their teams should contact Dennis Patterson via e-mail at MWSL1998BB@aol.com or by phone at (248) 848-9432.

**Quick is quick**

Michael Quick of Bloomfield Hills placed 10th in the recent Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships held in Lisle, Ill. and sponsored by the U.S.A. Track and Field. The 10-year-old quick, a fifth grader at Kensington Academy of Birmingham, ran the 3,000-meter course in a time of 10:19. The winning runner achieved a time of 9:48. Quick qualified by placing first at both the local meet held at Metro Beach and the regional meet held in Medina, Ohio. He was coached by Nick Stratton, who also coaches at Orchard Lake St. Mary's High School.

**Oxford stops Panthers in FML opener**

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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If the Oxford Wildcats are going to put together any kind of successful basketball games, they're going to have to win ugly some of the time. That's exactly what happened Friday. The Wildcats traveled to Lapeer West and handed the host Panthers a less-than-pretty 63-44 defeat in the Flint Metro

League opener for both teams. The win lifted the Wildcats to 3-1 overall, 1-0 in FML play. West dropped to 0-4, 0-1.

The Wildcats got a big boost from their youngsters Junior Dave Inman led the scoring with 13 points, including three 3-pointers, while sophomore center Mike Spencer had 12 points and sophomore Joel Gallo scored 10.

Gallo hit a pair of 3-pointers that helped keep Lapeer West at bay. "West was still in the game,

and those shots bumped us back up to a nine- or ten-point lead," Oxford coach Jesse Heck said. "They came at a good time."

The game started out sloppy and stayed that way, with Oxford grabbing a 12-5 lead at the end of the first period.

A 12-12 second period sent the Wildcats to the intermission with a 24-17 lead they never relinquished.

But they also couldn't seem to put the Panthers down for good. "We just couldn't put them

away," Heck said. "We didn't play real well and we won, so I'm happy about that. But we just kept letting them hang around and didn't put them away."

The Wildcats, who got just seven shots from senior captain Josh Jolly, got standout play from their top sophomores — David Rayner, Spencer and Gallo.

"Our sophomores played pretty well, which was nice," Heck said. "All three of them played pretty well."

**Oxford Christian picks up 1st hoop victory**

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Jeff Alexander knew it would only be a matter of time before smiles would emerge from the faces of his players.

After all, the Oxford Christian first-year boys basketball coach has seen his young team improve leaps and bounds during the first month of the season without the benefit of a reward.

"But all the hard work paid off Friday at Lake Orion First Baptist Church as the Warriors recorded their first win of the season in the form of a 67-44 non-league triumph over Warren Baptist Christian.

Oxford Christian fell behind 8-0 early in the first quarter, but eventually led 17-10 after the first eight minutes and never looked back.

"It was a lot of fun to finally see these guys get a win," said Alexander. "They have been

putting forth the effort with nothing to show for it. But they came through in this one. I think this will help with their confidence."

Junior guard Nathan Best was a one-man wrecking crew against Baptist Christian as he put together his best outing of his career with 19 points, a single-game school-record tying 15 steals and 10 assists for good measure.

"Once we realized that Nathan had a chance for the triple-double, we left him in there," said Alexander. "He was hustling all over the place to get those last few assists. He has been playing very consistent for us, but he really stepped up in this game."

Oxford Christian (1-7) extended its lead to 36-16 at halftime and Baptist Christian (0-5) never really threatened in the second half.

Junior forward Tim King had 20 points and 13 rebounds,

**OXFORD CHRISTIAN:**  
Nathan Best 9 1-2 19; Matt Wentzel 1 0-0 2; Brian Hart 1 0-1 2; Troy Husk 4 1-2 9; Chris Wentzel 0 0-0 0; Jacob Vaudt 2 1-2 5; Tim King 9 2-4 20; Chad Liebler 4 0-0 8; Sean Coffey 1 0-0 2; Greg Kinley 0 0-0 0; Totals: 30 5-11 67.

**BAPTIST CHRISTIAN:**  
Brad Wilkins 5 0-0 10; Chad Marks 6 0-2 12; Nash Price 10 0-0 20; Aaron Pando 1 0-0 2; Aaron Hinkle 0 0-0 0; Matthew Emerston 0 0-0 0; Andrew Emerston 0 0-0 0; Michael Emerston 0 0-0 0; Totals: 22 0-3 44.

sophomore guard Troy Husk came off the bench and had nine points, and senior center Chad Leibler recorded eight points and five rebounds for the Warriors.

Nash Price, a 6-foot-4 junior center, paced Baptist Christian

**'It was a lot of fun to finally see these guys get a win. They have been putting forth the effort with nothing to show for it. But they came through in this one.'**

Jeff Alexander  
—OCA hoop coach

with 20 points and 10 rebounds, while freshman guard Chad Marks scored 12.

"Early in the game, we tried taking it to the basket with (Nash) Price in the way and we weren't successful," said Alexander. "He was a lanky kid with long arms and she was swatting the ball away. I told the guys to move it away from him and attack from elsewhere and it seemed to work."

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serve reception. With Winn and Falck controlling the offense, Bergkoetter and Brandy Carlitz added kills and a Humphreys ace put the Wolves up 14-1.

Richardson was able to substitute a number of players in the last half of the second set.

"He talked about the team's attitude and athletic ability

afterward. "That's one thing I will say is that we are a very athletic team," he said. "When the girls play with a little enthusiasm they play pretty well."

Humphreys and Zimmerman also stressed the importance of having a balanced offensive attack, adding the team chem-

istry so far has been perfect.

"We're not so dependant on a couple of people. Everyone plays well with each other," said Humphreys, a sophomore.

Zimmerman said the first part of the season has been enjoyable in large part because her squad is winning.

"This year it has sort of come

together for all of us," said the senior who sat out most of last year with a thumb injury. "My main focus right now is to have a lot of fun. But I know we can get even better."

With his team off until competing in a tournament January 2 at Walled Lake Central, Richardson said the Wolves will continue to work on defense in practice because he realizes Clarkston will have some tough matches coming up once the new year begins.

"I'm not sure how we are on defense right now," he said. "The defense is about wanting it. But I'm pleased with a lot of things right now and our serving has been very good."

Richardson also credited Bergkoetter with starting a number of his team's runs in the first few matches with her serving ability.

"When you take a look at our runs, Kara is often the first one serving," he said.

Brewer and Humphreys each had two blocks for the Wolves. Bergkoetter led the way in aces with three.

The Wolves will have a full week of practice before their game versus the Captains and Krygier understands they will have to spend the first few days reviewing fundamentals after the holiday layoff.

"We'll pretty much need to review everything," he said. "We'll be starting over with a clean slate...but we won't be starting over from scratch."

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days off until a January 9 battle with Waterford Kettering. The break could come as either a blessing or a curse for the Wolves, who are playing their best hockey of the season.

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# Prep football playoffs take expanded look

BY KYRIAKOZA WRITER

high school football state picture has changed a bit last couple of weeks.

Representative Council of Michigan High School Athletic Association voted to expand next season football playoffs to a five-week, 256-team tournament effective in 1999. The current format allows 128 teams to qualify, which do so by finishing one of the top four teams in each of four regions. Each of eight different classes, A, AA, B, BB, C, CC, D, D, will have a playoff competition. The new system since it scored at least six victories in each of those seasons.

Fracassa believes the new system is an asset because it's in the kids' best interest.

"I've had a taste of the playoffs and it was wonderful," Fracassa said. "Our kids were so excited, even though sometimes it lasts one game. It's good to be able to just say, 'hey, I made the playoffs.' I always favor what would be the best thing for the kids."

The biggest concern among some coaches, and seemingly the only possible negative as a result of this new system, is the chance that coaches will do their best to book the easiest possible schedule outside of league game requirements.

For some teams, scheduling softer non-league games is necessary since the leagues they play in could be extremely tough.

"I think everyone has more at stake now," said Merlo, whose Falcons compete in the perpetually strong Oakland Activities Association Division I. "I looked at our league (this past season) and theoretically we could've had four teams finish 7-2 and none make the playoffs. Our concern is with our division."

"Some teams are gonna go out and play 'Sisters of the Poor' and make it," Merlo said. "But that could happen now, too (under old system). I don't think it really matters."

"It'll be a little more fun and teams will have the ability to make up for tough losses, especially in our league since it's very well-represented. I think it'll make for an exciting year to come."

Under the new system, once the 256-team field is set, the 32 teams in each division will be drawn into districts and regions.

The four-team districts would have the team with the top playoff average hosting the fourth-ranked team; and the second hosting the third.

The second week of the tournament would be the district final, played at the site of the highest ranked team.

The regional championship would be played the following weekend, with the host either being predetermined by draw or by playoff average.

Semifinal games would continue as in the past, with predetermined regional champions playing each other at prearranged sites, and the finals continuing to take place at the Pontiac Silverdome on Thanksgiving weekend.

This is the fourth playoff expansion since it began in 1975 with four teams in each class. The tournament expanded to 32 teams in 1977, 64 teams in 1985, and then doubled the number of teams again by splitting each class in 1990, upping the number of schools to 128.

Following the presentation of the plan to member schools during the fall, football-playing institutions were surveyed. Of 454 valid surveys returned, 91 percent favored the plan, and 85 percent favored expansion in 1999.

The Council also approved a five-year extension of its contract to play the Football Finals at the Pontiac Silverdome through the year 2004, and voted to return the Lower Peninsula Cross Country Finals to Michigan Speedway in Brooklyn for 1999 and 2000.

How does this affect Eccentric-ia programs?

More playoff teams and less punishment for a program playing in a weaker league.

Three schools - Class AA Rochester Adams, Class AA Troy and Class BB Orchard Lake State - qualified for the '98 playoffs. Walled Lake Western (1), Birmingham Groves (7-2), Birmingham Brother Rice (7-2) and Birmingham Seaholm (6-3) would have also made the playoffs based on win total under the new rules, but did not qualify last season. Groves missed making the Class A playoffs by less than half a point.

"It's good because you control your own destiny," Birmingham Seaholm coach Bob Carleton said. "It evens things out in the end. There were 3-6 teams in Class D making it and 1 team in Class A not making it."

How does this affect Catholic league teams?

The annual Prep Bowl at the Pontiac Silverdome, which normally occurs the week before state playoffs and pits the top two teams in the Catholic league, could be either eliminated or moved to a different day.

The game would conflict with the new format's first week of state playoffs, thus conflicting with the league's contract with the Silverdome.

A decision on that matter has yet to come, according to Brother Rice coach Al Fracassa.

"I don't think they've decided anything yet in the Catholic league," the veteran coach said. "( Losing the Prep Bowl) wouldn't be a very good thing. I'm kind of anxious to see what will happen myself."

Rice would have made the playoffs three years in a row in

# State mat tickets set to go on sale Jan. 4

Fans wishing to purchase advance tickets for the 1999 Michigan High School Athletic Association Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling Finals, March 11-13, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, can do so by mail order only beginning Jan. 4.

The "early bird" ticket sale will provide an advance purchasing opportunity for what has become one of the hottest tickets to a high school championship event over the past decade.

The 1999 finals will be the first time all four classes will come together under one roof for the 16-man double elimination tournament in 14 weight

classes in each of four divisions. The only tickets which may be purchased in advance by mail are all-tournament tickets, which will grant the bearer admission to all five sessions of the event, reserving the same lower or upper bowl armchair seat.

All-tournament tickets are \$25 each, and a purchaser will be able to purchase up to 10 tickets per division for each mail order form submitted. All tickets will be mailed by March 1, unless special handling is requested at a fee of \$4 per order.

Spectators ordering tickets by mail must designate the

division of action they prefer to watch, which will result in their ticket assignment being directly in view of the mats being used for that competition.

Orders must be postmarked no earlier than Jan. 4, and no later than Feb. 5 to qualify for the early bird purchase plan. Orders which do not adhere to those dates will be returned to the sender.

Early bird tickets will be available by mail order only through the MHSAA office - no telephone orders will be accepted. A check or money order made payable to the MHSAA must accompany the order form. An order form can be

found on the MHSAA Web Site - [www.mhsaa.com](http://www.mhsaa.com).

Single-session tickets will go on sale beginning Feb. 6 through the Joe Louis Arena box office and TicketMaster outlets statewide. Single-session tickets are priced at \$6 each, and all-tournament tickets are also available for \$30. Advance tickets purchased through Joe Louis Arena or TicketMaster will be assessed a service fee.

General admission tickets will be available at the Joe Louis Arena box office only prior to each session at a cost of \$5. There will be no advance sale of general admission tickets.

# A tale of two counties — one solstice

Good morning Oakland County.

I send you winter nature greetings from Charleston County - down in the low country. Actually I am just a few yards over the county line hiding out in Colleton County, but Charleston has name recognition.

"Low country." Northerners - especially news editors - spell it out as two words. Southerners - especially news editors - spell it and say it as one word: Lowcountry. Kind of rolls off the tongue like frost melting on a pine needle. Creekside, oceanfront, backwater, marshview: all "one-words" down here. Y'all: another "one worder."

You will not find "low country" on a map. Lowcountry is a descriptive word for a type of American coastal landform. And the low country where I now ramble and write is a region rich with Spanish moss, loggerhead sea turtles, tidal lagoons, sea oats and other aspects of life just a few meters above sea level. Every now and then a big hurricane devours the low country. The fit survive. That is the way of nature. A good Michigan blizzard is our equalizer and weeds out the weak; cleans nature's house.

I can only guess what you are doing today. But nature has

predicable seasonal patterns so I will take a shot at what some creatures of Oakland County are doing on this last day before winter. (By the way, creatures down here are critters.)

Moles: Tunneling about beneath the frost line. Those mysterious mounds of dirt resembling miniature volcanoes that sprouted in some suburban yards, have been pushed up by star-nosed moles as they excavate downwards to make way for winter.

Red Squirrels: Busy chattering from tall evergreens, stripping cones off seeds and occasionally dangling on holiday light strings. Perhaps swaying on "icicle lights."

Red-tailed hawks: Proudly perched on highway poles and roadside trees. Watching and waiting for a winter's meal. Rabbits and mice are just fine.

White-footed mice: These bug-eyed little rodents are stashing away seeds in abandoned bird nests, and trying their best to avoid becoming seasonal entrees for fox, coyotes, cats, hawk, owls and an occasional lucky skunk. Night is deadly.

Homo Sapiens: Scurrying frantically - like mice - about the streets of Birmingham, Rochester, Bloomfield and Clarkston, avoiding cars, arms heavy with "things."

Black-capped chickadees: If your bird feeder has sunflower seeds, you have made these birds very happy, although happy probably should not be applied to a bird.



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

## Nature Notes

The nature interpretive program of West Bloomfield Parks offers 22 winter season public programs. For details, fee information or to register call 248-738-2500 during regular business hours. You must pre-register for programs. Spaces fill quickly.

Wildlife Tracks & Tracking: January 12, 10:30 a.m. Age 2-5. Explore secrets of wildlife and become a nature detective.

Healing Power of Herbs: January 19, 7:30 p.m. Adult. Ortonville's Kris Harris explains unique healing powers of herbs and leads a workshop to build custom herbal healing-heating pads.

Build A Wood Duck Nest Box: January 20, 7:30 p.m. Wood ducks eat acorns, have claws on their webbed feet and can be enticed to live near your pond. Build a nest box now with craftsman Mike LaGerould and you may lure a woody into your life.

Raccoons: Myth dies hard. Raccoons do not hibernate. They do cat nap. Your big old hollow oak tree did just fine as a winter home. Oh, you cut down that oak? Expect them to winter with you - in your attic, or above the

smoke shelf of your chimney. If you hear thumps and bumps a few nights from now, it might not be that big guy with the red suit. Raccoons will eat cookies and slurp down milk just like the same.

The white bird?: A mystery unfolds. Big white bird reports. Some have described it as crow-like. Another said it swoops out of the sky and grabs squirrels. Perhaps there are two white birds. There has been an albino crow loitering near Telegraph Road. And the "sky-swooper" may be a snowy owl, an arctic species, down here where the pickens are easy. Perhaps white birds are signs that winter really will blanket the countryside.

Time to put down the coffee and meander beyond the palm-tos down to the tidal marsh. At the edge of a sea island called Edisto, among the brown pelicans, ghost crabs and sting of salt spray, I will greet the winter solstice and do nothing much at all in no great hurry. For this writer, that can be a good thing. Oakland County can wait.

Holiday and winter wishes to y'all.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Fracassa gains honor

Brother Rice football coach Al Fracassa is a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. He soon will be inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

Fracassa was one of six persons recently elected to the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame as voted by current fulltime and retired media members. The balloting was coordinated by the independent firm of Business Financial Consultants, Inc. of Dearborn.

After starting his head coaching career at Royal Oak Shrine in 1960, Fracassa took over as Rice's head coach in 1969. Fracassa has compiled an impressive 280-72-7 record during that span, and five times has led the Warriors to the state championship. Rice also has won eight Catholic League titles.

Fracassa was named national High School Coach of the Year by the National Football League in 1997.

The other five athletes to be inducted with Fracassa include current Detroit Red Wings coach Scotty Bowman; former Michigan State University All-American and Detroit Tiger Kirk Gibson; ex-Detroit Piston Bill Laimbeer; auto racing legend Rager Penske; and baseball Hall of Famer Robin Roberts.

The newly elected members will be enshrined at the annual Induction Dinner slated for May 19, 1999 at the Cobo Conference Center in Detroit. The Class of 1999 will join the 200 members inducted since 1954.

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SHOWS

**CAMPER, TRAVEL & RV**  
The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Camper, Travel & RV Show will be held Jan. 27-31 at the Silverdome.

**BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING**  
The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport & Fishing Show will be held Feb. 17-21 at the Silverdome.

CLASSES

**ICE FISHING**  
Bob "Hangman" Mitchell, of Redford, will give a seminar entitled, "Everything You Want to Know About Ice Fishing," beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the monthly meeting of the Huron Valley Steelheaders at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 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.

ACTIVITIES

**STONY CREEK STROLL**  
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club and look for winter birds and animal tracks during this nature walk, which begins at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Stony Creek Metropark. Participants should meet in the SMART parking lot at the southeast corner of 16 Mile Rd. and VanDyke. Call (810) 294-7789 for more information.

**GANATCHIO TRAIL**  
Come and explore the Ganatchio Trail, which runs from Windsor to Tecumseh parallel to the Lake St. Clair shore, during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. The event is sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Group-Sierra Club. Participants should meet at the tourist information center on Route 3, south of the bridge in Windsor. Call (313) 581-7579 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

**BASS**  
Largemouth and smallmouth bass season closes Dec. 31.

**DEER**  
The second archery season runs through Jan. 3. The muzzleloading season runs through Dec. 20 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for other special seasons.

**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 runs through Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

**RABBIT/HARE**  
Rabbit/hare season runs through March 31 statewide.

**SQUIRREL**  
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

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 Liparato at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

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

**FOUR SEASONS**  
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Refreshments will be

served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

**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, Jan. 13-14, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven J. 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.

ARCHERY

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

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

SHOOTING RANGES

**BALD MOUNTAIN**  
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & 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.

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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, 1-800-477-7766; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

**DECEMBER OWLS**  
Learn about some of the resident owls of the park during this naturalist-led walk, which begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Stony Creek.

**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.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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

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 hoops camp

Detroit Country Day will host the Assist Sports "Holiday Hoops Basketball Camp" slated for Dec. 28-31 for boys and girls in grades 8-12.

The camp will provide fundamental instructions and game competition and will run daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is designed to offer a quality basketball experience and keep skills sharp over the holiday break.

All campers will receive a free T-shirt, improvement booklet and a performance evaluation. Featured NBA players and high school and college coaches will be featured as lecturers throughout the camp.

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Troy Cardinals tryouts

The Troy Cardinals 11-year-old Federation Baseball Team (North Oakland Federation Baseball League) are looking for players for the 1999 season. Interested players should call Mike LeFevre at 248-879-2063.

Soccer signup set

The Oakland Developmental Soccer League, a division of the Oakland Youth Soccer League, will be holding open registration Feb. 1, through March 31, 1999 for the spring season.

Due to limited enrollment opportunities, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration forms can be picked up at Global Soccer in Lake Orion, the RARA office in Rochester, Rochester Hills Public Library and City of Auburn Hills Recreation Department.

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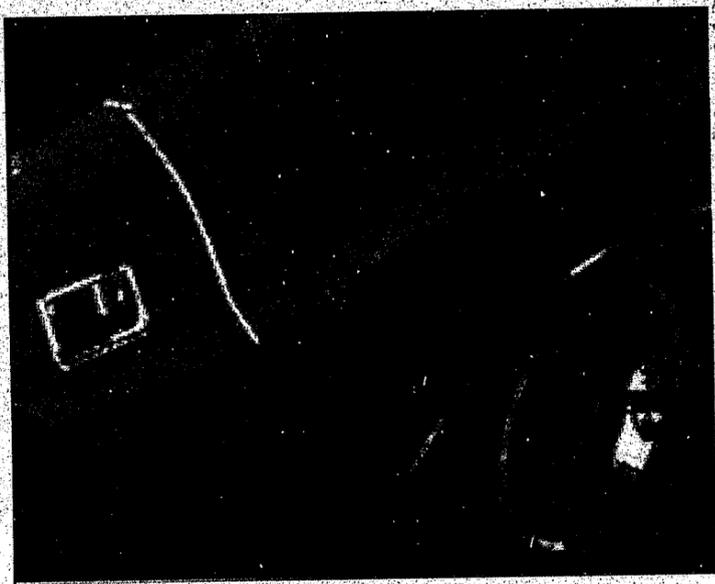
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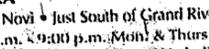
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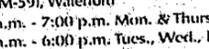
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## 1999 Safari Offers Incredible Value for the Dollar



By Anne Fracassa  
Avanti NewsFeatures

More women than men choose to purchase a GMC Safari. That's not surprising.

Because of the Safari's huge seating and luggage capacity and its range of versatility and towing capacity, that's not surprising at all. It's also reasonably priced at just a hair over \$20,000.

There aren't many vans out there at that price, that's for sure.

There are two choices in the 1999 Safari. You can get the rear-wheel drive or an all-wheel drive model. I drove the all-wheel drive.

One option you've got to get is the running boards. It just makes it easier to get into and out of.

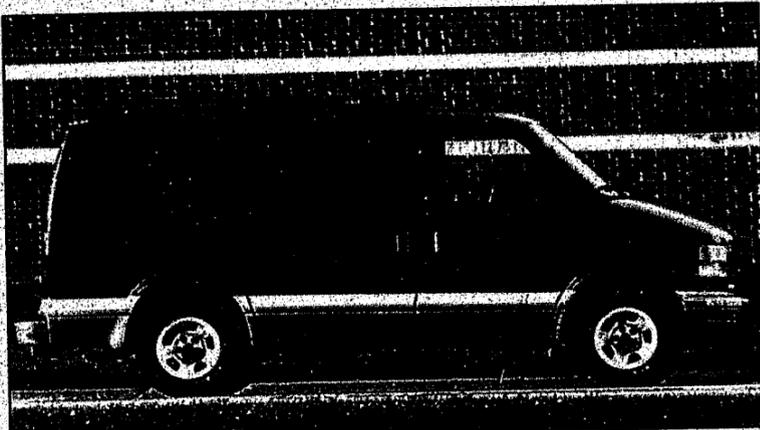
I liked the fact that the Vortec 4300 (4.3-liter) V6 engine had enough power to get me going in a hurry. It's mated to a 4-speed automatic transmission that is so refined it doesn't hunt for gears during a steep climb.

Driving around town was simple enough as well. From getting away from a light to maneuvering in heavy freeway traffic, the Safari gave me no headaches.

The all-wheel-drive model has an AutoTrac transfer case that automatically transfers power to the front axle during rear-wheel slippage. This system can transfer from zero to 100 percent of the power to the wheels that have the most traction.

You can outfit this people hauler with that cool OnStar Communications System. It's really a neat feature that provides a host of safety and security features.

Lock your keys in the car? OnStar



The GMC Safari is a versatile, comfortable van that can meet the needs of a carpool mom or someone who needs to haul people to the airport a few times a week.

can, by remote control, unlock your Safari. In an accident? OnStar will notify emergency services. It can also provide theft detection, stolen vehicle tracking, air bag deployment notification and locator service for more than 3 million hotels, restaurants, ATMs, GM dealerships, bookstores, banks and points of interest.

OnStar is available to you, by the way, 24 hours a day, all year long.

The Safari SLT trim level provides you with the comfort of leather seating surfaces for a bit of luxury on the inside. The seats are comfortable, to say the least. No fatigue happened during our long drive.

Other neat features on the Safari include a dome light that stays on for 20 seconds after the last door closes or until the ignition is on, speed-sensitive steering for better parking ability and quicker response during highway maneuvers and a trailering capacity of 5,500 pounds.

A lot of thought went into the making of this Safari. There are two under-seat heating ducts for rear passenger comfort. There's a dome lamp in the rear

cargo area, power front driver's and passenger's seats, extenders on the sunshades, a cargo restraint net, illuminated door-mounted accessory switches, tons of built-in cupholders and storage bins, three power points (one's in the rear) and rear passenger radio/cassette controls.

Instrumentation on the Safari is well thought out as well. Everything is oriented toward the driver and the driver's comfort. All switches, buttons and knobs are large enough and positioned so the driver can use them easily. You won't have to stretch to operate the stereo or heating and cooling controls.

All instrumentation is analog and all of it is easy to read. There's even a rear hatch switch on the instrument panel.

Safety is all there, too, with dual air bags, child security locks on the sliding side door, the ever-present daytime running lights and three-point belts all around. The daytime running lights are actually low-beam headlamps, which provide a lower electrical load than full headlamps.

One option that's turning up on a lot of General Motors' products is the

HomeLink Transmitter. This handy little system is built right into the overhead console. It's easy to program and you can set it to activate up to three remote-controlled devices.

That means if you want it to open an estate gate, garage door and turn on exterior or interior lights, you can do it. Also in the console are digital readouts of the outside temperature and a compass to guide you on your way.

The rear seats of the Safari can be removed to give you added cargo space. A bit of a warning, however — they are very heavy for just one person to have to lug. You need a couple of people to get

them out and even then it's a bit difficult.

The GMC Safari is a versatile, comfortable van that can meet the needs of a carpool mom or someone who needs to haul people to the airport a few times a week. Check it out.

Write Anne Fracassa at [avanti1054@aol.com](mailto:avanti1054@aol.com).

1999 GMC Safari  
Vehicle class: Passenger van.  
Power: 4300 (4.3-liter) V6.  
Mileage: 15 city / 20 highway.  
Where built: Baltimore.  
Price: \$21,016.

See the new GMC Safari at these area dealerships.

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### Auto News

#### Survey: Dealers Emphasize Customer Convenience

(NU) — In today's marketplace, there's a lot more to car service than just getting an oil and filter change.

According to the National Automobile Dealers Association, dealers are putting a new emphasis on customer convenience. That often includes a comfortable waiting area, some form of transportation when vehicles are in the shop, and more.

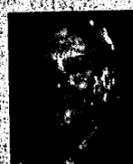
According to a DANA survey, a third of all dealerships offer free loaner vehicles, while one-fifth offer shuttle services. More than half of dealerships surveyed by DANA also offer weekend service hours.

To make auto service a more pleasant experience, some dealers have even gone so far as to put coffee shops and child play areas in their waiting rooms.

The average price of a new car today is more than \$22,000 — one of your largest investments besides a home. Taking your car to a dealership for service protects that investment and helps ensure top resale value.

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### Let's Talk Cars



Art Cervi

One question that keeps popping up lately, now that many of us have put away our old cars for the winter: "Is this a good time to buy a classic?" Without sounding vague, it really depends on your personal situation. First, do you have room where you live or somewhere else to store it? If the answer is yes, then go shopping. Should the answer be no, better wait 'til spring to look.

Fall and early winter can sometimes put you in a better negotiating position in your search. Off-premises storage can cost \$250-\$600 for the season. You just might find someone reluctant to do it again and decides that this is the time to sell.

Check out the ad locally, regionally, and nationally for the auto you're looking for. When you look out of town, transportation can be a factor. If you can't pick it up yourself, you may want to have it transported. This being the off-season, their rates may be cheaper (another plus). A word of caution...never buy a vehicle sight unseen (unless it's so cheap you can't possibly lose). Pictures lie...what looks good in a picture can be a completely different car when you see it in person. What looks like nice chrome can be tired and dull. The pictures shows an engine compartment, not how the engine sounds; what looks like decent paint can be faded, chipped and covering a multitude of sins. I am not saying that all cars out there are junk or that everyone is sleazy, but common sense dictates: buyer beware.

When you finally get it home, it's a little late to complain about your transaction.

One of the best ways when shopping is to try and check each one out yourself if possible. No one can shop for you like you can. If it's out of town and you can't get there, have someone you trust who might live in that area check it out for you. Emphasis on trust, because I can recall a situation where someone was looking for a late 40's Plymouth Woody wagon. He found one up north but couldn't get up there to check it out, so...he asked his friend who wasn't too far away to do it for him. Later the conversation went, "How was it?" Friend: "Let me put it this way, if you don't take it I will." So, he bought it. What he got when it arrived was a lot of metal and wood on a flatbed and something that resembled an A-

pillar with a windshield. Was he steamed! Too late folks. He ended up parting out a few pieces, but never got his money back.

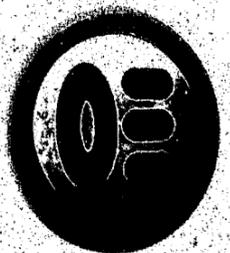
Please remember to take along a small refrigerator magnet to check for bondo, filler, etc. Look for the telltale signs; uneven body work and seams, waves in the quarters and doors, bubbles under the paint, this can be a sign moisture has gotten under the paint and the filler is starting to pop.

Here's hoping you find a good one and are happy with your purchase, then you can look forward to cruisin' next spring. Till next week...

Art Cervi of "Let's Talk Cars" can be heard each Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on WYUR, AM 1310. 248-433-9987, ext. 356.

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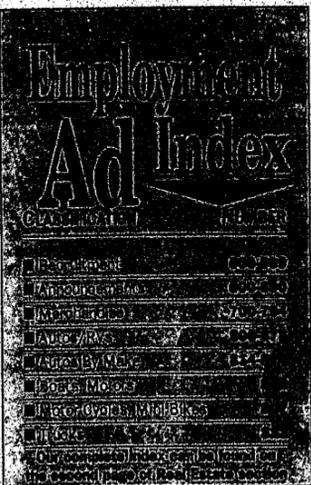
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GEORGE HAYES

**JOB SEARCH**

**Q. I've been taken by surprise on several interviews when the manager mentioned a salary way below my current level. I know it's against the "rules" to bring up money, but I don't want to waste my time. Either, how can I figure out over the telephone if a job is really at my level before I agree to set up an interview?**

**A.** The conventional admonition to avoid the salary question should at least be footnoted. In some fields, titles can have widely different meanings and price ranges can vary dramatically from company to company. The easiest example is "Administrative Assistant." This position can entail responsibilities akin to that of a Receptionist, or it can require skills more typical of an Executive Secretary.

It is still important to maintain as much negotiating leverage as possible by avoiding specifics about compensation until absolutely necessary. There is certainly no good reason to insist upon clarifying salary issues up front unless time management has really become a problem. It's always smarter to err in the direction of meeting people and pursuing opportunities. After all, any interviewer can be turned into a valuable networking contact, even after it has become obvious that the job or money in question is not appropriate.

If you really need to do some screening, however, do it gently.

First, figure out what the job really is, regardless of the title. Before scheduling the appointment, ask about goals, responsibilities, company size and the person for whom you would be working. Sometimes it becomes apparent that their definition of Sales Engineer of Program Manager and yours are completely different: It's OK to say something like, "Gee, I'm a little concerned that I might be coming at this from a different level. Can you give me some idea of where the position fits into the organization?" Encourage the recruiter or manager to flesh it out as much as possible.

When you are almost convinced that the salary would be significantly less than acceptable, try a more pointed - but still positive - feeler: "Mary, I'm very interested in talking with you. It sounds like a fine company. But I've also become a little sensitive about wasting people's time. Could you give me a rough or crude idea about a dollar range just to make sure we're talking apples and apples?"

You should be very reluctant to turn down any interview. Almost everyone has heard about a person who met with a company just for practice, clicked with the manager, became intrigued with the organization's potential, and wound up with a twenty percent increase after the position was restructured. When you are in a job search, your number one priority should be to meet and develop relationships with new business contacts. It is very risky to label and interview a winner or loser before it actually happens.

Do you know how to work? We recently took a fond look at the handful of candidates our firm

placed over the past year who were terminated shortly after starting. While the specific reasons for their demise varied, their stories almost all fell under the general category of "Questionable Work Ethic."

Been There, Bob. This guy professed knowledge about every aspect of the organization before he'd even seen it. Once on board, Bob must have uttered those profound words: "Been there, done that" at least twenty times a day. Since Bob knew everything, he had no need to ask about anything. Bob's knowledge apparently failed him, however, when he made some simple scheduling errors which cost the company several thousand dollars. It could have all been avoided with an honest admission of ignorance and request for a little help.

Mary metamorphosis. During the interview, Mary came across as one of the sweetest and most cooperative people in America. Gosh, she was nice. After a few days on the job, she pulled off the mask. Mary was, in fact, not a nice person and she had a short fuse. Her associates were astounded by her blunt and brutal assessments. Apparently, they had been doing things wrong for years. It was a relief to everybody when Mary accepted the company's invitation to move on.

Sometimes Jim. We didn't pay much attention when Jim needed to reschedule our first interview. He was a bit late for the second interview, but he was probably tied up in traffic. On his first day of work, the power in his house went out. He didn't call until about 10:30 AM. He was very late the second day, too. He didn't show up the third day, but the fourth day went swell. On the fifth

day, Jim was late again. His manager told him that it had been a bad start and that one more absence, or tardiness in the near future would do him in. Jim acted surprised on the sixth day when after dropping by around noon, he was informed that there was no longer a spot for him.

Home Front Helen. We all felt bad about Helen's son coming down with the chickenpox and really didn't think twice about her decision to take that first afternoon off to take care of him. Of course, it was to bad about her husband's car breaking down. Naturally, she had to leave work to pick him up. Then, Helen's other daughter had to go in for dental work. We weren't prepared for Helen's announcement that she would have to leave early every Thursday to take her mother to therapy. She wasn't prepared for our announcement, either.

Above It All Alan. This fellow's credentials were absolutely impeccable and he reminded his associates about his degrees, certificates and years of experience with some frequency. While visiting a customer during his first week, Alan learned that his employer's last shipment contained a number of bad parts and would have to be sorted. Alan made it clear that he wasn't about to sink to the level of sorting parts. He had been hired for loftier tasks. Back at the office, his employer did some sorting of his own.

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**From the mailbag:** Donna writes: "My Holiday spirit took a downturn because I was downsized from a fortune 100 company. I worked there for eighteen years as an administrative assistant. What do I do next?" There's always an upside when you're upside down, so don't look at your situation as the end. Look at it as a new beginning. There are plenty of firms looking for good people. All you need to open opportunity's door is diligence in your search, a resume that shouts your skills and a good attitude that will get you through the interview process.

There are plenty of job sources out there: newspaper classified ads (print and Internet), Internet career sites, managers with whom you worked that left your old employer, family, friends, neighbors, recruiters, church groups, bowling and golf leagues, bridge partners, insurance agents, stockbrokers, etc. Use all of these resources and your job hunt will be a short, successful one. There's nothing wrong with cold-calling either. Find an office building or a commercial park near you. Dress in your best corporate blue and arm yourself with a batch of resumes and spend the day filling out applications at various businesses. The advantage to this method versus just sending in a resume is that you get to make a physi-

cal first impression, not a paper one. Chances are that you won't get to see a department head or a hiring manager on the spot, but the people you do see will remember YOU far better than a piece of paper received through the mail. These are the same people who sort through the resume piles to identify applicants. Don't dismiss temporary agencies. Most will put you to work in a day or two. While there are no guarantees, many long-term temporary assignments are really "try-before-I-buy" from an employer's standpoint. Lisa wants to let other readers know about the troubles that she's had with mailing resumes and Internet job postings. Even though she uses text format for her

resume and pastes her resume in the body of her e-mail response to job openings and judging by potential employer's requests for a fax or original, it often ends up with weird line breaks and paragraphs when received on the other end. What to do? Attaching your resume to an e-mail is not an option as far as most employers are concerned. They don't want to spend the time downloading and saving the file. There's always a potential software conflict, too. The only remedy for this situation is to send an e-mail asking for the fax number or street address; then fax the resume with a cover letter. It may take a few days longer to get your resume in front of the hiring manager, but it will look better than an e-mail version.

Lisa included her e-mail address on resumes posted on Internet career sites. She's been bombarded with unwanted e-mail from companies selling resume-writing software, career books, toys, flowers, stationery, job-finding services, etc. A quick check of ten employers using Internet sites to post job openings shows that they will contact you by phone, not e-mail if they are interested in scheduling an interview. The message? Leave your e-mail address off resumes posted on such sites unless you want to be added to e-mailing lists. If a site does require that you include your e-mail address, inquire to ensure that the e-mail list isn't being sold. If it is being sold, ask if

your e-mail address can be excluded. If not, you're sure to receive unwanted e-mail for years to come. For Your Information—Three of these employers said that they routinely post all openings on Internet career sites and their company Web sites. Seven said they post only managerial and technical openings. The message? Internet career sites and company Web sites are not one-stop listings of all job openings.

Send your comments, or questions to Jim Paulah, Career Moves, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, P.O. Box 2881, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. He can be contacted by e-mail to: careermoves@hotmail.com

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STAFF SCIENTIST/ENGINEER - BS Engineering or related field with minimum of 1 year experience. Air quality experience necessary.

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## ASK THE EXPERT Well water shouldn't mix with air

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**Q:** I recently replaced the old galvanized storage tank from my well-pumping system with one that has an air bag to separate the water from the air. Since then, whenever I turn on the water faucet, air spurts out of the spout along with the water.

**A:** In all probability, you did not remove the snifter and the drain and Y-fitting from your well system when you switched to the new tank. These valves were installed on well systems that used submersible pumps and a water storage tank with no membrane separating the water and air in the tank.

An air cushion at the top of the tank acts like a spring, and as water is pumped into the tank, the air is compressed. The compressed air forces the water from the tank to the spout. Without the air cushion, the tank is waterlogged and the pump performs as if no tank were used, wearing it out prematurely.

In a properly operating system, the pump is stopped by a pressure switch, and the snifter on the check valve opens, allowing air into the pipe. The water slug between the check valve and the drain and Y-valve drains into the well. When the pump is activated, the air slug is forced into the tank.

When a storage tank with an air bag or diaphragm is used, the water and air are separated, so it's not necessary to introduce air into the tank. Since you did not remove the snifter, every time the pump is activated a slug of air is sent into the tank. The excess air escapes when water is drawn.

Remove the snifter and see if that solves the problem. Back out the snifter with a wrench and replace it with a pipe plug. If this doesn't work, remove the drain and Y-fitting. However, because the drain and Y-fitting are 7 to 20 feet below the well's top, you may need to hire a professional well installer to remove the fitting.

## Waltonwood provides assisted living

Some people need a little help with their physical requirements as they get older. But enjoying the amenities of good living in fresh, bright, new surroundings with a sense of security remains a high priority.

One option is Waltonwood of Royal Oak, an assisted living apartment residence under construction on 13 Mile just west of Woodward.

The three-story structure, built and operated by Singh Development, will house 82 furnished units - 65 studios, 17 one-bedrooms. All apartments contain a small refrigerator, shower with seat and air conditioning.

Three daily meals are included with the rent, as is daily apartment spruce-up and weekly laundry service and apartment clean-up.

A hair salon, library, small convenience store, parlor with fireplace, TV room/chapel, exercise room, hobby/craft room and private dining room also will be available for tenants.

It will be fairly expensive to live at Waltonwood of Royal Oak. Rents range from \$3,595 per month for a studio unit of about 340 square feet to \$4,495 monthly for a one-bedroom of nearly 500 square feet.

March occupancy is anticipated. Assisted living is somewhere between total independence and a nursing home.

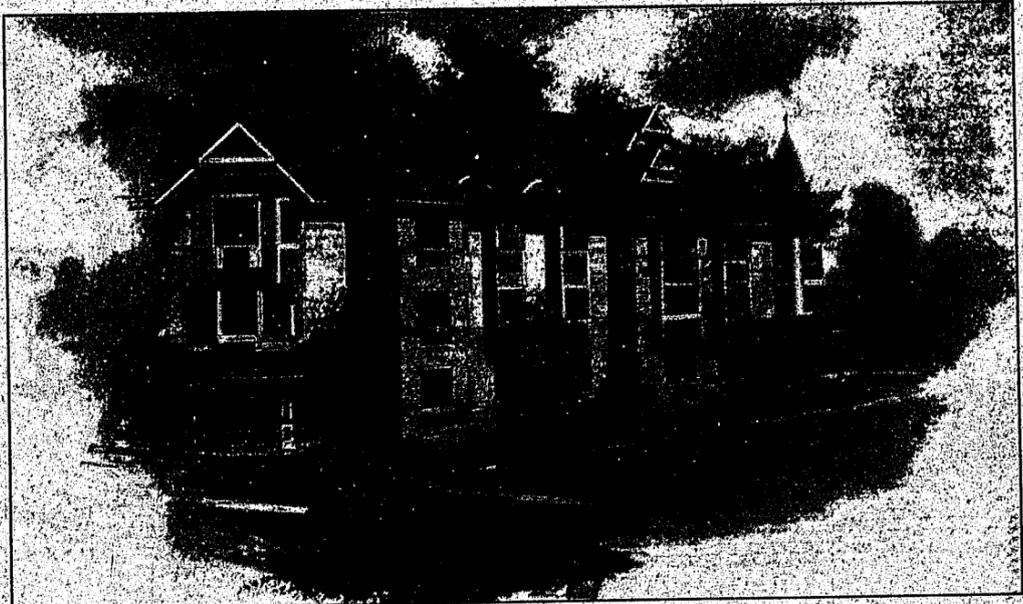
"It's for people who need help getting dressed in the morning, may need help with mobility, taking medication," said Kelli A. Meyer, marketing director. "Not all of those, necessarily. It's an alternative to going to a nursing home for custodial care."

"If a person can't transfer on their own from a chair or bed, that's mostly a nursing home situation," she said. "We don't take Alzheimer's patients."

Prospective tenants must submit a form as to their physical capabilities from their doctors during the application process. Most residents will be widows or widowers in their mid 80s, Meyer projected.

"We come at this a little differently," said G. Michael Kahm, vice president for Singh. "We're primarily a residential developer. We wanted to make this home. Not only some place for someone to care for you, but your home. Not only is your room home, but all the common areas, too."

Waltonwood of Royal Oak presents a welcoming appearance from the outside with its angles, roof lines, decorative



**Assisted living:** Singh Development, which has built a couple of assisted living centers in suburban Detroit, has another under construction in Royal Oak.

cupolas, plenty of windows, columns and white picket fence.

"It's warm and cozy," Kahm said. "We were trying to make it look like an old Victorian hotel. I hope we achieved it."

A circular staircase sets an elegant tone in the lobby/reception area. "We wanted to achieve a grand entrance," Kahm said.

Splashes of pink, green and red add color to the extra-wide corridors. All of the furnished units will feature lever-type faucets and door handles, grab bars in the shower and at the toilet, and emergency pull cords in the bathroom and main living area.

Mini refrigerators will be included. Residents can also bring in microwaves and all of their own furniture, for that matter, if they so desire.

A package shelf will be outside every door. Several entrees will be offered at meals.

"I think we're just trying to provide a very dignified way of living for reason-

ably independent people," Kahm said. "When you get to that point, this is still a place to come to be happy, enjoy life and have things taken care of for you."

A nurse will be on-duty during business hours, aides around the clock. An activities director also will be on staff.

Waltonwood of Royal Oak has good access from Woodward and 13 Mile for visitors. The location is also great for people-watching, with a large shopping center, a park, high school and Beaumont Hospital nearby.

"We notice people love to watch what's going on outside," Kahm said.

Elaine Lamb has made a reservation for her mother at Waltonwood of Royal Oak.

"She lives in the area. She would be familiar with the territory," Lamb said. "I like the privacy. Each one has their own one-room apartment. They also take care of needs she has - meals, medication, help dressing."

Singh has built other assisted living residences in Canton and Rochester Hills. Siegal/Tuomaala of Farmington



Hills has been the architect for all, including Waltonwood of Royal Oak. Debbie Auer, now affiliated with a Chicago firm, the interior designer.

The leasing office at Waltonwood of Royal Oak, (248) 549-6400, is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 5 p.m. Sundays and by appointment.

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## \$199,900...on the Golf Course

### OPEN HOUSES OF THE WEEK

## Welcome to Windridge Northville Township

**OPEN DAILY and SUNDAY Noon to 5:30**  
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Families love coming home to WindRidge, a fresh new community offering the area's best new homes plus the highly regarded quality of life found in Northville Township.

At WindRidge, eight innovative floor plans artfully blend traditional styling with the best new contemporary concepts for homes that accommodate today's multi-faceted lifestyles. Three and four bedroom designs feature all the extras families want. Rooms for formal and informal living, spacious kitchens and sun-filled breakfast nooks, family rooms with fireplaces and soaring ceilings, and private master suites with luxurious baths.

Custom building and personalized changes are welcome.

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Brentwood offers five floor plans with generous amenities, including two first floor master plans and three traditional colonial floor plans, ranging up to 3000 sq. ft. Available features include wood and walkout sites, dramatic two story great rooms and foyers, formal living and dining rooms and family rooms with a wood burn-

ing fireplace. Ceramic or hardwood floors are standard in the foyer and powder room and ceramic floors in the master bath and main bath.

Brentwood has two homes available for immediate occupancy including a traditional four bedroom colonial priced at \$289,900 located on the 8th fairway with 3 car garage, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, and a gourmet kitchen with custom wood cabinets and an island. The second available home is a first floor master priced at \$229,900 located on the 7th hole, with a spacious two-story great room, three-bedroom loft, and magnificent master bath with Jacuzzi tub.

For sales information contact Bill French at (248) 685-1990 Sales Office Model Open Daily 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment. Brokers and agents welcome.

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### S.R. JACOBSON

# Plan shows big garage, lots of gathering room

Four front gables draw eyes to the Valemont, a midsize contemporary-style home with an expansive three-car garage and plenty of space to spread out.

The entire main floor (excepting the utility room and powder room) is devoted to gathering spaces. Families who like to entertain will appreciate the many options, as will those whose relaxation needs are varied.

In the foyer, a plant shelf is illuminated by a high window above. The hallway ahead is open to the second floor. Rooms to the right are vaulted and generously windowed. The den

is in an ideal location for a home office.

Living room and dining room flow together and are open to the hallway that skirts an open staircase winding up to the left. Graceful columns support a plant shelf here that defines the boundary between living room and dining room.

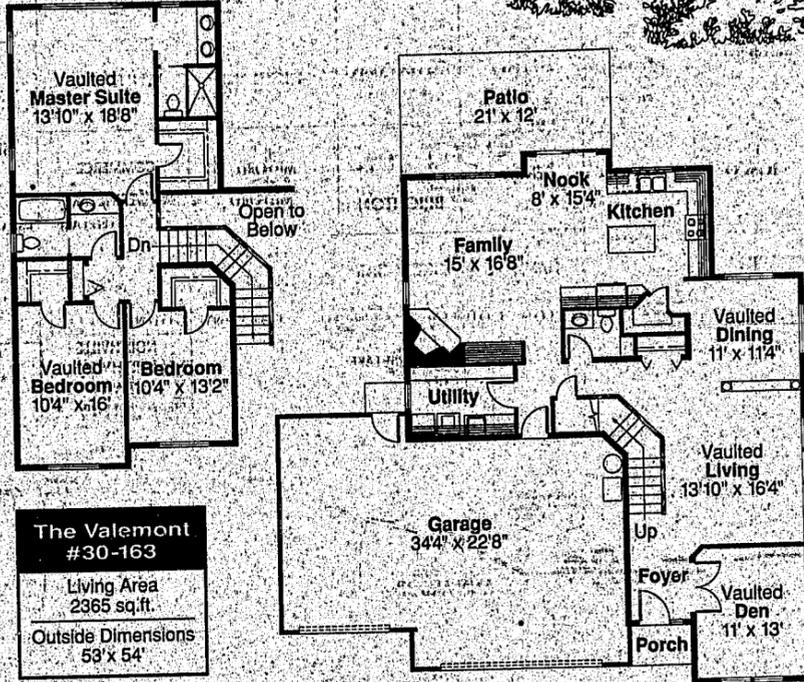
Informed rooms fill the rear. Family room, nook and kitchen are all of a piece and rich in natural light. In the family room, a gas fireplace and home entertainment center nestle into the corner and wall furthest from the windows. Sliders in a rectangular bay expand the nook and provide

patio access.

The large kitchen offers abundant storage and counter space, including a step-in pantry and central work island. A built-in desk next to the refrigerator is handy for managing the complexities of a modern household.

Upstairs, vaulted ceilings expand the volume of the Valemont's master suite and front bedroom. All three bedrooms have walk-in closets.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$15 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, Ore. 97402.



**The Valemont #30-163**  
Living Area 2365 sq. ft.  
Outside Dimensions 53' x 54'

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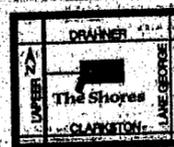
## MSHDA provides housing answers on Web

Answers to affordable housing and rental questions and other housing issues are just a click away according to Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) officials who announced that its Web site is online and ready for public visitation. The address is [www.mshda.org](http://www.mshda.org). If you are a prospective home-buyer, renter, developer, lender, nonprofit organization, local government official, or just curious about housing issues, visit the Web site for more detailed information. Though the site is still in the building stages, information about MSHDA's various affordable housing programs is available as well as help in buying that first home, qualifications and income limits, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, local lender lists, grant and award programs, information on homelessness, and much more.

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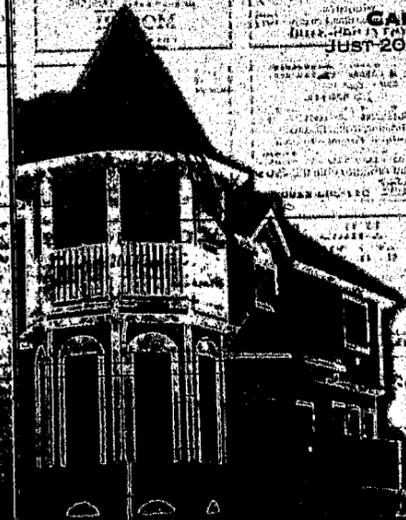
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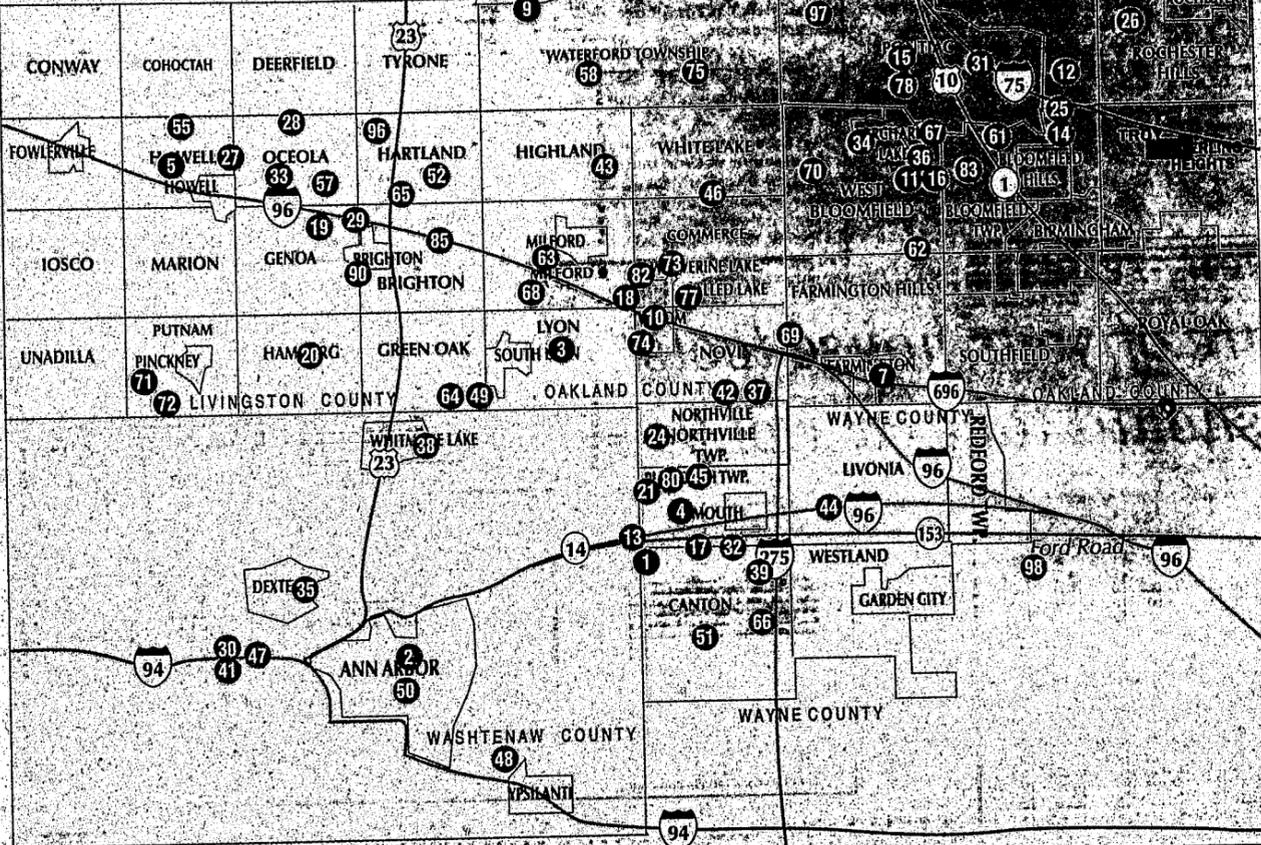


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# Winterize your bedroom, too

There are many good things to look forward to during winter but bedrooms that are either frigid or swelteringly overheated are certainly not among them.

"We spend more time in the bedroom than in any other room in our homes," said Connie Carlson, a sleep-comfort specialist.

"Yet, while we winterize our cars every year, we often neglect to do the little it takes to turn out bedrooms into inviting centers of comfort and pleasure when temperatures begin to plummet and winds start to howl," she added.

Carlson, who works for the Company Store, manufacturer of down comforters, pillows and featherbeds, suggests these easy steps to winterize your bedroom for maximum enjoyment during the long nights ahead:

■ Sleep snugly under a down comforter.

"Comforter is a most descriptive and appropriate name. It's the best bedroom comfort invest-

ment you can make," Carlson said.

She agrees with Cornell University's Dr. James B. Maas, a leading sleep researcher, who advises, "The ideal temperature for sleeping is about 65 degrees Fahrenheit."

"If it gets too warm or too cold, your total sleep time may be reduced," he said. "A hot bedroom, or too many blankets and bedclothes may disturb sleep and even induce nightmares; you're more likely to wake up in a sweat."

That, Carlson says, helps explain the huge popularity of down comforters. "It gently regulates sleeping comfort by retaining the body's natural warmth, while it allows air to flow through and moisture to escape."

A quality down comforter provides gentle, cloud-like comfort and avoids oppressive layers of heavy wool blankets and bulky quilts. "Down is, literally, lighter

than a feather," Carlson said.

■ Soft cotton flannel bedding is worth its weight in warmth. Available in a potpourri of fashionable and colorful prints, solids and fashion motifs brighten the bedroom and make you feel warm all over.

In fact, says Carlson, both texture and color can make a bedroom look warmer. Among the "warm" flannel colors she suggests are evergreen, mocha, apple, lilac and blue-green plaid and confetti plaid (a vivid Madras plaid, refreshed with hot pink, orange, red and yellow).

■ Have you ever slept on a featherbed? Sleeping on a featherbed is like sleeping on a giant pillow as long and wide as your mattress.

A plump down featherbed, placed directly on top of your mattress, and covered by a fitted sheet, cradles your entire body in an additional layer of warm, luxurious softness.

"Featherbeds have been popu-

lar throughout Europe for years," Carlson said, "and judging from Company Store sales, they are appearing in many more American bedrooms."

■ Big, luxurious down and down and feather pillows relax and align your neck and spine to help you fall asleep quickly, sleep through the night and awake refreshed.

In addition, there are a large variety of specialty pillows, including pillows designed for reading and for just relaxing, as well as accent pillows for added style and comfort.

The latest Company Store catalog is full of quality furnishings to winterize and decorate your bedroom.

For a free copy of the catalog, or to discuss winter bedroom warmth and comfort needs with a knowledgeable Company Store customer representative, call toll-free at (800) 285-8696. The Web address is <http://www.the-companystore.com>

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## When you take care of your house tools, your house tools should take care of you

By READERS DIGEST BOOKS FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

Here are some tips to help you keep track of your tools, making it easier to carry them to the job and store them in your workshop.

■ Keep tools organized the tried-and-true way. Mount a sheet of perforated hardboard on a frame of 1-by-2s and screw it to your workshop wall.

Then position your tools and put hooks or pegs of the appropriate sizes in place. Paint an outline of each tool on the hardboard to remind you and others where to replace it.

■ To make a handy rack for screwdrivers, drill a series of three-eighth-inch holes through a 1-by-3. Mount the rack on the wall with angle brackets.

■ Need a storage receptacle for sharp or pointed tools? Cut a

block of plastic styrene foam from the packing material in an appliance carton. Just shove the tools into the block.

■ Before lending a tool, write your name on a stick-on label and affix it to the handle. Or paint your initials or engrave your name on it. This will remind the borrower to return the tool when the job is done.

■ If you're working with a partner on a job and are using similar tools, code them with colored tape so there'll be no mix-ups at the end of the day. Using reflective tape is an added advantage. A mislaid tool is easier to spot by day and, with a flashlight, at night.

■ Use magnets to hold your favorite flat tools, such as wrenches and pliers, against the inside lid of your toolbox. Purchase magnets of various sizes

and of sufficient strength to hold the tools. Hot-glue the magnets to the inside lid.

■ Line the bottom of your toolbox with felt or scrap carpeting. The padding will protect the tools and help reduce noise when you handle them.

■ One way to keep air in your toolbox dry and avoid rust on your tools is to drop in some packets of silica gel, sold at hardware stores and craft shops. It's also available free in the packing of many new products.

Once the silica gel becomes saturated, renew the packets by placing them near a lighted 60-watt bulb for 15 minutes.

■ Keep a duplicate set of your favorite and most-used hand tools in an old lunch box, in a place other than your workshop. Having the right tools close at hand may keep you from putting

off needed repairs.

■ Use small empty cans or short lengths of 2-inch plastic pipe to transform the deep, wide pockets of a nail pouch apron into a convenient tote for tools.

Remove the tops and bottoms from cans. Glue or tape the cylinders together to keep them from shifting around and slip them into the pouches to create dividers.

■ Turn an empty 5-gallon plastic bucket into a handy tool hauler by fitting it with a sturdy nylon boot belt specially designed to fit these buckets.

The belts are available at hardware stores and home centers, and most come in either a 10-pocket wraparound model or a 14-pocket foldover style. Even when filled, both versions leave plenty of room in the bucket for storing larger tools.

## Painting: an inexpensive, effective way to make over kitchen

(NAPS) - America's homeowners love to redecorate, and one of their favorite rooms to make over is the kitchen.

Although kitchen redecorating can be expensive, it need not be expensive. Changing a kitchen's

color scheme and decor can give the room a sunnier look, make it a pleasant room to spend time in and improve the resale value of your home.

An easy and inexpensive way to brighten a kitchen's color

scheme is with paint. With new technology paint is now a serious option for do-it-yourself home decorators with an eye for quality.

That's because today's paint allows do-it-yourselfers to apply on an even coat, without leaving brush marks.

Giving cabinets a face-lift with paint costs less than \$100, while some comparable procedures may cost thousands.

Be sure to use the right type of paint. Acrylic cabinet and furniture satin enamel paints are best on bathroom cabinets, shelving and furniture. They are suitable for use on metal, new wood or for painted, polyurethaned or varnished wood, furniture, wood work, doors, toys and other interior applications.

Since these paints are water-based, there's very little of the obnoxious odor that has in the

past discouraged homeowners from trying such a do-it-yourself job. That means the job can basically be done in any season, since the room will require only minimal airing out.

A water-based formula also makes the job easier. No priming is required; it dries quickly and cleans up easily with soap and water. Brightening up your cabinets with paint becomes an easy weekend job.

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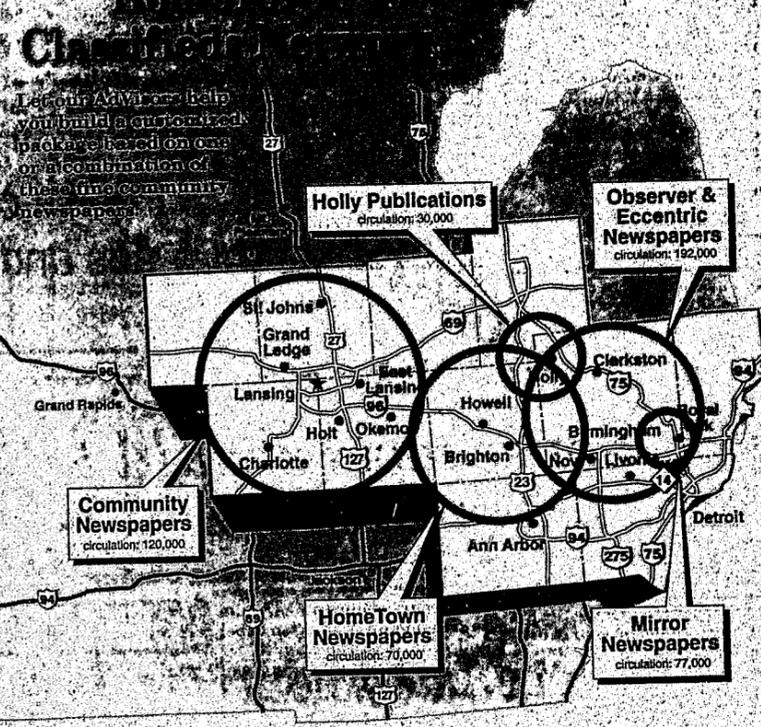
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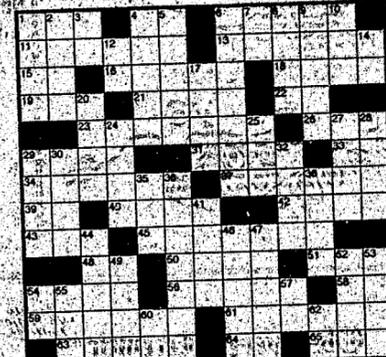
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