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Where can you find out everything you've always wanted to know about Clarkston history?

Well, you could go to the Independence Township Library and visit the Heritage Room and view the great collection of artifacts on display, or you could purchase any of the three terrific books published by the Clarkston Community Historical Society.

But the newest and simplest way to learn about Clarkston history is to visit the Clarkston Historical Society's new Internet web site. This exciting and fascinating new site has it all — activities for adults and children, information about the society, a history of Clarkston and Independence Township, and much more.

The kids will love the story about Chief Sasabaw, just one of three stories available this month. Need to do some shopping? Visit the merchandise section and send in your order. How much do you really know about your town? Take the interactive history quiz and find out.

If you're an artist or an art collector, the section on the annual Crafts and Cider Festival will be just what you're looking for. There are even photos to browse through and links to many other history-related sites.

Now that you've heard all about it, you'll want the address. You can find the Clarkston Community Historical Society web page at <http://www.clarkstonhistorical.com>. Be sure to send the society an e-mail message with your opinions on the web page. You can also get membership information right on line.

Anyone interested in joining the Historical Society who is unable to visit the web site can write to P.O. Box 261, Clarkston, MI 48347, or call (248) 625-2499.

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



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M-15 land on way to office zoning



■ The Independence Township Board on Tuesday took the next step toward rezoning land along M-15 north of I-75 from commercial to office, even though some thought the action violated the property owners' rights.

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Sixteen parcels of vacant land on M-15 north of I-75 are on their way to being uniformly zoned office, despite objections that the rights of the property owners are being violated.

Fifteen of the properties are currently zoned commercial, which property

owners say commands a higher selling price.

The rezoning changes the corridor to Office Service One (OS-1) and Office Service Two (OS-2) zones.

The properties in question involve 12 parcels on the west side of M-15 to just north of Cranberry Lake Road and four on the east side of M-15 to Cranberry Lake Road. Fifteen parcels currently are zoned C-3 (highway commercial), A

portion of one has a motor service zoning. The 16th is zoned Single Family Residential (R-1A).

The Independence Township Board Tuesday night approved the second reading and adoption of the rezoning for what's known as the M-15 Corridor. Each parcel was voted on individually. Trustee Neil Wallace, who supported rezoning the properties, voted against those being rezoned to OS-2. He said all should be OS-1.

Jeff McGee voted against rezoning 15 of the 16 pieces. The only one he approved was changing the R-1A to OS-2. This acreage is next to I-75 and isn't, he believes, suitable for single

family homes.

Township treasurer Jim Wenger was not at the meeting. McGee said he couldn't be at the special meetings April 15 of both the Planning Commission and the township board when the PC recommended the board adopt the rezonings. He explained he differs as to the opinion of the board to downsizing already existing zonings.

"I don't believe it is our right to downsize a person's property," he said.

Trustee Larry Rosso said he believes the board does the best it can to represent the community. "We do represent

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STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Weatherman: Dennis Dixon of Independence Township is a meteorologist at the National Weather Service office on White Lake Road.

Weather watchers

Local meteorologists keep eye on storms

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The weather system that created a deadly tornado which ravaged sections of Oklahoma City Monday could have caused more destruction had it not been for warnings from the National Weather Service (NWS).

The NWS is the organization responsible for weather reports ranging from daily reports to severe weather warnings of impending tornadoes, storms, flash floods and other hazards broadcast over radio and television stations and in newspapers.

Luckily for the Clarkston area, there's a National Weather Service office in our backyard. There aren't any road signs announcing its location. The only way one can spot it is by the two futuristic-looking domes high in the air. The one that resembles a huge cracked ball is the Doppler radar station. The other one is the launch tower

for the weather balloons released into the atmosphere twice a day.

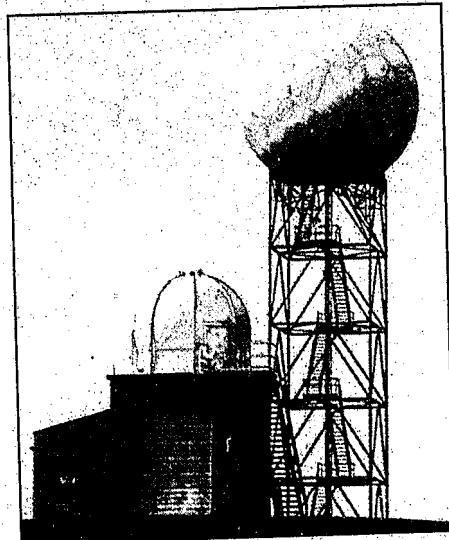
NWS falls under the aegis of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Housed inside the one-story, plain-looking brick building are the meteorologists who watch the weather for the local area, the state and the world 24 hours a day.

The staff consists of 25 professionals, including operational meteorologists, hydro-meteorology technicians/interns, electronic technicians, the meteorologist-in-charge, a scientific and operations officer, a warning and coordination meteorologist and a secretary.

One of these professionals is Dennis Dixon, who lives in Independence Township. He and his wife, Cindy, and two sons moved here in June 1992. He did work at the Ann Arbor NWS but knew it was consolidating with the Detroit and

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Instruments: The 100-foot-high Doppler radar station tower and the weather balloon inflation shelter are attention-grabbers at the National Weather Station.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Virtual learning: Kim Humphreys and Andreas Engel work on a computer at Oakland County's "Virtual Trade Mission," a three day international business exercise held at Clarkston High School.

CHS students explore electronic marketplace

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

They survived by the clicker on their mouse pads. But they said they'd gladly do it again.

About 35 Clarkston High School students plunged into the choppy waters of simulated global marketing last week as CHS hosted Oakland County's first "Virtual Trade Mission" from Thursday to Saturday.

The three-day international business exercise for students — which teamed Clarkston's contingent with 45 pupils from the International Academy, Fern-

dale High and Pontiac Central High schools — was spearheaded by CHS teachers Melissa Kentner White, Elisa Hopper, Bryan Ray and Barb Rice.

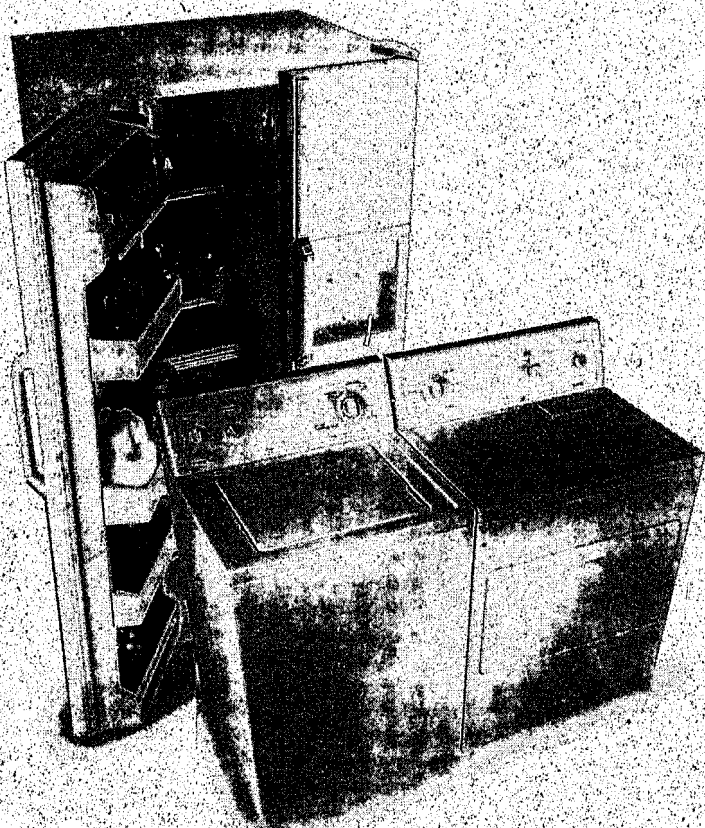
Along with those instructors, teachers from the other three high schools, officials from Oakland Schools and Oakland County, and representatives of international businesses in Oakland County worked together to immerse students in global exporting.

As a result of those efforts, pupils gained the opportunity to hear from a variety of international business

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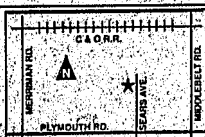
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Flint offices to this area.

Dixon is a meteorologist. His job is weather forecasting.

"Our primary mission is for preservation of life and property for Southeast Michigan," he explained. "Our office is responsible for forecasts for 17 counties from Saginaw and Bad Ax and south of here."

Routine work is doing seven-day forecasts and weather warnings for those areas. These are used by all media and the NWS radio frequency (K1H-29/162.475 MHz Flint).

"When there aren't any warning situations, we're concerned with preparation and updating forecasts," Dixon said. "To do that, we utilize all data input. That includes thousands of facts coming in. We're screening them, seeing what's going on in the immediate area and upstream from us. We take information from data we get from models and translate that into information on what the forecast is going to be."

One person on each shift monitors aviation forecasts for Detroit Metropolitan, Detroit City, Flint Bishop and Tri-Cities airports.

"These people rely on this information for decisions about when to fly and alternate locations to use if necessary," Dixon said.

They also issue marine forecasts and warnings for Lake Huron, Lake St. Clair and the Lake Erie waters within five nautical miles of Michigan.

One thing the meteorologist doesn't do is make long-range forecasts.

"It's hard enough to be accurate with seven-day forecasts," he said.

Dixon's love for tracking weather patterns developed from growing up, he said, in rural southern Michigan. Several of his relatives were farmers and many told old wives tales about the weather.

"It was interesting to me because many of these seemed to be accurate. I had a natural bent in math and science so I decided to pursue meteorology," he explained.

"I love this job because I'm always figuring things out. The science has evolved so much; the changes are staggering. We can learn a lot more today with the computer data than ever before."

About 220 people got to see exactly what goes on at the NWS location Saturday when it sponsored its open house. They got to see the new computer system, Advanced Weather Interactive Processing Systems (AWIPS).

They watched weather balloons be released into the atmosphere, something that's done twice a day, at the same time other weather balloons are released around the world. That allows scientists to share information about weather based on the same-time statistics.

The weather balloons give a three-dimensional view of the atmosphere so scientists can track the weather.

The visitors also learned about the station's Internet address, which Dean Gulezian, meteorologist in charge, said gets about 2,000 hits a day.

"The website has so much information on it. It's really a great thing to check out. People can get all types of weather-related information from forecasts to information on El Nino and La Nina," Dixon said. He even uses the Internet from home to get weather forecasts.

Dixon pointed out that just because the NWS issues a weather warning, it doesn't tell communities how to respond.

"We put out the forecasts. First, it's up to the media people to decide how to use the forecasts. They can either use it as they get it from us, enhance it, ditch it or do their own research."

Then it's up to each community to decide how to respond to it — should it set off its warning signal or not.

"We just issue the warnings. That's all we can do," stressed Gulezian, who lives in Farmington Hills.

The local NWS issued the prediction four days in advance about the snowstorm that stranded hundreds of airline travelers at Detroit Metropolitan Airport during New Year's Day weekend.

Dixon called it a very healthy snowstorm with brief blizzard conditions.

He said the reason it was so devastating is because southeast Michigan hadn't had any large snowstorms in past years.

"That storm would have been nothing for the west side of the

Weathering
the storm

As the season of potentially severe weather begins, Clarkston residents should plan ahead for coming storms.

The National Weather Service suggests preparing for tornadoes by having frequent Family Disaster Plan drills, knowing the county in which you live, keeping a highway map on hand to follow storm movement, and listening to radio and television warnings.

Also, check your emergency supplies kit regularly. This should include a three-day supply of water and food that won't spoil, fresh clothing and footwear for each family member, a blanket or sleeping bag per person, a first-aid kit with prescription medicines, emergency tools, a battery-powered National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio, a portable radio, flashlight, extra batteries, extra car keys and cash and any special items needed for family members.

Understanding the language of weather can keep people informed and ready for unexpected natural occurrences.

■ Tornado Watch — The potential for tornadoes exists.

■ Tornado Warning — A tornado is either reported or detected by National Weather Service radar.

Once a warning is issued, move to a shelter or basement area for safety. If one is not available, stay in an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture. Stay away from windows and get out of automobiles and mobile homes. If caught outside, or in a vehicle, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression in the land.

Most deaths and injuries caused by tornadoes are related to flying debris.

Michigan weather also offers its share of thunderstorms and lightning in the spring. To avoid being caught in severe weather, NWS suggests checking the forecast before spending extended periods of time outdoors. Keep an eye out for coming storms and listen to radio information. Check on others who may have trouble taking shelter. If severe weather threatens.

Know what watches and warnings mean to you:

■ Severe Thunderstorm Watch — The potential for severe thunderstorms exists. Severe thunderstorms are those capable of producing winds equaling or exceeding 58 mph and/or hail equaling or exceeding three-fourths of an inch in diameter.

■ Severe Thunderstorm Warning — Severe thunderstorms are occurring or imminent.

When thunderstorms approach the area, NWS reminds residents to seek shelter. According to NWS literature, if a person can hear thunder, that person is close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. To avoid danger, move to a sturdy shelter or hard-top automobile with the windows closed. Stay away from small sheds, isolated trees, boats and water. Because telephone lines and metal pipes conduct electricity, unplugging appliances is necessary. Avoid taking baths or showers during the storm.

If caught outside during a storm, find a low spot away from trees, fences and poles. If you feel your skin begin to tingle or hair stand on end, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Make yourself the smallest possible target and try to minimize your contact with the ground.

For more information, contact NWS, located at 9200 White Lake Road, White Lake, Mich. 48386. Call during office hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, at (248) 620-9804.

For weather updates, contact Flint Information at (248) 625-4542 or Detroit Information at (248) 620-2355. Visit the NWS Web site at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dtx/start.htm>.

—Compiled by Stephanie Angelyn Casola

state," he said.

There are 10 NWS stations in Michigan. Gulezian said the White Lake Road location was chosen because it met several criteria: It's located within 35 miles of a defense location (Selfridge Air Force Base), on one of the highest sites in the area and on 10 acres of vacant property.



The knee bone ... Kenwood Hoben examines the human skeleton-like form at Celebrating Science in America.



One-of-a-kind: Colton Kennedy looks at the results of his tie-dyed shirt.



This is science? Springfield Plains Elementary student Lindsey Fugitt enjoys looking around the DaimlerChrysler concept car, the "Prowler."

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston April 29-May 2.

Springfield Police

Thefts
A canoe was reported stolen from a King Road residence. It was stored behind two other boats last fall, near the water.

Independence Police

Thefts
On April 28, a license plate was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway.

On April 30, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Tahoe Court.

On April 30, about 15 compact discs were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Sun Valley Court.

On April 30, about 30 compact discs were reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked on Aspen Court.

Drunken driving

On April 30, an 18-year-old Clarkston man was pulled over on Mann Road for erratic driving around 2:30 a.m. Reports showed the man's blood alcohol content was 0.101. He was

arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and taken to Oakland County Jail for detoxification.

Vandalism

On April 30, the rear window of a vehicle parked on Lake Waldon Drive was reported smashed.

On May 1, a mailbox on Ellis Road was reportedly pulled out of the ground.

On May 2, a door was reported broken and residence on Spring Meadow Drive entered. Nothing has been reported stolen at this time.

Motorcycle accident

On April 30, a Clarkston woman riding a 1980 Yamaha motorcycle was attempting to make a left-hand turn from Clintonville Road into a parking lot at the Alano Club, when the driver of another vehicle passed her on the left, according to reports. She was struck by the vehicle and taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for non-incapacitating injuries. Independence Fire was also on the scene. The 37-year-old woman has since been released.

Suspicious circumstances

On April 30, a black hand gun and three sets of handcuffs were reportedly found in a field on Bitterbush. The items

appeared to be burned.

Independence Fire

Between April 29-May 2, firefighters responded to 22 calls. Among them were 11 medical calls, three vehicle fires, three personal-injury accidents and one grass fire.

Clarkston Police

Drunken driving

On May 2, police stopped a 27-year-old Lapeer woman for erratic driving on Main Street near Clarkston Road. According to police, the woman was found to be driving under the influence of liquor. Her blood alcohol level was 0.16 at 4:15 a.m. She was lodged in Oakland County Jail and will be arraigned on O.U.I.L. charges May 11 in 52-2 District Court.

Obstruction of justice

On May 3, a Clarkston woman was arraigned before Magistrate Thomas Ragusa at 52-2 District Court on charges of obstruction of justice by disguise, or giving a false name to police officials. According to Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston, the woman pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 10 days in Oakland County Jail.



The real thing: Paleontologist Monica Daukas talks to Springfield Plains Elementary students about fossils and bones.

Springfield Plains gets scientific

Students at Springfield Plains Elementary School scurried out of their classrooms April 27 and into a hands-on experience and a close-up look at all facets of science.

The Festival of Science was held during the school day and gave children a chance to experience workshops that focused on everything from the zoology of live bats to the chemistry of tie-dye. The scientific theme dovetailed with the school's 1999 theme, "America the Beautiful."

Students chose to attend three workshops out of more than 15 choices, and went to three large assemblies: Bats, Dr. Zeemo and Chautauqua Express. The kids also enjoyed a picnic lunch during the afternoon.

"It's a real hands-on day," said Mickey Ginn, coordinator and member of the PTA. "It's a different kind of learning. They experience a lot of dif-

ferent professions. They're totally immersed in it." Whether the children were being introduced to pet turtles or tie-dyeing men's handkerchiefs, they spent the day learning. Students from Clarkston High School joined in to teach the elementary school children how to make gak, a substance similar to Silly Putty. Other workshops included topics like first aid, bones, drugs and the body, sound waves and a star lab.

The children were really excited about the festival, a yearly event which has a different theme each time, Ginn said. This was one of the largest years for the festival, with more than 700 students at the school.

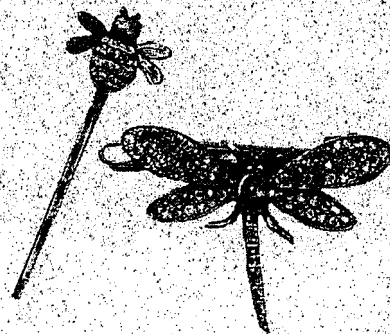
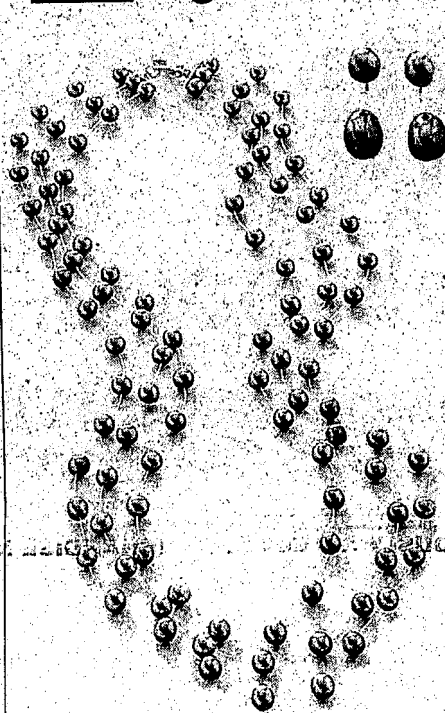
Ginn and other organizers began planning the event in December.

About 50 parents volunteered and ran workshops at the all-day event.



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CHS may score some new sports

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

They aren't quite ready for chicks with sticks (a girls' lacrosse team).

But Clarkston's school board will likely add varsity boys' and girls' swimming, varsity girls' golf, ninth-grade boys' and girls' soccer, and middle school lightweight football to the Clarkston schools' athletic program next year.

Along with those additions, varsity hockey is expected to become a district-funded sport. (Hockey has operated at CHS for the past three years on a self-funded, probationary status.)

Trustees discussed increasing equity and student participation in sports at a special workshop Monday night. At the end of the session, they said they planned to vote on hockey and the new sports at their May 10 board meeting.

Dan Fife, the district's athletic director, presented board members with an itemized overview of the athletic program at the beginning of the workshop. Referring to the recent events at Colorado's Columbine High School, Fife told trustees that "people, more than ever, are feeling accountable." He said adults

needed to try harder to involve all teenage students in the high school activity mainstream.

He pointed out that at CHS, athletics accounts for approximately 700 students. Marching band draws 300 pupils. Theater involves another 200. And clubs and organizations include about 300 students.

"We're talking about 1,500 kids who are accounted for and monitored among our staff at Clarkston," Fife said. "But if we talk about having approximately 2,000 students in our high school, there are about 500 kids that are not accounted for by an adult in some way, shape or form. And that's what we're trying to work towards — involving as many kids as possible."

Fife said the proposed new sports — boys' and girls' swimming, hockey and girls' golf — would attract students who don't already participate in other sports. And the recommended additions to existing programs — freshman boys' and girls' soccer and middle school lightweight football — would do the same.

The athletic director said Clarkston's soccer expansion won't stop at ninth-grade. He expects the district to adopt a middle school soccer program

within the next few years.

Fife added that lightweight football at the middle school level — for boys who weigh less than 125 pounds — would give more students a chance to play that high-interest sport.

Fife also predicted that Clarkston will likely consider two growing female sports in the future.

"Girls' hockey and girls' lacrosse are coming into the high schools," he said.

On the issue of increased equity in athletics, Fife suggested that hockey be adopted as a district-funded varsity sport. He reminded the board that hockey parents had kept their three-year commitment to pay for the sport.

The athletic director projected the annual cost of funding the hockey team to run between \$26,000-\$30,000 a year. About 22 CHS students participate.

Board members seemed to agree that the district should pay for hockey's core expenses next year — ice time (a \$16,000 chunk of the overall hockey budget), player's uniforms, bus transportation to games and game-related fees.

However, trustees also said they wanted to increase equity

across all Clarkston sports. In that effort, board members asked Fife to furnish them with a breakdown of core needs for every existing athletic endeavor.

Board vice-president Karen Foyteck expressed concern about future district funding for cheerleading and pom-pom uniforms, however. Currently, that clothing is not paid for by the schools.

"I have been told that the cheerleaders and pom-pom girls get together and look at catalogues and they decide how many pieces are going to be in their (athletic) wardrobes and what those pieces are going to be," Foyteck said. "If that's true, we don't allow any other athletes to do this."

Foyteck remarked that she expected the cheerleading and pom-pom groups to separate their wants from their needs.

Then a larger question arose. Trustee Mary Ellen McLean asked Fife if pom-pom should be considered a sport if it isn't treated or funded like a sport.

"To be honest with you," Fife responded, "our pom-pom team probably shouldn't be connected with athletics. It should be more like a band or a club. And if I offend someone, I don't mean to. But I agree with you."

Cement spill stops traffic

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Drivers along Dixie Highway experienced a sticky situation the morning of April 28 when spilled cement stopped vehicles in their tracks.

On April 28, a passing cement truck lost some of its load along Dixie Highway, tying morning traffic into the mix of a road hazard situation. Though no property damage or personal injury resulted from the incident, traffic was stopped for about an hour and a half, said Deputy Mark Darbe of the Independence Township substation for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

The concrete mixer truck was traveling southbound along Dixie Highway between White Lake and Ortonville roads around 10 a.m. when a passing vehicle caused the truck to

make an immediate stop, police said.

Darbe, who spoke with the driver of the truck, said a white pickup truck, driving in the right lane on southbound Dixie Highway, allegedly cut in front of the cement mixer truck and stopped quickly in the left lane to make a turn.

"Because the car stopped on an angle, he had to slam on the brakes," said Darbe. "When a truck like that has to stop so fast, the load shifts."

Lt. Dale LaBar of the Independence Township substation said the cement covered two driving lanes on Dixie Highway.

The Road Commission for Oakland County supplied assistance to scrape the cement from the roadway. The Independence Fire Department was later called in to wash down the area.

By 11:30 a.m. traffic was able to continue as usual.

School retirees to be honored

Clarkston Community Schools will host its annual Retirement Dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 28, in Deer Lake Athletic Club.

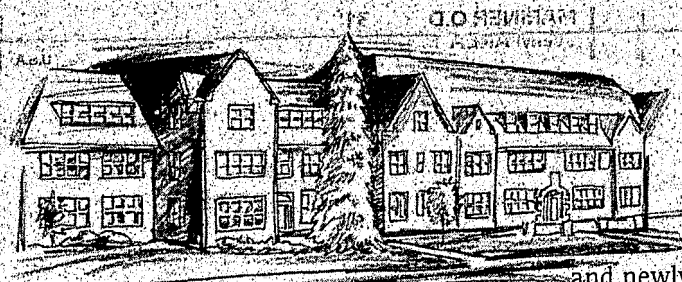
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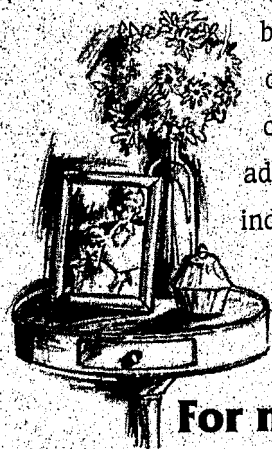
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■ 'There are some news people who have switched to sports, but I don't know many sports people who have switched to news....'



Steve Garagiola

ing for Channel 4 — followed by the ambition to try his hand at news reporting. The Olympics assignment brought that to fruition. Although he has achieved that career goal, he still keeps his finger in the sports pie on occasion, filling in as anchor on Sports Final Edition on Sunday nights if there is a staff shortage. "It's the best of both worlds," he said.

Big switch: TV's Steve Garagiola attempts to cross that line between sports, news

BY LARRY PALADINO
STAFF WRITER
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Television sports broadcasting might seem like the ideal job to some — covering the fun and games of big-time teams, meeting the stars and getting TV exposure before millions of viewers.

But it wasn't quite fulfilling enough for Bloomfield Township resident Steve Garagiola. Although he successfully followed in the footsteps of his famous sports broadcasting father, Joe, he determined that there were a lot more important things going on than what he was reporting "in the toy department" at WDIV-TV in Detroit.

"I was lobbying to get out of sports because I wanted to branch out, but they were skeptical," he said, during an interview on the field at Tiger Stadium before this year's home baseball opener, the last one at the old ballpark.

He was covering the game for NBC affiliate WDIV-TV, Channel 4, as a news reporter, rather than in the sports reporter role

that had been his until late 1996.

"I love it because it's a bigger world," he said of the switch. "Stories are different because the stakes are higher."

Opportunity knocks

The stakes certainly were higher when he was on assignment at the 1996 summer Olympics in Atlanta — as a sports reporter. But when the park bomber struck, Garagiola found himself thrust into the role of a news reporter.

"They said, 'OK, you can do this,'" he said. "Your heart didn't stop pounding for three days. It was real. This was not a game."

WDIV producer Ro Coppola recalled the day in Atlanta when she heard of the bombing in the middle of the night.

"I ran and got the rest of the crew," she said, including Garagiola, who was sleeping. He was a bit groggy, Coppola said, asking, "Is there a score? What are we doing?" But there was no time to waste. Garagiola was hustled up and soon was doing a live report, the first by a Detroit

station on the tragedy.

"We didn't have time to fly a reporter down from Detroit," Coppola said.

Garagiola, she said, "did a great job" after she told him to, "Just go out there and describe it."

Garagiola told WDIV General Manager Alan Frank, "I don't know what it is to be a news guy," he said. "He said, 'Don't be Ted Baxter. Don't be a news guy. Just be yourself.' He's not big on advice. He said just make sure you get the facts right. Just go out and make people trust what you're saying."

He worked 20 consecutive hours on the story and his ambition to become a newsman was soon to be fulfilled.

"It's really unusual to change chairs," Garagiola said. "There are some news people who have switched to sports, but I don't know many sports people who have switched to news, in Detroit or anywhere else, and especially not at the same station."

He used to mostly work late (most sporting events during the

week are at night), but for the last 2.5 years he has had to get up at 3 a.m. so he can do a 5:30-7 a.m. newscast. He also does a news brief at noon and a short story for the 5 and 6 p.m. newscasts.

Early days

The Notre Dame University graduate, who was a business major, had gotten some experience working at the student radio station at Notre Dame. He broke into the TV business right out of college, hooking up with Lansing-area station WILX-TV, Channel 10. Garagiola said he got the job with help from a friend of his wife's family, Carl Cederberg, the former Detroit news anchor who came out of retirement to take an anchor job with WILX. There was a sports opening at WILX created when Jim Brandstatter left for a job in Detroit at WDIV.

After three years there, Garagiola moved to the Detroit area in 1980 to take a sports reporting job at WXYZ-TV, Channel 7, an ABC network station. He and his wife, Carol, got a home in Bloomfield Township in 1984,

Workshop on relationships set planned at OCC

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus will present a four-week support group on "Creating Healthy Relationships," beginning Thursday, May 20. Women will explore the development of healthy relationships by focusing on changing


past behavior patterns. Partner, parent-child, and work relationships will be addressed.

Open to the public, the group costs \$40. It meets in the campus' J Building, Room 308, from 6:30-8 p.m.

For further information on "Creating Healthy Relation-

ships" and other program offerings, call the Womencenter at (248) 471-7602.

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Rezoning

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all individuals. We do have a checks and balance system," He pointed out that disgruntled citizens can redress their grievances through the court system.

He was speaking after comments made by Gary Stonerock during the public forum. Stonerock, owner of one of the rezoned parcels, asked trustees not to rezone his property from C-3 to OS-2.

"I ask that you remove my property from your plan," Stonerock began. He criticized what he called the board's 1-2-3 brush stroke effect of rezoning everything to office.

Supervisor Dale Stuart and Wallace each told Stonerock he needed to wait to speak about this when the issue is addressed at the meeting. "We've been talking about this for 11 years," he continued, referring to the fact that the properties had been recommended by the planning commission for rezoning since 1989. Until now, the township board

had not approved the recommended rezonings.

"I've paid C-3 prices and C-3 taxes for this property," Stonerock said. "I've planned my livelihood based on that zoning." He said he believed his constitutional and property rights have been violated and asked where the board's rights end and his begin.

"Government can destroy your (citizens) whole life with one brush stroke," Stonerock said.

Another property owner, Maria Baylis, is suing Independence Township to maintain commercial zoning on her property, for which a motel has been proposed. She was not at Tuesday's meeting.

Township clerk Joan McCrary explained how final adoption of the rezoning works. Since the second reading was adopted at the board meeting, it will be printed in the township's legal paper. Eight days after that, on May 19, the rezoning takes effect.

"People can protest during that time but we've never had it happen," McCrary said. They have until May 18 to file a notice of intent.

Marketing

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speakers each day. They also worked in multi-school teams to research and solve hypothetical export challenges. On the last day of the mission, they presented solutions to their assignments before a panel of local business people.

CHS participants said they enjoyed wheeling and dealing in the brave new world — even though they weren't always sure what they were doing.

"It was a lot of fun," said Tara Nico, a CHS sophomore. "We got the chance to work with kids from other schools. And we also got to see what international business is like — that this is what people do for a living."

Tara, whose team worked on the "Hook it Up" challenge — connecting the Internet to other countries — said the whole virtual trade program was a little overwhelming, at first. "They were throwing a lot at us," she said. "But by the third day, things started to come together. Our team members split up the

information we found on the Internet and then we furnished it in our presentation."

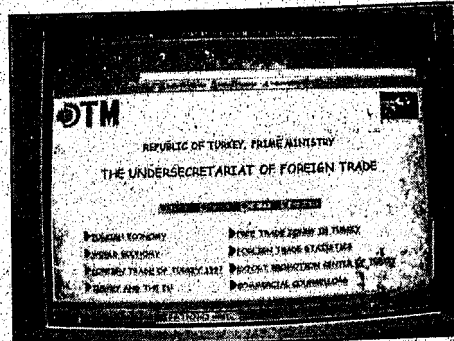
Rice, a CHS Japanese teacher and VTM organizer, said the Clarkston mission took six months to plan.

"It was wonderfully successful," she said Monday. "I know a lot of the kids said they were initially overwhelmed. But after they saw what they could do, it was exciting."

Rice pointed out that a student from the International Academy presented findings to one export challenge in Chinese. And a CHS student demonstrated another international trade solution in Spanish.

According to Kentner White, the VTM program was started by President Clinton's Export Council in an attempt to educate U.S. students about the complex, but growing, global business realm.

"The goal is to get our kids interested and excited about exporting, trade and global busi-



Taking It global:
Forty-five students attended the seminar to learn about global trade, such as the Turkish economy.

ness," White said recently. "In their discussions, the Council came to the realization that U.S. students — and adults — do not understand global business. And there's a desperate need because soon, other countries are going to be doing all this and we're going to be way behind."

CHS freshman Caleb Borchers, whose VTM team had to export a DaimlerChrysler concept car to three different world markets, said he's glad he participated in the three-day event. He'd do it again, if he had the chance.

"It was a very good experience," Caleb said. "When we sat there, adults helped us. But we didn't feel like students often do, with teachers. We felt like business people, being trained. Everything they said to us was a suggestion, like, 'Have you considered this?' No one told us that anything we did was wrong."

Dana Currie, a CHS junior and foreign language student, said she and her team members put their own educational backgrounds to good use in seeking a solution to their global challenge — marketing a breakfast cereal

for a world sports tour.

"I had gone to Spain and someone else had been to Germany, so we combined what we already knew with what we found on the Internet," Dana said.

"The kids from the International Academy were really helpful, too, because they were more knowledgeable about global business."

Shane Saparamadu, a CHS junior who's interested in economics and the stock market, said the program forced students to think on their feet.

Shane said his team's export challenge — marketing a robot that would clean up pollution in three countries — "was the hardest one." He commented that in addition to research on the Internet, some of his team members phoned businesses that made robots to determine prices for different pieces of equipment.

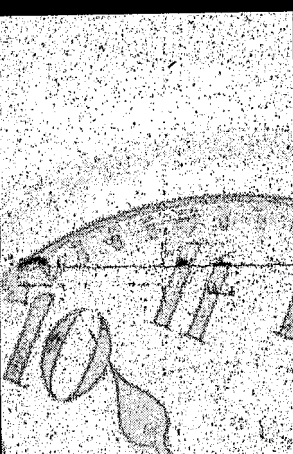
"We didn't feel we had enough time to do all the research, but we finished at the end of the (allotted) time," Shane said. "We had to put the final presentation together as we did it ... I learned a lot."

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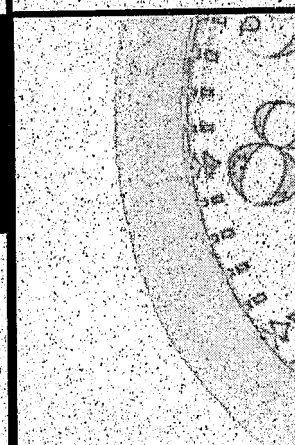
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NEW BUSINESS:

- Cherie Smith, 10805 E. Holly Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350 to appeal a decision of the Access Strip Committee denying her request to create a 15.13+/- acre parcel with an access strip of approximately 200 feet by 60 feet rather than the required 165 feet of road frontage. P.I. #07-03-300-027.
- John Murphy Jr., 6194 Neilson Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350 to allow construction of an attached accessory structure with: 1) a side yard setback from the south property line of 3.7 feet rather than the required 15 feet and 2) a front yard setback of 38 feet rather than the required 50 feet. P.I. #07-28-228-033.
- Kevin and Laura Goodman, 10015 King Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350 to allow construction of a detached accessory structure with: 1) a side yard setback from the west property line of 6 feet rather than the required 15 feet and 2) a rear yard setback of 10 feet rather than the required 35 feet. P.I. #07-10-476-027.
- Lorimer Building Co., 8103 Pebble Creek Drive, Davisburg, Michigan 48350 to allow construction to a septic system 80 feet from the adjacent water body rather than the required 100 feet at Lot 22 Bridge Lake Bluffs, 9334 Lake Ridge Drive P.I. #07-14-227-012.
- Donald E. Haring, 11932 Big Lake Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350 to allow construction of a detached accessory structure with: 1) a total accessory floor area of 1520 square feet rather than the permitted 1,000 square feet and 2) a side yard setback of 6.5 feet rather than the required 15 feet. P.I. #07-28-151-014.
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, during regular office hours Monday through Friday until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance of the meeting.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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■ 'Before you market, you have to put your house in order.'

Richard Thompson
— Oakland Community College chancellor

Registrations streamlined at community college

BY MIKE MALOTT
STAFF WRITER

Until a month ago, a student registering for classes at Oakland Community College might have had to fill out as many as five application forms. Today, the number is down to one.

Previously, that student's application would move through at least seven different offices and take four to six weeks to process. Today, applications are processed in 24 hours.

To sign up for individual classes, a student used to have to wade through one hefty course schedule for each of OCC's five campuses. On Monday, Executive Director of Marketing Dave Adams unveiled a new, simplified "At a Glance" schedule listing all classes offered at the college.

The changes, according to Adams, are part of a "strategic planning" effort that was the brainchild of OCC Chancellor Dick Thompson two years ago. Included in the plan are a new marketing campaign and a "re-engineering of acquiring and retaining students."

Put simply, the college is reorganizing its student application and registration system to provide "one-stop shopping," according to Adams.

The OCC Board of Trustees heard a progress report on the reorganization efforts Monday evening, May 3, and gave it a warm reception. "Excellent," Board Secretary Carol Crew remarked, handing kudos to Adams and Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Ed Callaghan.

Thompson said the planning effort has been largely unseen so far, but results will be more visible soon as changes at the college are initiated.

"Things are really going to be popping in the next few months," he said. "We are really making progress."

Much of the reorganization flowed from the college's desire for a new marketing plan. "Before you market, you have to put your house in order," Thompson said.

The next steps include the creation of a college Phone Center, development of an integrated college website, online sales of college textbooks and the launching of an advertising campaign.

The Phone Center will provide a main phone number which stu-

dents and prospective students can dial to reach the college. Three operators will be assigned to the center, Adams said, and more can be added from existing staff as needed. The operators will be able to answer 80 to 90 percent of the questions students typically ask.

A key improvement to the Phone Center will be that humans will answer calls rather than a voice mail system.

"I don't like to talk to recorders," trustee Sandra Ritter said. "I don't like to be switched from one recorder to another."

Adams estimated it will take two years before work on the Phone Center is complete.

The marketing campaign will also include development of new program brochures, a press release database, a speakers bureau as well as the ad campaign.

With 90 to 100 course work programs in the college, OCC has been publishing about a dozen brochures to describe them. Some of the most heavily used programs had no brochure, Adams said. Reorganization ensures every program has one.

Adams explained the college has been surveying professional, civic and charitable organizations throughout the county to determine which regular invite speakers to their meetings. Now, OCC has a database listing more than 2,000, perhaps the only such list in existence, Adams said.

Next, the college will revive its Speakers Bureau by compiling a list of those at the college available for speeches and what topics they can address.

Trustees complained they currently hear few ads for the college on radio and see very few television reports about happenings at OCC.

Adams said he expects a year-round advertising campaign — to include newspaper, direct mail, radio and television ads — to be ready in the next few months. He expects the college will retain its slogan "You can get anywhere from here." "There is a lot we can do with that," he said.

Callaghan is working with OCC's various employee bargaining units to institute the reorganization. He noted the college has never laid off employees before and has promised there will be no layoffs as a result of this reorganization.

Alliance for Mentally Ill hosts events

The Southfield-based Alliance for the Mentally Ill will host two events in May, which is Mental Health Month. They are:

- Family support meetings (south) for relatives of persons who suffer from mental illness

at 7 p.m. Monday, May 17, at the Mental Health Building, 15920 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield.

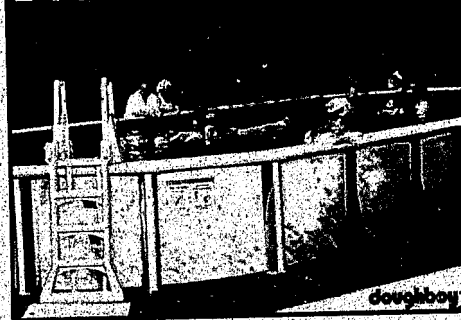
- An AMI general meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 27, in Classroom AB1W of Beaumont Hospital's Administration

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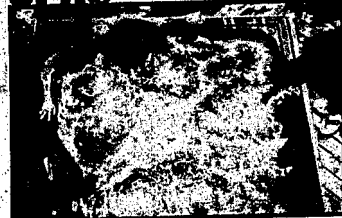
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Doing his homework: Hank Buffa attends to yard work at his Rochester Hills home as wife Rose provides refreshment.

■ 'I've been playing a lot of golf and spending time with Rose, my bride of 41 years.'

Henry Buffa
— former county undersheriff

Biding his time

Former undersheriff — now mellow — waits for right job

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

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It's been almost four months since Henry Buffa lost his bid to become Oakland County sheriff.

Buffa had been undersheriff to the late John F. Nichols for five years, and he was confident he had the credentials and support to be named his successor.

When the selection committee on Jan. 11 picked then state Sen. Michael Bouchard instead, Buffa congratulated the new sheriff, cleaned out his office and dropped out of sight — without consulting with the new sheriff about his role, if any, in the department.

"I was disappointed," Buffa said, "but there was no anger, no bitterness. I had been undersheriff under John F. Nichols, but with a new sheriff I simply didn't have a job. I just decided to go forward."

"I don't see how the media or anybody else could interpret my actions as hostile or resentful,"

Buffa said.

The job of going forward went into second gear last week, when Buffa was part of the host committee for a \$100 per person fund raiser for Bouchard at the Lafayette One, the old Masonic Temple, in downtown Pontiac — organized by Russ Shulte, president of the North Oakland Republican Club.

Bouchard was the main attraction. But Buffa was warmly greeted by friends and former colleagues who seemed like they hadn't seen him for awhile. "I was so glad to see Hank," said Clarkston businessman Rudy Lozano, who is also chair of the Road Commission for Oakland County.

Lozano also lobbied on behalf of Buffa as a successor to Nichols.

"Mike Bouchard is a very good man," said Buffa. "He'll be good for the department and good for the county. I am happy to be supporting him."

Buffa turns 62 next month, an age he considers too young for

full retirement. He's not looking for a job, which might imply urgency, Buffa's looking for employment. "I've had some job offers," he said, "including one to sell insurance."

"I appreciate the offer, but I'm biding my time. I've had 38 years in law enforcement (with advanced training at Wayne State University and Northwestern University). Something should turn up, hopefully in law enforcement or security."

In the meantime — an probably through the summer, he said — Buffa's been relaxing and biding his time. "I've been playing a lot of golf and spending time with Rose, my bride of 41 years," he said.

"Maybe I'll get serious (about employment)," Buffa said. "Rose probably wants me out of the house."

There's at least one restriction, however. "I don't expect move out of the area (Oakland and Macomb counties)," he said. "We don't want to leave the (five) grandkids."

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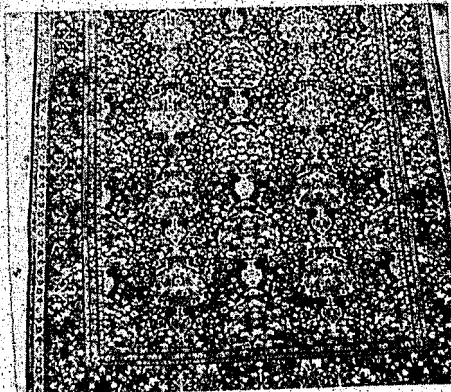
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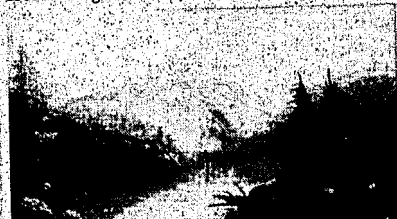
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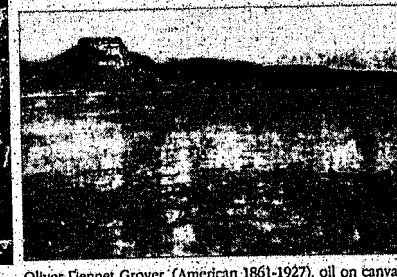
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Getting it right

News decisions involve balancing interests

Balance. We in the newspaper business continuously strive for balance. Balance in our news stories so that all sides are equally represented. Balance on our opinion pages so that all viewpoints are fairly presented.

There's another area where we strive for balance as well, an area that may not be as obvious to readers. That area is balance in the coverage and placement of news. The incidents at Clarkston High School involving the Colorado-related graffiti and Internet posting are good examples.

We reporters and editors try to balance the public's right and need to know with the knowledge that publicity of such incidents may further exasperate the situation.

Without a doubt, parents have a right and need to know whether their children are safe and whether school and police officials are doing everything they can to keep their children safe. Officials in Colorado are coming under public scrutiny now because some folks believe they didn't do everything they could have done to prevent the tragedy at Columbine High School.

We, as one of the local newspapers in

Clarkston, would have been negligent had we not reported on the incidents at Clarkston High School. We would have done a disservice to the public good had we not checked out the numerous rumors we heard and asked the important questions of school and police officials that needed asking.

However, we saw no purpose in blowing the incidents out of proportion and drawing undue attention to them. That's why we ran our stories on our inside news pages rather than emblazoning them across our front page.

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Individuals who make sick jokes out of other people's misfortune probably get great satisfaction out of the publicity that

results from their pranks.

And, there's always the concern that sensationalizing tragic news could lead to copycat incidents.

We received compliments from school officials for our coverage and placement of the incidents at Clarkston High School. We are grateful for the positive feedback.

The news business is a constant balancing act. We're glad that with such an important and emotionally-charged news event, we struck the balance right.

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Our volunteers, who already dedicate their time week after week to record books ranging from "Amelia Bedelia Helps Out" to "Principles of Economics," volunteered for additional shifts during the Record-A-Thon. Joining them were celebrity volunteers Amyre Makupson of UPN-50, Guy Gordon of WXYZ-Channel 7 and Joe Donovan of WWJ-AM, who took time out of their busy schedules to help us double the production of audio textbooks and make the printed word accessible for over 55,000 RFB&D members nationwide.

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JILL SCHROEDER

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We at RFB&D commend everyone who has helped make the printed word accessible to all students regardless of disability.

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Jill Schroeder is development coordinator of the Michigan Unit of Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic.

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Take action against arthritis

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Arthritis affects more than 43 million people nationwide and 1.5 million in Michigan. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the number affected nationwide will surge to 60 million by the year 2000.

America can no longer afford to ignore the personal and financial toll arthritis takes on our nation.

Arthritis is the leading cause of disability and the second leading cause of work-related disability payments. It costs our country \$65 billion annually and results in 39 million physician visits and half a million hospitalizations annually.

Unfortunately, many people don't seek care because of the myths associated with arthritis. Those myths include: nothing can be done about it, so you must learn to live with it; arthritis is just minor aches and pains; and only elderly people have arthritis.

In fact, a 1998 CDC study showed that 40 percent of those saying they have chronic joint pain have not been diagnosed by a doctor. Even more unfortunate is that the majority of joint damage occurs within the first two years when early diagnosis and aggressive treatment have the ability to limit the impact of the disease and even slow progression.

During Arthritis Awareness Month I urge your readers to take action against arthritis and dispel the myths that stop people from seeking an early and accurate diagnosis. Call your nearest Arthritis Foundation office at (800) 968-3030 to learn what you can do to fight America's No. 1 disabling chronic disease.

Michelle Glazier
President/CEO
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Preventing tragedy

After watching numerous talk show hosts and their guests attempt to unravel some kind of explanation for the Colorado high school massacre, I offer the true dilemma of the American public school system. It's not the three R's that are missing — it's the three P's.

1) Prayer. By removing prayer, students have no moral compass to mold their value system. If there is no God, then there are no absolutes of right or wrong. As a result, rebellion reigns and no respect for authority exists.

2) Paddle. Paddling, the liberal pundits say, is child abuse. I declare not using the rod of correction in the nonviolent appropriate way

is child abuse. We baby boomers not only got a few swats at school but at home as well. There is no real fear of punishment today.

3) Purity. What happened to the modest dress of girls and the clean-cut look of boys? Girls, in numerous cases, are scantily clothed while boys wear red-spiked hair, earrings and shirts with some barbaric-looking rock star on the front.

What type of parent allows his child to appear in such a manner? The same one who has abandoned prayer, paddling and purity. Perhaps the three P's properly and lovingly instilled in America's homes today could have prevented these recent school tragedies.

Steve Jeffers
Westland

Unhidden persuaders

The nation is in an uproar about the Littleton massacre and people are asking Why? Why? Why?

Many in this country blame the entertainment industry, both movies and TV, for their display of violent programs. USA Today carried a headline on April 22 reading "Believe it. TV violence stalks streets of Littleton — and your own."

I would also lay a share of the blame on the printed news media. Let me illustrate.

For weeks, major newspapers nationwide have been advertising a movie called "Payback" starring Mel Gibson who is shown pointing a handgun. Perhaps even more disturbing is the wording of the ad: "It's fun to root for the bad guy. Payback is quite funny."

In May 1998 the New York Times ran an ad for a movie called "The Big Hit" showing the star pointing a gun. I quote from the ad: "The Big Hit is fun, big time. Nothing is more dangerous than some nice guys with a little time to kill."

Currently, major newspapers around the nation are carrying an ad for a film called "Matrix." All four actors portrayed are shown with guns in their hands. Worse still, consider the wording of the ad, "An awesome vision. Enjoyable, energetic, an eye-popping, mind-blowing movie experience. A hipness that's rare and welcome."

If kids open their newspapers and everyday see movie actors with guns in their hands and ads that tell them how much fun it is to kill someone, some of them are going to get a gun and do exactly that.

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POINTS OF VIEW

We must transform our fears into determination to act

The past two weeks have been unusually frightening ones for school communities all over the nation. The reasons are understandable because schools are expected to be safe havens in an increasingly violent world, and the Littleton tragedy was a shocking realization that schools may not always be the safe haven we expect.

As a parent and educator, I realize that the health and safety of our kids is paramount. Most of us get nervous when our youngster drives the family car for the first time, or when a youngster takes his or her bicycle around the block without supervision. In Clarkston, we seldom expect fear to surface when our child is at school.

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Although many years and a

phenomenal amount of change have occurred since he uttered those words, the premise remains true. We can choose to be fearful and allow our fear to stop us in our tracks, or we can use it to strengthen our resolve to stop violence.

The publicity that surrounded the tragic event and the subsequent misdeeds have caused most rational folks to react with horror. Here in Clarkston, an act of graffiti became a source for countless rumors about hit lists, and worse!

But while the media should be held accountable for sensationalizing, it must also be commended for creating an environment that is causing people to pay more attention to the needs of children.

The fear we have all experienced must be translated into action. Why



AL ROBERTS

did it happen? How can disasters like Littleton be prevented? I wish someone had the answer to these questions. I do know that.

A recent study indicates that adolescents across the nation are expressing anger and disconnection with the adults in their lives (if any). Some students are left on their own for hours after school, and this is the

most dangerous time of the day for these children. Some parents are not actively engaged in their child's education.

Some teachers and administrators must do more to welcome parents and create a school environment that is built on mutual trust and respect. Administrators, teachers and parents must not only react to tragedies, but must be proactive in finding ways to keep violent acts, threats, weapons and drugs out of our schools.

The solutions may come from a variety of perspectives. For instance, we must enforce stringent rules, but we must also work to garner the understanding — if not support — of students and parents alike. We must find ways to keep children under the watchful eye of caring adults. Children are not supposed to bring them-

selves up, and they are apt to make poor decisions without proper guidance.

We must get our children to break what has been referred to as the "code of silence." If they notice something that jeopardizes themselves or others, they must report it to a responsible adult. Teaching kids not to be violent isn't enough — we must teach them what to do when they see violence.

Our fears will dissipate over time, but our commitment to stop the violence must not diminish. The faculty, staff, parents and community will need to be ever-attentive. Clarkston, despite the many unfounded rumors, is a great place to live and to send children to school.

Al Roberts is the superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools. His hotline number is 625.

Lawsuits often bring change when political system deadlocks

I never expected to write this column.

For years, I've had it in for the trial lawyers, who I've always regarded as little more than ambulance chasers with a vested financial interest in bringing frivolous lawsuits. But I've changed my mind about trial lawyers — at least some of them — and I'm obliged to explain why.

It all has to do with the way the trial lawyers have functioned to loosen up our political system; a sort of laxative for stopped-up politics, I suppose.

In the absence of any meaningful campaign finance reform, our political system remains infested with special-interest money. Politicians interested in getting re-elected solicit to big contributors such as the tobacco companies and the gun industry.

The big contributors, having contributed, naturally expect some return on their investment. This means that when legislation comes up that hurts their interests, lobbyists pay calls on elected officials reminding them of past contributions and suggesting it's time to fulfill their part of the bargain.

And guess what? The offending leg-

islation fails.

Although we like to say we are a democracy, in practice our politics often work as a plutocracy; "a government or state in which the wealthy rule," according to the dictionary. In our case, "the wealthy" consist of special interests that understand how a few million contributed here and a few million there can thwart public opinion and help them get their way.

It is the plutocratic workings of our politics, for example, which enabled the big tobacco companies that contributed millions and millions of dollars to forever scuttle legislative attempts to restrict or outlaw cigarette advertising designed to hook kids. While public attitudes overwhelmingly favored restrictions on smoking and cigarette advertising, big tobacco money stuffed up the legislative process for years and years.

What finally loosened it up? The trial lawyers, that's who.

They had been going after the tobacco companies with wrongful death and damaged health lawsuits for years and years, always failing but keeping at it. Finally, the attorneys general of the various states who have



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been spending billions of taxpayer dollars treating illnesses caused by smoking finally joined in.

And suddenly, the financial resources of the tobacco industry were equally matched by the trial lawyers and the attorneys general. They joined forces in the final big lawsuit that scared the tobacco industry into settling out of court by paying billions of dollars to the states and agreeing to restrictions on cigarette advertising.

What the political system could not or would not do finally got done by the trial lawyers.

We now see exactly the same process starting again, but this time involving the gun manufacturers and the National Rifle Association.

For years and years, the NRA terrorized lawmakers, bottling up attempts to regulate the sale of guns or require safety mechanisms that allow guns to be fired only by their legitimate owners. This in the face of overwhelming public attitudes toward guns that are much like public attitudes toward smoking: there are too many guns and the gun makers aren't serious about doing anything to make their product safe.

Enter the trial lawyers. By inventing a novel legal theory — "Through a calculated strategy of willful blindness, the defendants exploit, rely upon, and help to maintain an active illegitimate secondary market in firearms," according to the suit filed last week in Wayne County Circuit Court by Detroit and Wayne County — the legal process is being deployed to unstop a political system that would not act.

Detroit-Wayne County joins six other local governments — Cleveland, Chicago, New Orleans, Miami-Dade County, Atlanta and Bridgeport, Conn. — in suing the gun industry. Other suits are likely.

I have no idea whether these suits

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will eventually succeed. But I see a pattern unfolding: A political system that cannot or will not respond to public outcry can be bypassed by recourse to the legal system.

The next target? Your guess is as good as mine. But most folks consider the entertainment industry to be all-powerful. And well, well. Now comes Geoffrey Fieger, suing the folks who run the Jenny Jones show, alleging the show was the proximate cause for a murder.

Phil Power is chairman of Home-Town Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail: at ppower@oeonline.com.

Postal food drive helps provide needed low-income assistance



On Saturday, May 8, the National Postal Service slogan "We deliver for you," will take on a whole new meaning.

Postal carriers in the Clarkston community will be handling more than just mail, they will be picking up and delivering bags of food for distribution to the hungry. For the fifth year,

You can help stamp out hunger in your community by placing your food donation at your mailbox on May 8 before your letter carrier arrives. Non-perishable items such as canned meats, soups, fruits and vegetables or boxed food items such as cereals, pastas, rice and beans can be easily collected. No food items in glass containers, please. Your carrier will take it to the post office and it will then be delivered to the Lighthouse food pantry.

ward to the Letter Carriers Food Drive each May. Through her experience assisting homeless and low-income individuals, families and seniors living in north Oakland County, she has witnessed a definite increase in hunger and the need for emergency food since she began working for Lighthouse four years ago.

The Letter Carriers Food Drive is a very effective campaign in the fight to stamp out hunger in our community. It comes at a very critical time since food donations are generally low during the summer months. Ironically, the demand for food for low-income families increases since children home from school cannot take advantage of state subsidized lunches. For many children living in low-income households, a few bags of groceries can really make the difference between receiving a meal or not.

This is the fifth year for Clarkston community participation in the National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive. Paul Sharkey, Clarkston area postal coordinator, has high hopes for the project this year.

The original plan was to encourage residents to put one can of food in their mailbox. For some generous residents, one can has turned into one bag of groceries!

Such a communitywide food drive is a tremendous effort and requires the involvement of many hard working individuals and organizations to contribute to its success.

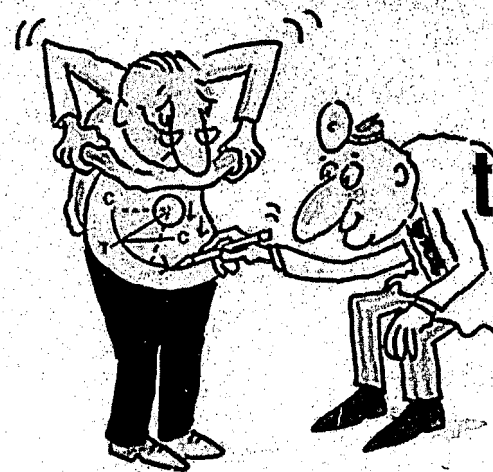
Since its inception, the Waterford H.O.G. Chapter 2252, Harley-Davidson motor cycle group has devoted time and manpower in service to Lighthouse and its mission to fight hunger.

Each year, at this time, members drive up in pickup trucks, leaving their cycles behind so they can assist in transporting food. Bob Hadden and St. Daniel's Youth Group are always there to help, as are Don and Sally Gurk, long-time volunteers.

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This column space is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth.

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OBITUARIES

Vernon Alexander Fulton

Vernon Alexander Fulton of Clarkston died May 1, 1999, at age 82.

Mr. Fulton planted 15,000 pine trees on his property after moving to Clarkston in 1956. He was a member of the Oakland County Retirees Association.

Mr. Fulton is survived by his wife, Lillian; daughters, Susan Greer of Jensen Beach, Fla. (formerly of Ortonville); Nancy (Stephen) Lang of Oxford; son, Michael (Deborah) Fulton of Charlotte, N.C.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to VNA Hospice, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600, Oak Park, MI 48237. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST, 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Francis W. Sommers

Francis W. Sommers of Weidman, formerly of Davisburg, died May 1, 1999, at age 80.

Mr. Sommers retired from Detroit Edison in 1979 and was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Davisburg. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; daughter, Pat Ferree of Waterford; sons, Dennis (Donna) of Oxford and Gary of Weidman; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister, Eleanor McMillin of Onaway.

A graveside memorial service was scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at Hillview Cemetery in Davisburg with the Rev. Harold E. Rose officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST, 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Vlado Golub

Vlado Golub of Clarkston, formerly of Warren, died April 30, 1999, at age 50.

Mr. Golub is survived by his wife, Terri; daughter, Lydia (Russell) Chalmers of Clarkston; son, Nolan Golub (Angela Graves) of Macomb Township; granddaughter, Megan; mother, Irena (the late Nikola) Golub of Sterling Heights; sister, Jadranka (Stefan) Campa of Warren; brother, Branko (Janet) Golub of Sterling Heights; and father-in-law, Alex (the late Rowena) Kovach of Warren.

A funeral mass was held Monday at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, with the Rev. Msgr. Robert S. Humitz

officiating. Rite of Committal was at All Saints Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST, 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Joyce C. Donahoe

Joyce C. Donahoe of Boynton Beach, Fla., and of Clarkston, died April 19, 1999, at age 72.

Mrs. Donahoe is survived by her husband, Ray; daughter, Hope Donahoe (John Fulton) of California; and five grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter, Faith Ann Matas.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. The family requests no flowers. Any donations to the family will be used toward the care of Joyce's grave. Arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST, 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Nina M. Miller

Nina M. Miller of Clarkston,

formerly of Pontiac, died April 29, 1999, at age 68.

Mrs. Miller loved her family. She worked as a clerk at Schafer's Bakery in Waterford and later at Dixie Party Store.

She is survived by her husband, Charles; daughters, Lorraine (Bob) Pierce of Waterford, Renay (Richard) Cody of Troy, Vicki (Victor) Perrier of Holly, Tracy (Dave) Millmine of Ortonville, Kim of Holly, Michele of Clarkston; sons, Glen (Peggy) of White Lake, Greg of Waterford, Ken (Sherry) of Clarkston and Troy of Clarkston; 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Betty (Wyatt) Veatch of Davisburg; and brother, Jay Thompson of Davisburg.

A memorial mass was held Monday at St. Rita's Catholic Church, Holly. Memorials may be made to Cranbrook Hospice. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, TRUST, 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Letter carriers prepare for annual food drive

The annual NALC (National Association of Letter Carriers) food drive will be held May 8. The NALC saw a need this time of year for a food drive. When food donations are low and children are not at school getting lunches, the need is up. This is the largest one-day food drive in the United States.

Although this is a national effort, the food that is collected stays in the local communities. The food that is collected in Clarkston goes to Lighthouse North, 5331 Maybee Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346.

The coordinator for Lighthouse is Katie Stewart (673-4949). The coordinator for the NALC at the Clarkston Post Office is Paul Sharkey (625-0033).

Donations should be non-perishable, canned or dried goods. Lighthouse cannot pass out outdated, opened food or food in

Drive facts

- What: National Association of Letter Carriers' annual food drive
- When: Saturday, May 8
- Why: Food collections go to Lighthouse North for distribution to the needy
- Information: Call 673-4949 or 625-0033

damaged containers. Volunteers from St. Daniel's Church, the ABC Harley-Davidson Motor Cycle Club and Clarkston High School have helped in the past and will be needed again this year. Anyone wishing to volunteer the day of the food drive should contact either of the coordinators at Lighthouse or the Clarkston Post Office.

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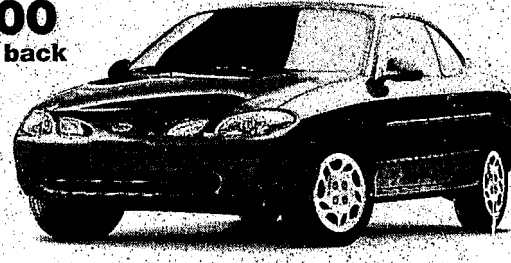
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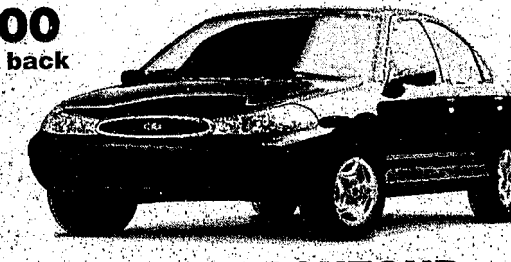
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CAROLYN WALKER

Parents of disabled children have reason to fear death

"When I wake up every morning, I feel afraid to die. And I don't like that."

I will not tell you who made that remark to me. I will not tell you because it is important that you realize it could have been anyone of your acquaintance . . . and probably is.

The speaker told me of her fears one Sunday morning during a casual conversation while she was at work waiting on the public in her local business.

Somehow, she dared to speak of her little autistic son and his travails at school. And to wonder what will become of him when she and her husband are no longer alive.

I understand her fear of death. Mine, like hers, is made greater than the average person's because of the overwhelming responsibility we know we will leave behind. Who will love and care for our disabled children when we are not around to do it? Loving them is the easy part.

I am sitting in a doctor's otherwise empty waiting room with my 21-year-old daughter. I have a huge, lengthy book in my lap that I have been reading away at for weeks. A chapter here, a paragraph there, a sentence

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Knitting niche

Yarn shop keeps its customers in stitches

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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There's more to knitting and crocheting today than is implied by the stereotypical pictures of moms-to-be knitting baby booties and grannies in rocking chairs crocheting afghans.

Just ask Carol West, owner of Basketful of Yarn at 5 S. Main St. in downtown Clarkston.

The Orion Township resident says her business is thriving. There are several reasons why these old-fashioned hobbies are still hooking in customers and tying them up in yarn.

"People knit and crochet because it's so relaxing," West said. "With all the beautiful yarns on the market today, they can make clothes to their individual taste and end up with something different than what everyone is buying in stores. And nothing replaces how special a hand-made garment is for a child to receive."

That's how West started knitting. She didn't hone her skills until she was married and had five children. She remembered seeing her grandmother knit.

"I was always searching for a special talent I had. It wasn't until I had my children that I decided to try knitting. I've been doing it for 25 years now and enjoy it so much," said the bubbly grandmother of four (almost).

She never knitted for craft shows — just to create beautiful things for herself and family.

An interest in purchasing a knitting

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Tiny apparel: Regardless of the size, Basketful of Yarn has patterns and material for the smallest piece of clothing.



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Yards of yarn: Carol West is the owner of Basketful of Yarn in downtown Clarkston.

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THURSDAY, MAY 6

P.A.R.T.Y. (PEOPLE ARE RELATING TO YOU)

7-9 p.m. CCA Building (corner of Sashabaw and Maybee roads). The Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth will host a follow-up adult/youth dialog meeting, continuing the theme of it's March 20 Town Hall meeting. Citizens of all ages are welcome with an open mind and an attitude of mutual trust, respect

and hope! Questions? Call Cindy at 394-0252.

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m. Topic: Loneliness; to discuss the feelings that surround loneliness. Independence Township, Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. Informal sharing meeting, walk-in; no registration, free of charge, refreshments served, all area residents welcome. Facilitator, Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., director of bereavement services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Call if you want to be on our mailing list 625-5231.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB IN CLARKSTON

6:30-8:30 p.m. Clarkston Christian Association on the corner of Sashabaw & Maybee. Develop better speaking skills and leadership skills. For individuals 18 and over. For more information contact Nora Butcher at (248) 620-6751.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

MOTHER/SON DANCE

7-9 p.m. Springfield Plains Ele-

mentary. Hey moms, here's your chance to show that special young man in your life how much he means to you. There will be refreshments, a DJ, door prizes and a photograph to capture this special event. \$15/couple (additional child \$3). Register early, this event sees many returns. For more information or to register call Clarkston Community Education at 674-3141.

BOWLING

6-8 p.m. Holly Lanes, Grange Hall Road-one mile west of light. \$1.50 per game. Shoes included. NWOSC will provide refreshments. We now have ramps and bumpers available. For more information call 634-9570.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

FISH & CHIPS BENEFIT DINNER

5-8 p.m. American Legion, Chief Pontiac Post No. 377, 4819 Edgewood Clarkston. Bring your friends and family for a delicious dinner and a good cause. All proceeds to benefit the legion bowling program for physically impaired children. \$5.50 per per-

son. Fish & chips, coleslaw, rolls & dessert.

MONDAY, MAY 10

CLARKSTON CHORDMASTERS

7:30 p.m. United Methodist Church, Waldon Rd., Clarkston. Clarkston Chordmasters Barbershop Quartet Chapter is pleased to announce a combination open house, ladies night and guest Night. Entertainment will be provided by a number of local and guest quartets. Headlining will be the 1997-98 Pioneer District Champion, "The Detroit Sound Company." Please call or e-mail the president, Lyle Howard, at 634-1577, or howardj@tir.com with any questions. Also let us know if you plan to attend so we know how many to plan for.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

"ADVANCED" LIVING TRUST WORKSHOP

6:30-8:30 p.m. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd. Living trusts are not

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THURSDAY, MAY 13

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY TASK FORCE FOR YOUTH

7-8 a.m. Clintonwood Park Carriage House, 5980 Clarkston Rd. The Task Force will hold it's monthly continental breakfast meeting. Topic: "The Yellow Ribbon Project." Two eighth graders from Sashabaw Middle School will share their vision for starting a teen suicide prevention group in Clarkston. Questions? Call Cindy at 394-0252.

THURSDAY, MAY 13

PARENT ORIENTATION FOR INCOMING 5TH GRADE STUDENTS

7 p.m. Sashabaw Middle School and Clarkston Middle School. In their respective gymnasiums. It is recommended that at least one parent from every fifth grade family attend this important meeting. Time will be available to answer all parent questions. Transition plans for next year and middle school programming will be shared.

FRIDAY, MAY 14

DANCE

7-9 p.m. Recreation at Hart Community Center (at the Millpond), Davisburg. No charge. Dance to the music of Aaron Vaughn and the Sumthings. For more info call 634-9570.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

FLOWER SALE

8 a.m.-3 p.m. Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston. Multi-family yard sale. Great deals, super prices. Hanging baskets, flats, bedding plants, vegetables, herbs, annuals, perennials, furniture, sporting goods, clothing.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

10 a.m. and 1 p.m. North Oakland Co-op Preschool is holding a Spring Open House for parents as well as their Preschool age child. Parents and children can explore our classrooms and playground, learn about our programs and enjoy a snack. Enrollment is currently open for Fall 1999 for both our 3 and 4 year old programs.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

DANCE

7-9 p.m. Recreation at Hart Community Center (at the Millpond), Davisburg. No charge. Dance to the music of

D.J. Matt Wolfe. For more info call 634-9570.

TUESDAY, MAY 25, JUNE 1 & JUNE 8

FIXING UP A FIXER-UPPER
6:30-9:30 p.m. Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Rd. Clarkston Community Ed in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. This course is for those thinking of buying a house that needs work in order to live in it themselves or to resell it at a profit. \$90 plus \$8 fee for the textbook. Pre-registration with payment is required by May 21. Call 674-0993 for information & registration.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, JUNE 2 & JUNE 9

BASEMENT REMODELING SEMINAR
6:30-9:30 p.m. Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Rd. Clarkston Community Ed in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. This seminar is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling. \$90 with a textbook fee of \$10. Pre-registration no later than May 24. Call 674-0993 for more information and to register.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

BINGO

7-9 p.m. Recreation at Hart Community Center (at the Millpond), Davisburg. No charge. For more info call 634-9570.

MONDAY, JUNE 21- FRIDAY, JUNE 25

MINDSTORMS LEGO ROBOTICS
8:30-11:30 a.m. Oakland Tech Center-Northwest. Grades 5-8. Oakland Schools Science, Mathematics and Technology Center (OSMTech) is celebrating its ninth year of offering Mind Storming, a summer program in science, mathematics and technology. Build, explore basic robotics. Program, download and activate. Programming with Robolab software. All are invited to apply and attend. Phone 209-2397 for an application.

TUESDAY, JULY 6- FRIDAY, JULY 16

YOUNG WOMEN IN ENGINEERING
8:30-11:30 a.m. Oakland Tech Center-Northwest. Grades 4-6. Oakland Schools Science, Mathematics and Technology Center (OSMTech) is celebrating its ninth year of offering Mind Storming, a summer program in science, mathematics and technology. Students will study the basic laws of physics, math and applying engineering principles where students design and build a project. All are invited to apply and attend. Phone 209-2397 for an application.

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Shop

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machine led her to start her business.

"I went to a shop on Sashabaw Road. The lady who owned it told me people were coming in all the time asking where they can buy good yarns."

That suggestion led to West's first shop. She moved to downtown Clarkston two years ago.

"I was so naive," she said. "I had no idea what it meant to start a business."

She has no regrets. She enjoys being in Clarkston and the way customers stop by to knit or crochet together.

People also come by for help. West will put garments or projects together for a fee, although she recommends they learn how to do it themselves. If customers buy yarn from her, she or her friend, Karen Even of Orion Township, will help them with their projects. Even works at Basketful of Yarn two days a week.

They see people of all ages stop by. Parents bring in their children more frequently in the summer to try their hand at knitting or crocheting. West suggests they learn by making socks, which are really fun.

"And they use up scrap yarns," Even added.

"Also, vests are big this year," West continued. "By choosing unique yarns, people can stick to a simple pattern but make one that looks so special."

That's what's so great about knitting or crocheting a garment — it's not going to end up looking like generic clothing, as Even calls most store-bought clothes.

Both women raved about the yarns available for today's knitter/crocheter.

"They are just fantastic," West said. "We have wools that you won't believe are wools. Yarns have come so far from what they used to be. They're available in every color, texture and blend."



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Not just clothes: Knitting and crocheting can take many forms, including these creative Christmas stockings.

West stocks only quality yarns.

"People don't knit to save money," she added while she works on a granddaughter's sweater. "But when you finish a sweater or a baby blanket, you have something special that will last a lifetime."

Basketful of Yarn stocks a large selection of yarns, buttons, patterns and knitting and crocheting accessories. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The store is closed on Wednesday and Sunday.

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on the run.

My eyes go down page 347 and they take in the plot. I pause to consider it, and am suddenly distracted by the pervasive silence in the room. I let my eyes drift up from the page, without moving my head, to see what my daughter is doing.

She is never this quiet for this length of time.

She is sitting, kitty-corner to me in a chair by a pile of magazines on a table. Her lips are closed, her head cocked, her gaze intent on a magazine as her hands grip its pages.

I take in her form and shape. The short body of a woman, round and white as an over-stuffed cloud. Her ankles are crossed. Her brown hair, which needs cutting, falls just over the rim of her glasses.

At this moment she has the unmistakable, pensive appearance of intelligence and maturity. And then I look to see which magazine she has selected to

read.

Its cover says, "Sesame Street."

She is a 21-year-old, round and white, bespectacled cloud reading Sesame Street Magazine and wearing a Titanic T-shirt. Leonardo DeCaprio and Kate Winslet are embracing on her chest.

Lord, help me. My patience is wearing thin. I have listened to Celine Dion trill away, day in and day out with my daughter's obsession, for well over a year now. "My heart will go on and on."

I hate that song. Hour after hour.

My daughter remembers last year's prom. The excitement of it all still makes her heart flutter fast. The theme was Titanic, in honor of the year's great film. How did she get so lucky? She gets out her video of it, plops it

in the VCR and relives the experience every week.

She is dancing among friends, flailing with the best of them. Wearing her very first wrist corsage. Decked out in light make-up, some nail polish and a bracelet some girls provided. There is a big, plastic purple ring on her finger, courtesy of the dentist's treasure box.

She wears that ring everyday, like a wedding band, on her left hand. It clashes with her prom outfit. It clashes with her woman's body. It clashes with all the dreams I had for her when she was still growing inside of my womb.

I feel afraid to die, myself. Afraid, no certain, that somewhere in heaven my heart will go on and on... and that down here on earth, there will be nobody to pick up where I left off.

Carolyn Walker is a free-lance writer. She lives in the city of the Village of Clarkston.

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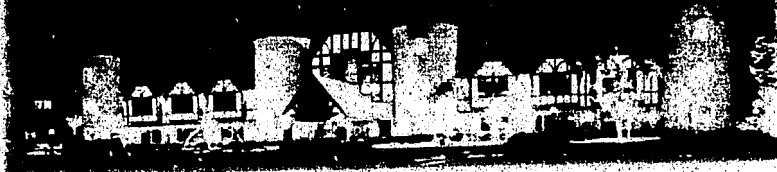
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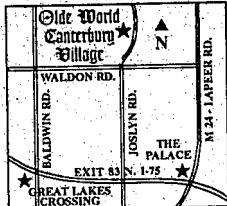
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Southfield Property Management company seeks individual for their accounting department. Payables, Receivables and General Ledger knowledge a must. Ideal candidate should have property management software experience. Salary commensurate with experience.

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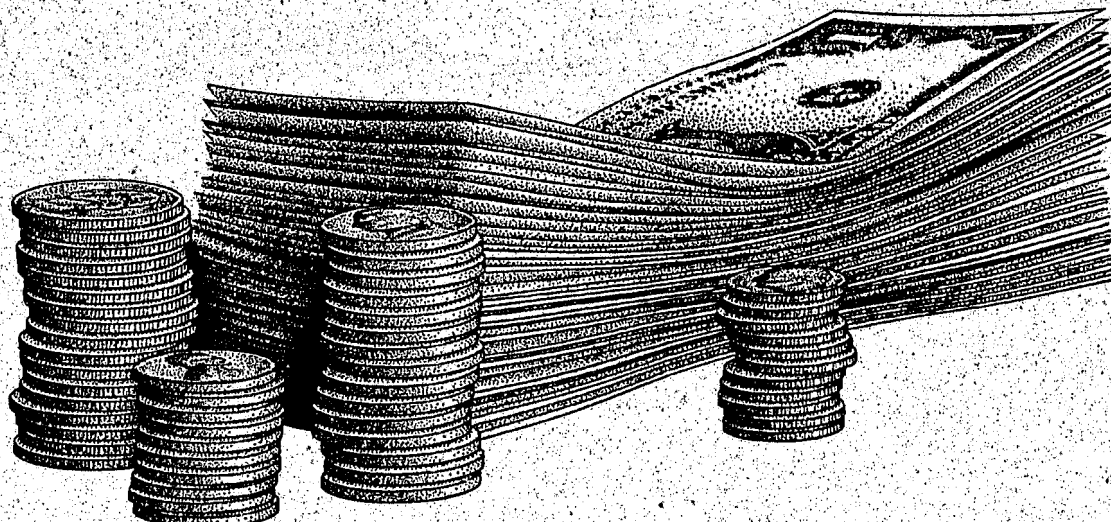
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Full time benefits. Will train. Apply Painters Supply, 6925 Middlebelt, Garden City.

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Health officials want answers after dispute

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Following a dispute between a sanitarian and a Rochester Hills restaurant owner, Oakland County health officials are examining their procedures.

Among other things, health officials want to know:

■ Was a restaurant with a dishwasher termed "unsanitary" allowed to operate for four days before inspectors went in to find out if a "critical" problem had been rectified?

■ Should the system have reacted faster when a restaurant owner physically "escorted" the inspector off the premises?

■ Was the situation traumatic enough to warrant the sanitarian's being off work for more than two months?

"We're looking at how we do things," said Thomas J. Gordon, who as director of human services for Oakland County ultimately oversees the twice yearly health inspections required under state codes. "Things perhaps should have been done differently," he said.

Perhaps we should have written guidelines to cover situations like this, he said.

Gordon was referring the incident on Feb. 19, when health inspector Ghazanfar Ali Shah was "escorted" out of Uncle Louie's Cafe by owner Larry Kherkher, who insisted the sanitarian's conduct

was unprofessional and arbitrary.

"If he (Shah) would have had more people skills," Kherkher said Tuesday, "this whole thing would have been avoided. I just wish this thing would go away."

But the incident simply won't just go away as far as Gordon is concerned. "We can't have people manhandling our inspectors," he said.

Gordon had originally asked the prosecutor's office to file charges of assault and battery against Kherkher. But investigators came up with serious discrepancies about who assaulted who, according to James Halushka, director of warrants and investigations who denied Gordon's request.

Instead, Halushka authorized and obtained a warrant charging Kherkher with obstructing a health department worker in the course of duty, a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and/or a \$100 fine.

If charges are filed, Kherkher would be arraigned in 52-3 District Court in Rochester Hills.

Kherkher said he hadn't received the warrant as early Tuesday. But Kherkher said he isn't worried. "They can charge me if they want, but I haven't done anything wrong."

Shortly after the altercation, however, Shah went on disability — because of trauma associated with the incident, according to Gordon, who said privacy regulations preclude his being specific about a particular employee.

Gordon confirmed, however, Shah

claims his disability, more than two months so far, is related to the Rochester Hills incident. Citing general policy rather than a particular case, Gordon said, "Our employees aren't out on disability without verification from a physician."

Accounts of the incident between Shah and Kherkher are sketchy and sometimes inconclusive. It happened during the busy lunch hour when Uncle Louie's Cafe relies heavily on phone-in orders.

Shah made two phone calls during that peak time, one lasting about two minutes and another lasting about 13.

"We have call waiting," said Kherkher. "While he was talking to his supervisor, I could hear the clicking of incoming calls. I asked him (Shah) to hand up, so I could take care of business. But he wouldn't."

Kherkher acknowledges he perhaps should have reacted differently. But when the sanitarian wouldn't hang up, Kherkher said he took the phone away from Shah and escorted him out the door.

Gordon said Kherkher's actions made a bad situation worse. Shah had detected a "critical" problem with the dishwasher which he said wasn't sanitizing dishes in accordance with health standards, he said.

The inspector called a supervisor to discuss the situation, Gordon said, and alternatives to closing the restaurant down. "At one point Kherkher talked directly with Shah's supervisor," Gor-

don said. "Unfortunately, I don't know what they talked about."

Equally concerning, Gordon said, is that he isn't sure the "critical problem" reported by the sanitarian was adequately addressed and corrected.

Kherkher said the talk with Shah's supervisor was brief and hurried. "I remember telling him the dish washer was running fine," he said, "and I told him I had to take care of business."

Asked if he did anything, Kherkher said, "No."

It wasn't until four days after the Feb. 19 inspection that sanitarians returned to the restaurant to complete the inspection started by Shah. When inspectors returned, they assessed a score of 48 — which Kherkher said was "his lowest ever" and attributable to vengeful inspectors.

As an indication "things weren't too bad," Kherkher noted the inspectors ate

lunch at his restaurant after discussing the concerns that lead to his score.

Gordon said from everything he does know, Shah acted properly in the course of conducting a good health inspection. But Gordon said he would have preferred that things be handled differently.

"I'm confident the public was protected," said Gordon. "But perhaps we should have reacted the same day," especially under the circumstances — an sanitarian reporting a below standard dish washing operation and subsequently being ejected from the restaurant.

Inspectors shouldn't be "vindictive" in their reaction, Gordon said. "We wouldn't want to come down heavy just because somebody did something. We want to be 'corrective, not abusive'."

But Gordon wants to make sure corrective action was taken in a timely fashion.

Head Start taking enrollments

Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency's Head Start program is taking enrollment from Oakland County residents for the 1999-2000 school year.

The program is free and made available to low-income families with children between the ages of 3-5.

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Track teams drop meet with Highlanders

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Clarkston boys track coach Walt Wyniemko did a little creative juggling with his boys track lineup for Tuesday's meet against Rochester Adams.

And although he got some surprising points in some races, it wasn't enough.

The Highlanders overcame Clarkston's strong performance with one of their own and handed the Wolves their first league loss, 69-59, at Clarkston.

"It was a good meet," Wyniemko said. "We gave it a good shot, they came out better tonight. What can you say? (Adams) was a little bit tougher."

Meanwhile, the girls benefitted from the return of the Rooding triplets, but it wasn't enough to overcome the loss of points in a couple of events as the Wolves fell to Adams, 71-57.

The Wolves won seven of 16 events, including three of the four field events, but it couldn't overcome their lack of foot speed from which Clarkston has suffered much of the season.

"We had good efforts from a number of people," Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson said. "We did much better in the field events."

The Boys

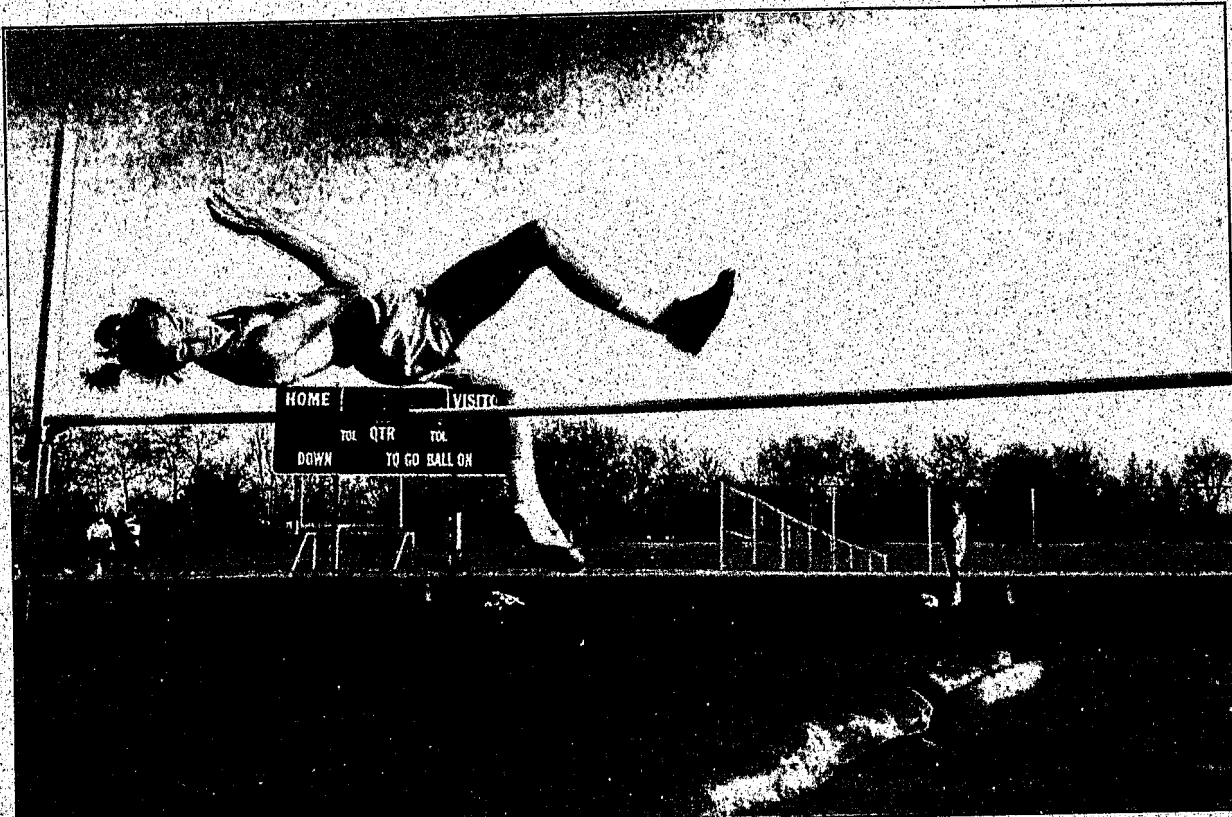
Wyniemko slid his best distance runner, David Sage, into the 800 run, and Sage responded by winning it in 1:59.5. He was two seconds ahead of teammate Brent Quantz, who finished second.

Sage also won the 1600 with a time of 4:32.4, two seconds ahead of the Highlanders' Adam Cross. Clarkston's Matt Haver was third in 4:40.9.

Sage (10:16.46) finished second to Cross in the 3200.

Kevin Breen got Clarkston's only other individual victory, winning the long jump by clearing 19-11.25. Clarkston also won two of the relays.

Breen, Quantz, Haver and Jon Chenet finished the 3200 relay in



High-flyer: Clarkston's Brittani Brewer goes up and over in the high jump event at the Wolves' prep track meet against Rochester Adams Tuesday. Brewer cleared the pole at 5-foot-1-inches, but the Wolves fell to the Highlanders, 71-57. In the boys meet, Clarkston stayed close but couldn't overcome the Highlanders' speed, dropping a 69-59 decision.

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ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

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Quantz, Mark Carlson, Clint Powell and Breen won the 1600 relay in 3:30.2.

Powell was also second in two events: the 400 dash (51.47) and the discus (133-1). Other seconds for the Wolves included Breen in the 200 (23.6); Nick Holland (16.10) in the 100 hurdles; Cody Senkyr (42.6) in the 300 hurdles; and Ron Tolbert (45-2) in the shot put.

"We were close, and we got some good

performances," Wyniemko said. "We knew they were tough and we'd have to be competitive, and we were."

The Girls

Richardson did a little juggling of his own, and it didn't pan out as the Wolves dropped the close decision to the Highlanders.

The return of the Roodings paid

instant benefits when Jennifer Rooding won the 800 in 2:25.2. It was one of seven Clarkston wins in 16 events.

They won just one of the four relays. The team of Nicole Fischer, Christina Rooding, Lissa Lukens and Jennifer Rooding won the 3200 relay in 10:10.24.

Amanda Chicalas won the 300 hurdles in 49.39. Lisa Gauthier (12:42) finished first in the 3200, and Katie Jerges won the shot put with a toss of 31-1.

Brittani

Brewer cleared 5-1 to win the high jump, and finished second in the 100 hurdles (17.11). Clarkston's other second-place finishes came from Lukens, who ran the 1600 in 5:37.64; Rachel Uchman, who ran the 400 in 60.81; Fischer, who went 2:27.46 in the 800; Lyndsay Vincent, who cleared 14-4.5 in the

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OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

Fishing focus is necessary, even at 'awesome' time of year

Lack of focus is an angler's worst enemy, especially when the bites are few and far between. While gazing at the skyline of downtown Detroit near Joe Louis Arena, I kind of forgot about the focus of the trip: to catch some Motor City walleye. I was paying more attention to the People Mover passing by than to the task at hand when I felt the ever-so-slight resistance on the end of my line. Once the realization sunk in I made a futile attempt to set the hook, but by then the fish, and my minnow, were both gone.

Local fishing guide Kevin Long and I made the trek to the Motor City recently to cash in on the walleye bonanza the Detroit River serves up each spring. Since the river is a connecting water of the Great Lakes, walleye season is open all year long.

Starting in early April and lasting throughout the month of May walleye gather in mass numbers in the river. The first fish on the scene are on a spawning mission and generally arrive when the water temperature reaches the mid-40's. Later, spawned-out fish from Lake Erie and the Maumee River in Ohio begin to migrate through the Detroit River en route to Lake St. Clair. Spring walleye fishing is excellent throughout the entire river from the water north of Belle Isle through the Trenton Channel and south of Grosse Isle. American and Canadian waters both hold fish. If you plan to fish the Canadian water be sure to get a Canadian fishing license.

"Fishing at this time of year is just awesome. It's fantastic," said Long, a Bloomfield Hills native now residing in Oxford. "They get stacked all through here. It's nothing to catch a limit in a couple hours when the conditions are right."

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Wolves waste Fergie's 5-hitter

Troy gets 7th-inning run in softball win over Clarkston

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Troy softball coach Tom Calnen missed Monday's Oakland Activities Association Division I softball game against Clarkston after undergoing an emergency appendectomy.

But it was the Wolves who left the game feeling ill.

Calnen's Colts got a six-hitter from starting pitcher Marla Otterbacher and scored the winning run in the top of the seventh inning to beat the Wolves, 2-1, at Clarkston.

Clarkston freshman Lisa Ferguson matched Otterbacher pitch-for-pitch for six innings, then gave up the go-ahead run in the seventh.

Ferguson finished with a five-hitter of her own, striking out three.

"She's still falling behind the hitters, but Lisa did a nice job," Clarkston coach Al Land said of Ferguson. "It was tough... We played well, but the hitting is inconsistent. We aren't driving in any runs."

'It was tough. We played well, but the hitting is inconsistent. We aren't driving in any runs.'

—Al Land
—Clarkston coach

The Colts (13-1 overall, 8-0 OAA I) didn't drive in many, either, in a well-played defensive game.

Troy scored first in the third inning. Thea Pappas drew a walk and went to second on a grounder by Otterbacher. She moved up on a wild pitch, and scored when Jane Ackerson struck out, but reached first on a passed ball.

Clarkston (8-9, 3-5) tied it in their half. Tracy Honey led off with a single and moved to second on a wild pitch.

Designated Mary Warchuck singled Honey to third, from where she scored on a fielder's choice grounder by senior shortstop Mandie Harrison.

Both teams had other opportunities. Honey reached on the only error of the game to start the fourth.

Jenny Winn sacrificed her to second, and she went to third on Warchuck's infield single.

But Troy second baseman Pappas snared Corinne McIntyre's line drive and doubled Warchuck off first to end the threat.

The same thing happened to the Colts in the top of the fifth. Otterbacher



STAFF PHOTO BY LAWRENCE R. MCKEE

Quick time: Clarkston's Melanie Arnold beats the ball to first base before Troy's Thea Pappas can make a play during a prep softball game Monday. Troy won the game, 2-1.

er drew a walk and went to second on Amy Nelson's single.

Both runners moved up on Ackerson's sacrifice. Andrea Solomon grounded to short for the second out, and Clarkston first baseman Candace Morgan's throw cut Otterbacher down at the plate to end the inning.

Honey reached on a fielder's choice in the sixth and made it to second, but got stranded when Otterbacher got Winn and Warchuck to ground out.

The Colts got the winning run in the seventh. Pappas led off with a single, was sacrificed to second and scored on Nelson's single.

"We've practiced the last week making sure we got the sacrifice down, and it worked for us," said assistant coach Brad Lyons, who filled in for Calnen.

Calnen couldn't be kept completely away, though. He talked to his dad, Tom Sr., by cellular phone every two innings.

Clarkston struggled at the plate. They got six hits from five different hitters — Warchuck had a pair of hits — and couldn't push key runs across.

"The middle of our lineup isn't hitting very well," Land said. "We've got some kids who I really thought would be hitting by now, but they aren't."

Leech's blast helps Wolves rout Corsairs

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It was bound to happen sometime.

One of Clarkston's baseball bashers was going to hit a home run on the new field. The only question was who it would be: Chris Mitchell, Jeff

Oliver, Spencer Hynes, Derek Casper.

The answer: None of the above. Adam Leech, one of the team's littlest members, came up big Tuesday, smacking a two-run shot in the bottom of the fourth inning of the nightcap, helping his Wolves to a 12-2, 12-2 sweep of Waterford Mott.

The home run, and the wins, came in a make-up doubleheader. "He hit a rocket," Clarkston assistant Kurt Richardson said. "There was no doubt from the word go. He's a pretty strong kid for a little guy."

He wasn't the only hitting star. Jeff Oliver went 3-for-3 with three runs batted in as the Wolves scored five times in the second, four more in the fourth and three more in the fifth inning to put the Corsairs away.

Josh Rigg was the beneficiary of all that production. Rigg scattered seven hits and struck out three.

The scoring was a little more balanced in the opener, which the Wolves didn't break open until the sixth.

They got single runs in the first and fifth, and scored twice each in the fourth and fifth innings.

Clarkston (12-3 overall, 2-2 OAA I) then broke it open and put it away with a six-run sixth inning.

Spencer Hynes and Brett Crawford each had three hits. Ryan Marino (2-0) went the distance, scattering six hits and striking out nine.

But the guy Richardson wanted to talk about was catcher Nate Jerdon. Jerdon went 2-for-2 with a couple of RBI and was a star behind the plate.

"Nate Jerdon was the star of

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Fishing from page B1

To back up the claim Long recanted a story of how he and two clients had caught 16 walleye in about three hours just days before our trip.

We knew we were in trouble when we reached the river and found the water deeply stained and muddy.

Our lures - 5/8-ounce jig-heads tipped with rubber worms and shiners - disappeared before our eyes in just a foot of water.

"It'll be tough today because they won't be able to see the bait in this water," explained Long. "The mud seems to scatter the fish, too. We'll give it a try, but it will be slow."

One of the more productive techniques used on the river at this time of year is vertical jigging with a lead-headed jig and a shiner.

Boat control is tough in the nine-mile-per-hour current, but an experienced captain with an electric trolling motor can keep the boat in the current and the jigs vertical.

We fished long and hard in the area between Belle Isle and just downstream of the Joe Louis Arena but this day belonged to the fish.

"Early on you'll catch bigger females and fish up to 10 and 12 pounds aren't uncommon," Long said. "By now most of the females have spawned and moved on, but the males will stick around in the river for a while."

Heavy rains or a northeast wind coming off Lake St. Clair will muddy up the upper stretches of the river, which is what happened to us last week. We were marking fish, but the bite was super slow.

For updates on water conditions in the river or to arrange for a guided trip call Long Cast Guide Service at 1-888-536-FISH.

Deer management meetings

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks are holding three meetings to inform the public on the deer management plan under development in the park system.

The plan currently calls for a controlled bow and shotgun hunt



Spring bonanza: Kevin Long, a Bloomfield Hills native who now resides in Oxford, jigs for walleye on the Detroit River.

at Stony Creek Metropark; a controlled bow hunt at Hudson Mills Metropark; and hiring a professional sharpshooter to thin the herd at Kensington Metropark.

The plans were proposed following a year-long study and recommendations by a Wildlife Management Advisory Committee for the Huron-Clinton

Metroparks.

The first meeting, for the management plan at Stony Creek, is slated for 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at Baldwin Elementary School, 4325 Bannister, Oakland Twp.

The second meeting, for the management plan at Hudson Mills, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at Dexter

High School, 2615 Baker Road, Dexter. The third meeting, for the management plan at Kensington Metropark, is slated for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, at Milford High School, 2380 Milford Road, Highland.

Wildlife biologists recommend a deer density level of 15 to 20 deer per square mile in southeastern Michigan.

The Metroparks hope to maintain a density of 20 to 25 deer per square mile within the parks so there will be a large enough herd to allow viewing by park visitors.

Aerial surveys conducted in January revealed deer densities up to five times greater than the recommendation within the Metroparks.

Kensington has the highest density at 120 deer per square mile. Stony Creek checks in at around 85 deer per square mile and Hudson Mills has a deer density of approximately 50 per square mile.

These excessive numbers are detrimental to many of the plant species in the parks. At Kensington, for instance, 23 species of wild flowers no longer grow in the park and 19 others are threatened.

As the wild flowers disappear, so do the song-birds that rely on them.

In addition, over the past 10 years the browse line in many of the parks has grown to five or six feet high.

If you need assistance to actively participate in one of these meetings call the Huron-Clinton Metroparks at 1-800-477-2757. Written comments should be addressed to: Deer Management, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, 13000 High Ridge Drive, P.O. Box 2001, Brighton, MI 48116-8001.

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FIT TO BE TIED

First-half goal gives kickers 2nd tie of season with Lakers

By MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

After playing each other twice during the regular season, you could say Clarkston and West Bloomfield are even on the soccer field.

Both of the Wolves' ties this year have come against the Lakers following a 1-1 draw at West Bloomfield Monday evening under clear skies.

Both goals came in the first half and the teams tried to gain control of the match in the final 40 minutes.

The Wolves (2-6-2) had a couple of good chances. Katie Kennedy fired a shot just wide with over 10 minutes to play but the best chance may have come from midfielder Kara Bergkoetter.

The speedy senior's header just missed hitting the goal post with under four minutes left and the West Bloomfield goalie out of position.

"It was really evenly balanced," said Clarkston head coach Tami Mitchell. "We had a few girls really play well. Kara was very quick to the ball and almost won the game for us."

The squads tied at Clarkston 2-2 nearly a month ago in a game which the Wolves came back to tie the score by dominating the second half after trailing 2-0.

West Bloomfield found the going tougher on offense this time around.

Their top scorer was marked tightly all night by fullback Katie Tripi.

Clarkston struck first about halfway into the first half. After a long throw-in, senior striker Alaina Dodds knocked in a loose ball from close range.

But the lead did not last for long as the Lakers' Jody Watson tied it minutes later on a bullet shot past Sarah Morgan.

Although the Wolves are still struggling to score goals, there is little doubt that the alignment switch from two to three for-

'The girls are attacking well and we had some chances to win it. We ran a little hot and cold with our pressure and ball control but that's how it often will go.'

Tami Mitchell
—Clarkston soccer coach

wards has increased the amount of offensive pressure.

The next step, said Mitchell, is converting those opportunities into goals.

"The girls are attacking well and we really had some chances to win it," she said. "We ran a little hot and cold with our pressure and ball control but that's how it often will go."

For some reason Clarkston has played much harder and better when they score first this year and Mitchell admits that is often a determining factor in how her team will perform during any given game.

"When we score first it seems to motivate us a little more," she said. "The girls are really working but if we don't score first (it seems) as if we expect to lose."

Clarkston will have a couple of tests the remainder of this week, battling Lake Orion at home Thursday and Lapeer East in a non-league contest Friday.

The Lady Dragons in particular will give the Wolves a challenge and Mitchell feels her players will need to play one of their best games of the year to win.

"(Lake Orion) definitely is very competitive," she said. "We have to be on the ball right when the whistle starts the game."

For the remainder of the regular season, the goal is to win as many games as they can and build momentum heading into districts at the end of the month. District pairings and sites have yet to be named.

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Chris Jones running for Adams and Ryan Stanton for Clarkston sprint to the finish during the 400 meter. Adams won the boys meet 69-59, while the Highlanders girls topped Clarkston 71-57.

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long jump; Megan Whipp, who threw the shot 28-5; and Becky Friesen, whose discus traveled 85-7.

Andi Warner finished third in the long jump by clearing 14-2.25.

Richardson's juggling included taking Uchman, traditionally a solid long jumper, out of that event to run other races, including the 200. But Uchman couldn't place in the 200, and the Wolves couldn't pull out a win in the long jump.

"If I had it to do over, I'd probably long jump her," Richardson said. "We only had three of our

'We were close, and we got some good performances.'

Walt Wyniemo
—Boys track coach

top kids for the four-by-four, and we needed all four."

Clarkston takes part in a 9th-grade Invitational at Pontiac Northern today (Thursday). The boys race at the Oxford Invitational Saturday, and both teams host Pontiac Northern in a key dual meet Tuesday.

Baseball from page B1

the game," Richardson said. "He drove in a couple of runs, and he threw some guys out."

Clarkston hosted Lake Orion Wednesday, but results weren't available at press time.

Monday — Clarkston 18, Berkley 7: In a game that wasn't the rout the final score would seem to indicate, the Wolves held off a furious Bears rally before exploding to put the game away late.

Francis Hodges blasted a home run in a 4-for-4 performance at the plate, and Hynes, Leech and Eric Jenks each had a

couple of its for the Wolves, who jumped out to an 8-1 lead with three runs in the first and five more in the second.

But the Bears refused to go away. They scored a single run in the first, then scored three in the fourth and three more in the fifth to pull within 8-7.

Clarkston then tacked on a 10-run sixth inning to put the game away.

Jenks (4-1), the senior right-hander, wasn't as sharp as he has been, but got the win with 4-2/3 innings of work. Rigg finished up to get the save.

Oakland gives Eagles the boot

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With less than 50 Class D girls soccer teams in the state, many small schools have to go up against Class C, Class D and sometimes Class A schools just to complete a full regular season schedule of games. So for most of these smaller schools, playing someone relatively their own size is always welcome.

Such was the case Tuesday. Clarkston Springfield Christian played host to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian for a non-league clash and it was the visiting Lancers who got the leg up with a 2-0 triumph in a game that featured two of Oakland County's six Class D programs.

"This is always nice when you look at it from the size perspec-

tive," said Oakland Christian coach Randy Johnson. "We play a lot of big schools all of the time. I didn't think we played all that great because this was our fifth game in six days but we still came through with a win."

Senior goalkeeper Stephanie Jackson recorded only one first-half save, but finished with six total — twice stopping shots from point-blank range — en route to her school record 22 career shutout.

Freshman forward Katy Luxon scored her first career goal in the 17th minute while senior forward Becky Neal tallied her 95th career marker in the second half on a penalty kick for the Lancers (7-5-1).

Springfield has only been shutout twice all season — both were 2-0 defeats by Oakland

Christian — and Springfield coach Dennis Hopkins is concerned about his teams lackadaisical mid-season play.

"We are young team and I think we sometimes lack the enthusiasm, at least on a consistent level," said Hopkins. "We're at mid-season and the intensity has dropped a little bit."

The brightest spot for Springfield was the performance of sophomore goalkeeper Holley Vanaman, who recorded nine saves between the pipes for Springfield (6-4-1).

"Holley is really starting to come along," he said. "She's learning what it takes back there. We would love to use her in field more because she's a very good athlete. But she really does a solid job back there for us."

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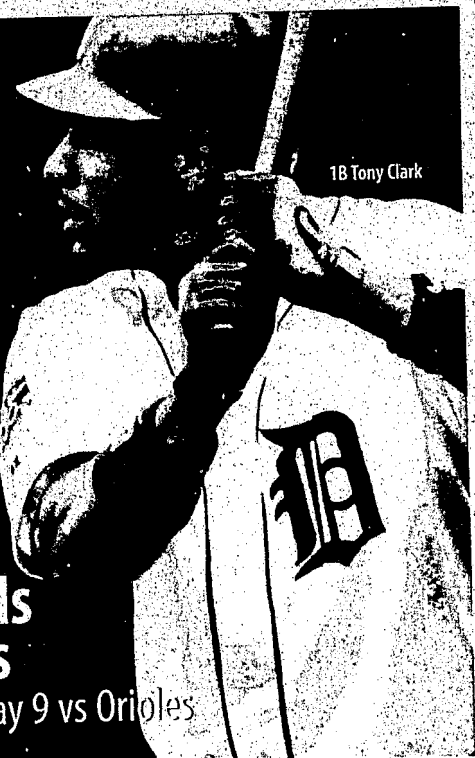
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In Garden City needs Asst. & General Help. Part-time. Call (734) 261-9925 or (248) 449-7025

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2ND SHIFT SHIPPING DEPARTMENT

Starting pay \$10.00 per hour. Full time position. 40 hrs. per week. Must have good math and reading skills required. Pre-employment drug test. Starting time 4 p.m. Send letter of interest to: ATTN: Human Resources Dept. Farmington Hills, MI 48335-2764. Fax: 248-615-2696 EOE

WAREHOUSE

Distributor of building materials. Full-time position. In Shipping & Receiving. Duties include pulling orders, loading & unloading trucks. Outdoor year-round work. Experience with Hi-Low helpful, but not required. Permanent position with benefit package. Hansen Marketing Services 1000 Decker Road, Walled Lake, MI 48390 (248) 696-2323

WAREHOUSE HELP

Large, local construction tool distributor seeks qualified individual to fill a position in our warehouse. Duties include order picking, inventory and shipping records. Must be experienced in a fast paced environment. Forklift experience preferred, computer experience a plus. Competitive pay and benefits available. Send resumes or apply in person at: Fasteners Inc., 1605 Progress Drive, Madison, MI 48071

WAREHOUSE HELP

Novi location. Distributor seeks help in shipping/receiving. Fast-paced operation, experience helpful. Union shop. Call Bob: 248-348-8000

WAREHOUSE PERSON - for a

light haul & maintenance. Blue-Cross available. 734-522-1800

WAREHOUSE SHIFT SUPERVISOR

11am-7:30pm. Novi distribution center. Experience required. Call 248-348-8000 x 309

WAREHOUSE

Shipping/receiving & cutting of plastic sheeting. Good company benefits. Call or apply in person at: Curdell Plastics, 12270 Belden Ct., Livonia.

WOODWORKER

Skilled Part of Full-time. Located in the Brighton area. Benefits after 3 months. Call (248) 486-1971

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Paid Training, Job Placement, GED's, Career In Medical, Dental, Construction, Welding and more. Program for 18-24 yr. olds. Call 1(800)774-5627. Prizes to the first 100 enrolled.

501 Computer/Info. Systems

COMPUTER OPERATOR

Immediate opening for computer operator. Use of 300 or V500 Series, Mainframe Operator. Will work midnight shift. Full-time position with benefits. Please send resume and salary requirements to: HR/Operator, 29239 Franklin Rd., Southfield, MI 48034 EOE

CONSULTING/ TRAINING FIRM

In N. Oakland County has immediate openings for:

- Instructional designer/ course developer
- CBT/Web-based developer/programmer
- Desktop publishing/ graphics production

Competitive salaries/benefits. Creative, team-based environment. Please send or fax resumes: P.O. Box 805 Troy, MI 48069-0805 Fax: (248) 370-0509

Legal

Senior Legal Secretary

The Livonia defense litigation office of a major insurance company has an exciting career opportunity for highly motivated candidate.

The successful candidate will have a high school diploma and a minimum of 5 years' legal secretarial experience. Knowledge of basic court rules and procedures required. The essential functions of the position include performing transcription on a personal computer in WordPerfect, scheduling depositions, IMEs, meetings and making travel arrangements, maintaining case diaries and calendar, and handling mail, filing and telephone calls. Required skills include PC word processing, transcription, organization and written/oral communication.

We offer an excellent flexible benefits package including employer-matched 401(k) and pension plan. For confidential consideration, please send or fax resume to: Allmerica Financial, Inc. #992205864, P.O. Box 1928, 4100 Embassy Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49501; Fax: (616) 942-1849. We are an equal opportunity employer. Visit our website at: www.allmerica.com

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

New opportunity! Immediate openings in the executive offices of international auto supplier. Local divisions in Auburn Hills and Farmington. Parking support for Detroit positions. Openings include long-term & temp to hire. Call Sara today. Clinton Twp. - 810-226-9640. Livonia - 248-473-2933. Birmingham - 248-646-7663

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The healthcare division of a national real estate development and program management firm is seeking an experienced Administrative Assistant for 2 Project Executives and 1 Development Associate. Qualified candidates should possess strong work ethic, exceptional organizational skills and ability to work as a team. Must be PC proficient, which should include MS Word & Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and ACT + Plus. This is a full-time position with competitive salary and benefit package. Serious candidates should contact Ms. Reynolds to schedule an interview at: 248-203-2200 Or fax resume to with salary requirements to: 248-203-2208

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST

Progressive building company has immediate opening for an enthusiastic individual with excellent organizational skills & multi-line phone experience (with voice mail) for a fast paced environment. Position to include administrative assistance for office support. Excellent pay and benefits. Excel and Word is required. Please send resume: (248) 642-1586. Attn: Vera.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

for Troy area office. Looking for an energetic individual to join a fun team environment. Duties include answering phones, generating reports and contracts, and processing payroll for our employees. Will train the right person. Must be proficient in Word, Excel, and Windows. \$8.10/hr. - \$20.00/hr. resumes: ATNTO@peaktechnical.com Fax resume: (248)288-1245 Call Sharon: (248)288-7325

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Immediate need for an Administrative Assistant to support the sales/marketing efforts of staff of a high energy office and offer a competitive salary, with a range of \$23,000-\$28,000, health benefits and an employer sponsored 401k plan. Please send your resume to: Dickson Associates Attn: JKM 3001 W. Big Beaver Suite 210 Troy, MI 48064

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248-340-0000 This international firm seeks an individual who possesses the ability to work as a team member of its Sales and Marketing Department. A creative individual with excellent people skills required. Microsoft Office a plus.

Diversified Recruiters

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Light bookkeeping & computer experience required. Must be organized & able to work with minimal supervision. Please send resumes to: Midwest Building Products, 7207 W. Grand River Ave. Brighton, MI 48114

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

2.5 to 3 days/week. Experienced people person for Troy adoption agency. Must have excellent phone & typing skills. Computer knowledge helpful. Non-smoking office. Send resume and salary requirements to: AIAA, 2151 Livemore #200, Troy, MI 48063

BILLING CLERK

For Troy law firm. Knowledge of computerized billing systems essential. Excellent benefits & working environment. We'll provide the best training in the industry! We also offer:

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BILLING CLERK

Southfield 9.5 Law Firm Billing experience preferred. Accounting, A/R and spreadsheets experience required. Please mail resume to: CONTROLLER, Raymond & Prokop, 2000 Town Center, Suite 2400, Southfield, MI 48075. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

BOOKKEEPER

Full-charge for Farmington Hills CPA firm. Must have 5 years experience thru final balance. Payroll experience a must. Full benefit package. Send resume to: Bookkeeper, 32255 Northwestern Hwy #298, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

BOOKKEEPER

Detail minded person needed 3 days (flexible) per week for commercial real estate company in Birmingham. Full charge bookkeeper with at least 5 yrs. experience to manage monthly & year-end reports & weekly P&L & AP functions including CAM billings & lease analysis. Prior experience in commercial real estate, construction & property management. Computer knowledge of Excel, Property Management & Accounting Software a plus. Send resume to: Laurencette & Associates, Inc. 17400 W. Thirteen Mile Square, Suite 100, Birmingham, MI 48025 Fax: 248-258-5213

BOOKKEEPER

Experienced bookkeeper needed with at least 5 yrs. experience in A/R, P/C, payroll & collections. Excellent pay & benefits. Call Jane 248-552-9757

BOOKKEEPER

Full-charge bookkeeper needed about 30hrs. per week. Computer knowledge a plus. Pay commensurate with experience. Apply in person: Classic Interiors, 20292 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia.

BOOKKEEPER

Full Charge Computerized general ledger & purchasing experience. Benefits. Send resume: P.O. Box 935 Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009

BOOKKEEPER

FULL CHARGE for law firm in Pontiac. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office. Have excellent organizational skills, be able to handle multiple tasks at once. Full understanding of A/P, A/R, bank reconciliations, payroll, taxes, etc. Must be a team player. Experience helpful. Call 248-332-5656 or fax resume: 248-332-5932

BOOKKEEPER OFFICE MANAGER

For residential builders office in Troy area. (248)699-8233

BOOKKEEPER

Part time. Flexible hrs. for Troy area office. Knowledge of Harper-Shuman Accounting & Microsoft Office software helpful. Straub Pettit Yasta Fax resume to: 248-589-4481

BOOKKEEPER

experience a plus. Fax resume to: 248-559-8070

BOOKKEEPER

Small law firm needs full or part time. 2 years minimum experience, computer skills, good transportation. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume: Attn: Jennifer, May & May, PC, 3000 Town Center, Suite 2600, Southfield, MI 48075

BUSY REAL estate office

in Livonia looking for part time flexible help Tuesday and Thursday 9-3 p.m., Friday 9-7 p.m., and Sunday 10am-5 p.m. Please call: (734) 591-9200

Clerical Assistant/Driver

Light data entry, filing & errands in our company vehicles. Full or part time. Davis Auto Center, Inc. 807 Doherty Dr., Northville 48167. 248-349-5115

CLERICAL ASSISTANT

for Pontiac office \$8 to \$9/hr to start, benefits. Data entry, some phone work. Computer experience essential. Must have good communication skills & be organized, proficient in the use of Microsoft Office and Information systems, and have prior HR experience. Pays \$8 per hour for 24 hours per week. Submit resume or apply to: E. Wood, 26900 Greenfield Rd., Ste. 600, (248) 967-8736 Fax: (248) 967-9132

CLERICAL CAREERS

OUR RECENT EXPANSION HAS CREATED OPPORTUNITIES For individuals seeking A REWARDING CAREER IN THE CLERICAL FIELD No clerical experience? Don't Worry! We'll provide the best training in the industry! We also offer:

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CLERICAL HELP

needed in Plymouth, full-time. Computer knowledge helpful, will train. Start \$7/hr. (734) 455-5566

KEY PUNCH/ DATA ENTRY POSITION

Several openings. Experience necessary. Days & afternoons. Benefits available. Livonia area. (734) 762-7660

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

CLERICAL - established printing company

has an entry level position available in its Troy office. Computer knowledge, good organizational & communication skills. Previous printing co. experience preferred. Send or fax resume to: Clerical/OS, 1 Town Square, Ste 1913, Southfield, MI 48076. Fax 248-827-4278

CLERICAL

Work part-time for an established property management company located in Southfield. Galleria Office Center. Dependable, flexible person - we need your help. Call (248) 358-3777 Or Fax (248) 358-3779

Customer Service Rep

Troy insurance agency. Full time position. Training, however insurance experience helpful. Bruce (248) 879-3100

Customer Service Rep

City Transfer, a rapidly growing courier service, is looking for outgoing, experienced people who enjoy a fast paced work place. Positions are full time with benefits. Some computer experience required. Send resumes with salary requirements to: P.O. Box 700204 Plymouth, MI 48170

CUSTOMER SERVICE REP

inside sales & order processing for multi location flooring distributor. Seeks an outgoing, highly motivated individual with good communication skills. Must be computer literate. Full benefits & 401K package. Send resume to: Dennis at: Erickson's Flooring & Supply, 1013 Orchard St. Ferndale, MI 48220

DATA ENTRY CLERK

Growing company looking for a Data Entry Clerk who has good typing skills. Candidate must be able to handle a quick paced atmosphere, have general knowledge of computer and be well organized. Receptionist background could be helpful. If you feel this could be you please fax your resume to: Human Resources Department 248-729-0307 or send by e-mail to: kbernia@leasecorp.com

DATA ENTRY COMPUTER OPERATOR

Various applications. Must have computer experience. Excellent benefit package. Full-time. Call for appointment: Nadine Austin, Bloomfield Hills. 248-335-3500

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FILE CLERKS & SECRETARY

Southfield office, Full-time with benefits. Send resume to: Personnel, 23077 Greenfield, Ste. 557, Southfield, MI 48075

GENERAL OFFICE ASSISTANT

Full time. Answering phones, data entry, accounts payable and clerical duties. Microsoft Office knowledge necessary. Job shop experience a plus. We are relocating to New Hudson/Milford area in August. Send or fax resume to: Richard Tool & Die, 28600 Grand River, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (between 96 & Middlebelt) Fax: 248-476-1102

GENERAL OFFICE

Church office in Lake Orion has an open position. Must be computer literate and self-directed. Mail resume to: Treasurer, P.O. 358, Lakeside, MI 48361 or Fax (248) 391-9231

GENERAL OFFICE HELP

Needed for busy Farmington Hills property management office. Real estate background & computer knowledge helpful. Telephone skills required and ability to work independently a must. Fax resume to: 248-737-7929

HUMAN RESOURCE REPRESENTATIVE

Part-time weekdays. Assists Director of HR by processing confidential correspondence, filing and performing special projects. Maintains personnel & departmental files and assists in the use of Microsoft Office and Information systems, and have prior HR experience. Pays \$8 per hour for 24 hours per week. Submit resume or apply to: E. Wood, 26900 Greenfield Rd., Ste. 600, (248) 967-8736 Fax: (248) 967-9132

KEY PUNCH/ DATA ENTRY POSITION

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Administrative Assistant

Bozell Worldwide, Inc., an international advertising agency, has an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant. This position requires a self-starter who demonstrates the following attributes: superior verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills, ability to work independently, proven organizational and workload prioritization abilities and high level of proficiency in features of Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The ideal candidate will have strong computer, typing, phone and proofreading skills. Responsibilities will include typing status reports, all correspondence, presentations and budget documents, preparing for meetings, making travel arrangements, compiling expense reports, answering phones and filing. Some overtime is required. The preferred candidate will have experience in retail automotive business and high level of initiative and follow through.

Submit resume, including a salary history, in confidence to:

Bozell 1000 Town Center, Suite #1500
Southfield, MI 48075-1241
Attn: Human Resource Coordinator
or fax to: 248-585-8874

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LEGAL SECRETARY (Experienced) for a busy defense litigation practice to work for the senior partner. Needs excellent scheduling skills and knowledge about client contact, computer skills and 75-wpm. Excellent salary, full benefits, 3 weeks paid vacation in first year of hire. Reply to Partner Secretary, 322 W. Lincoln, Royal Oak, MI 48067.	OFFICE MANAGER Property management company with strong hands-on A/P. A/P experience and proven ability with payroll, taxes, multiple companies. Quick w/turnover. Must be a team player. Send resume to: 300 Park St., Suite 390, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: 248-645-9935.	RECEPTIONIST Livonia based advertising agency seeks responsible, dependable person to provide a "First Impression". Office duties include greeting clients, phones, typing, media placement. Computer experience required. Full-time position. Must be able to work in a fast-paced environment. Call 3-5PM only. (734) 522-6380.	SALES COORDINATOR National Cable Communications seeks energetic individual for our fast-paced sales department. Responsibilities include support of sales staff, input & process orders & client contact. Applicants must be multi-task & detail oriented; able to work well under pressure. Strong computer skills including Word & Excel. No phone calls please. Send or fax resume with salary requirements to: (734) 522-6380.	TELEPHONE SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST needs phone skills, type 30-40wpm, positive attitude. Great working conditions, holiday pay, medical & dental benefits. Starting at \$7.50/hr. Rochester. Call our employment line 248-556-8102.	CLERICAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE Join our fast paced dental office in Sterling Heights. Full-time position available for Receptionist and Supervisor. Dental office experience preferred but not necessary. Excellent benefits package and working conditions. Please call Betty to schedule an interview at 810-978-2100 or fax resume to 810-978-7244. EOE.	DENTAL HYGIENIST Seeking energetic, flexible, loving Hygienist for a part-time position. Mon & Wed. from 8am-5pm. If you would like to join our Plymouth office please call Carol at (734) 454-5555.	Homecare Agency Part-Time Homemakers/Live-In/HHA's \$7.00 - \$10.00/Hr. RN's/CNA's/Speech Path. Pay Per Visit Apply in person at: 20853 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334-9091.	MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST Full-time, at least 1 yr. experience, for top Dermatology office. Farmington Hills. (248) 553-2900.
LEGAL SECRETARY Efficient, and organized Legal Secretary/Administrative Assistant, compatible with computers and clients, needed for upbeat Southfield personal injury plaintiff law firm. Excellent benefits. Salary based on experience. Non-smoking office. Send resume to: Attorney Richard B. Kepes, P.O. Box 2207, Southfield, MI 48037-2207. Or Fax: 248-352-5490. All Replies Confidential.	OFFICE MANAGER Property management company with strong hands-on A/P. A/P experience and proven ability with payroll, taxes, multiple companies. Quick w/turnover. Must be a team player. Send resume to: 300 Park St., Suite 390, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: 248-645-9935.	RECEPTIONIST Must have good phone skills and be able to handle multiple tasks. Opportunity for advancement. CBS and 401K. Jaguar of Troy. (248) 614-3175.	RECEPTIONIST Needed for busy W. Bloomfield ad agency. Duties include answering phones, assisting coworkers with pending projects. Experience preferred. Good communication skills required. Microsoft Word & Excel experience mandatory. Opportunity for advancement. Please send or fax resume to: 7001 Orchard Lake Rd., Ste 312, W. Bloomfield, MI 48322. Fax: 248-626-9607.	DESIGN ENGINEER Wanted to create/review/produce of auto parts. Will conduct value analysis & design review. Interfaces with customer departments and production facilities. EE or ME and 3-5 years automotive component experience required. Understanding of CATIA helpful. Please send resume & salary history to: Box #117, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.	DENTAL ASSISTANT Full-time position in modern Farmington Hills office. (248) 476-4013.	DENTAL HYGIENIST Livonia office. Mon & Sat. Excellent pay. 734-425-1610.	ORAL SURGERY Receptionist for pleasant, busy, oral surgery office. People skills & computer experience required. 248-553-3280.	NURSE Part-time for busy pro-choice physician's office. Contact Toni: 248-443-0239.
LEGAL SECRETARY FOR PARTNER Excellent opportunity to work in outstanding Southfield PI firm. Must be a highly skilled secretary with litigation and medical malpractice experience. Excellent salary and benefit package. Fax resume to: 248-948-9494 or Call: 248-948-0000.	ORDER ENTRY CLERK Part-time office position open for a motivated, hardworking individual. Duties and responsibilities include customer service, order entry, billing, and filing. Candidates must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications. Four Mon-Fri, 8am-1pm, with some flexibility allowed. This position could lead to full-time. The rate of pay we are offering is \$9.00 per hour. United Paint & Chemical Corporation, 24671 Telegraph Rd., Southfield, MI 48034.	RECEPTIONIST/STAFF National hair studio has immediate openings for both part & full time receptionist & office assistant's. Flexible hours, range from daytime to evening. Saturdays. Excellent pay & benefits. Call Jerry: 1-800-955-8484 or fax resume: 248-540-0523.	RECEPTIONIST Outgoing, self-motivated person needed for busy Livonia office. Computer skills & phone personality a must. Excellent benefit package. Computer literate. 32969 Glendale Ave., Livonia or call: (734) 523-1030.	SECRETARY/COORDINATOR Sharp individual, independent & self-starter to schedule cases for a national agency in Plymouth. Mature with strong personality; computer literate; to interact with employees/clients. Excellent pay & benefits. (616) 228-5683.	DENTAL ASSISTANT Full-time position in modern Farmington Hills office. (248) 476-4013.	ROCHESTER FAMILY PRACTICE Need of full-time receptionist, full-time assistant and part-time hygienist. Send resume to: Dental Office, P.O. Box 80674, Rochester, MI 48308-0674.	MEDICAL ASSISTANT Full-time, experienced for large internal medicine office. Great salary/benefits & uniform allowance. Fax resume Attn: JoAnn, 248-362-2216. or call 248-362-2770.	PHARMACIST Part-time position available at Apria Healthcare, the nation's leading fully-integrated home healthcare provider. Position based in Ann Arbor. Resumes: Pharmacy Manager, 1099 Highland Dr., Ste C, Ann Arbor, MI 48106; Fax 734-973-9647; email Barb_Petrol@apria.com.
LEGAL SECRETARY For Farmington Hills law firm. Estate planning, corporate law & litigation experience. A plus. Salary commensurate with experience. Fax resume 248-442-0518 or Call Kim at 248-442-0510.	PARALEGAL For large Farmington Hills law firm with minimum 5 years experience. Send resume to: Office Administrator, P.O. Box 3040, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-3040. Or Fax to: (248) 851-2158.	RECEPTIONIST Part-time position for fast-paced law offices in Farmington Hills. Looking for professional, efficient, experienced, preferred, not required. Call Kate at 248-932-0100.	RECEPTIONIST Part-time position for fast-paced law offices in Farmington Hills. Looking for professional, efficient, experienced, preferred, not required. Call Kate at 248-932-0100.	SECRETARY Growing real estate development & property management company seeks full-time secretary. Exceptional organization, typing & communication skills required. Real estate experience helpful but not necessary. Send resume to: 1133 W. Long Lake Rd., Suite 200, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, or call: (248) 433-3227.	DENTAL ASSISTANT General practice, Beverly Hills. 1 1/2 days/week. Excellent working conditions. 248-642-7120.	ASSISTANT OFFICE MANAGER for busy MRI center in Madison Heights. Supervisory experience required. Medical billing experience preferred. Excellent oral & written communication skills. At least one year of dental assisting experience or completion of an accredited Dental Assistant program. Send resume to: 248-358-4955.	MEDICAL ASSISTANT Full-time, experienced for large internal medicine office. Great salary/benefits & uniform allowance. Fax resume Attn: JoAnn, 248-362-2216. or call 248-362-2770.	PHYSICAL THERAPIST Full-time, part-time. Hours flexible. Outpatient centers. Taylor, Livonia, Dearborn. Primarily assist orthopedic patients. Fax resume to: 313-581-0912.
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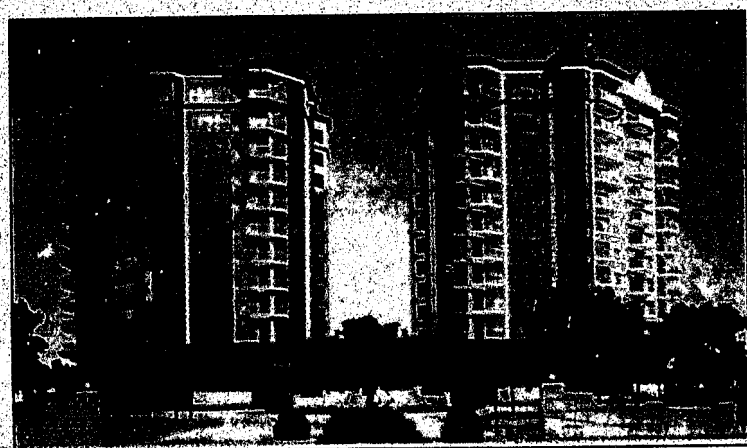
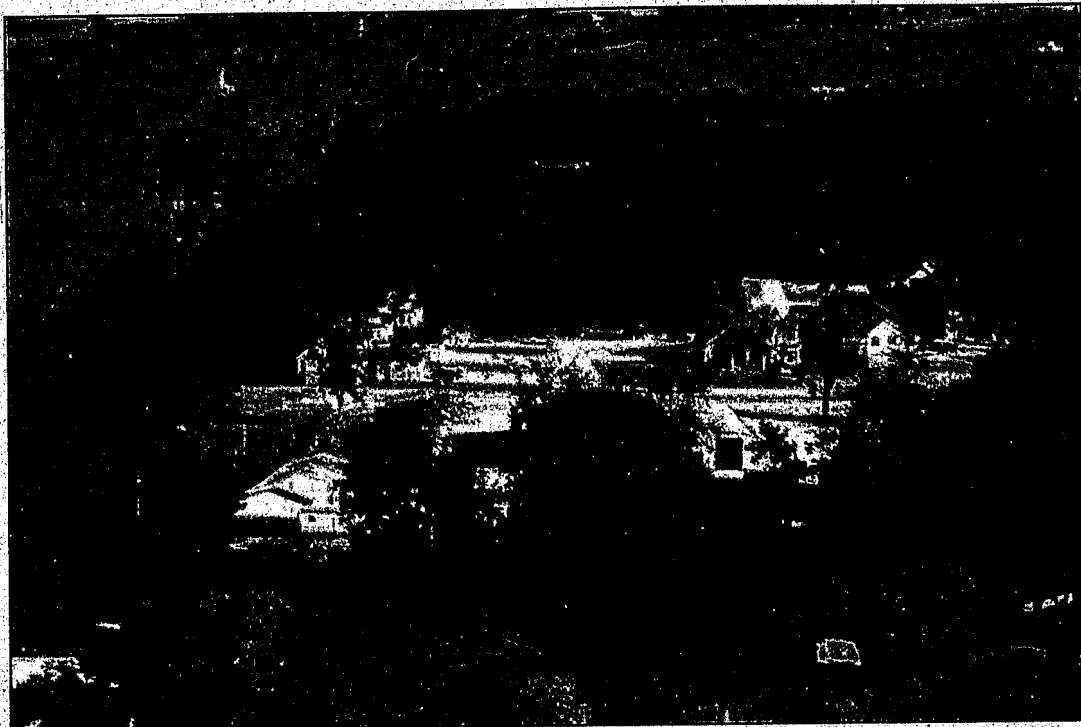
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2nd home: a river and a world away

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John and Fanika Elieff, Livonia residents and owners of Westpoint BBQ in Dearborn, were looking for a second home on the water in Oakland and Livingston counties.

They ended up at Bob-Lo Island Resort Community in Amherstburg, Ontario.

Lorenzo and Diane D'Agostini, lawyers and Bloomfield Hills residents, were looking further north. They're at Bob-Lo, too.

Thomas and Eleanor O'Hara, also of Bloomfield Hills, decided they were ready for the conveniences of condominium living and placed a deposit at the Gates of Glengarda in Windsor. He's chairman of the National Association of Investors Corp.

A favorable currency exchange rate, a relatively short and easy commute back to Detroit and its suburbs, a beautiful view of the river and an overwhelming sense of personal safety prompt people here to buy second homes in Canada.

Neither the O'Haras nor the D'Agostinis nor the Elieffs originally set out to buy in Windsor or Amherstburg, about 20 miles south.

"We were actually looking at a few lakes in the Detroit area," Fanika Elieff said. "It was so overpopulated, the houses were so close. Some were so expensive."

"We thought about having a place in northern Michigan like people typically do," Lorenzo D'Agostini said. "But that's a three- or four-hour drive, fighting traffic all the way, congested."

"We're getting along in age and were thinking of getting into a condo-type building with no cares," Thomas O'Hara said. They already own a couple of homes in Florida and another in northern Michigan.

"It's clean, green and safe," John Oram, developer and builder, said of the former amusement park. "People

don't realize they can buy a second home and seem so far, yet be so close."

Five different phases are planned for Bob-Lo. Some 500 homes will be built.

Prices start at \$300,000 American for a 1,500-square-foot condominium in a three-story building or side-by-side townhouse to \$700,000 for a house of 4,000 square feet.

A great majority of buyers so far have been Americans, said Michelle M. Lomazzo, vice president for operations at Bob-Lo.

"People pull up and say, 'I can't believe I got here so fast,'" Lomazzo said. "A lot of people buying are business people, entrepreneurs, professional people. They can't be away. They can't do the four- or five-hour drive."

"When in Windsor, you already feel like you're in a different place," D'Agostini said. "You can walk the streets at night. Amherstburg is a great place. The island is controlled access."

While Fanika Elieff said she's not aware of being in a different country at Bob-Lo, she does feel different.

"I really do think you feel safer," Elieff said. "I don't feel it's a bother to cross (the border). The drive is a great drive. It's close, but you feel you're quite away. I would live here year around, but I can't."

Jeff Slopen, a lawyer with the Windsor firm of Wilson, Walker, Hochberg & Slopen, explains.

"If you want to reside on a temporary basis, no problem," he said. "One-half year would be the boundary for (temporary) residency."

"The real issue is, in fact, if you want to be a permanent resident ... you need permission," Slopen added. "Getting a visa - that's not a particularly difficult issue, especially for Americans buying property in Canada. Visas are available. This isn't a closed border."

Roy Bertelli, vice president for sales of condominiums at the Gates of Glengarda in Windsor, said he'd probably be all sold out by now to American buyers if it weren't for Canadian residency/immigration restrictions.

"We've had many folks think they could pick up and move over here," he said.

Glengarda, site of a former convent and school for special-needs children, is under construction across from Belle Isle. It will feature 240 units in five towers ranging from eight to 12 floors.

Riverview Suites of 1,207 square feet with two bedrooms and two baths start at \$144,755 American; Gardenview Suites of 1,150 square feet start at \$115,800. Penthouses run up to \$600,000.

"I think the river was the big attraction," O'Hara said. "We have a lot of family in Detroit. It's just across the river, not hard to get back and forth. We really don't plan to spend more than three or four months over there."

Bertelli elaborated on what he sees drawing Americans to Canada.

"First, the tremendous exchange rate factor. With all due respect to Detroit ... security, and that sort of thing here. We're three miles from downtown Windsor, four miles from downtown Detroit."

Property taxes and mortgage interest paid on homes in Canada are deductible on U.S. income taxes, said Mike Wilds, a chartered accountant with Deloitte & Touche in Windsor.

The current annual property rate is .01726 of purchase price.

American banks and Canadian banks will grant mortgages to Americans who buy property in Canada, said Slopen and Steve Cheifetz, a lawyer with Corrent & Maceri in Windsor.

"It's probably best to get it (a mortgage) wherever they can get the best interest rates," Wilds advised.

To fairly compare, have an expert crunch the numbers at prevailing rates in both currencies.

As of May 3, the dollar exchange rate was \$1.4512 Canadian for \$1 American.

Also, check with your builder and Realtor to find out if they have any special arrangements with lenders for mortgage discounts.

Midwest singles

The chart below shows the number of single-family units, houses and condominiums, permitted in metro areas October through December of last year.

Chicago	6,380
Cincinnati	2,250
Cleveland	2,000
Columbus	1,700
Detroit	5,200
Grand Rapids	1,200
Indianapolis	3,000
Madison	1,345
Milwaukee	1,025

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

It's time for you to talk back

MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

Consumers: Did you get a good deal on a new mortgage recently? Were you happy with the service you received? Would you have done anything different if you had to shop for a new mortgage all over again? Do you have any advice for consumers shopping for a new mortgage now? Mortgage Search wants to know.

Lenders: Do you have any advice for consumers on how to better shop and compare mortgage lenders? Are your prospects asking you the right questions when they contact you? If it were you shopping for a new mortgage, how would you handle the task of finding the best lender for your mortgage needs? Mortgage Search wants to know.

I've been working in the mortgage business for more than a decade and writing this column for more than four years. Now it's your turn to share some of your thoughts on your mortgage experiences or views.

This feedback can help others to learn more about saving money and getting better service when mortgage shopping. I have received so many calls over the years from readers asking me various types of mortgage related questions, that I thought it would be a good idea to formally ask for feedback, that I could share in future columns so others can benefit.

The focus will be on the front end of mortgage shopping (getting a mortgage), from the time you decide to contact a lender all the way to the closing of your mortgage and anything in between.

After the mortgage closes can be a whole new area of discussion, but for now let's stick to the initial mortgage shopping and closing experience.

There are so many lenders to choose from that want your business, you have a very wide choice. I make it my job (literally) to know about as many lenders as possible, but it's just not possible to be aware of every last source of money. That is why I would like to hear from you, good or bad, on what you learned when obtaining a new mortgage.

Realtors, builders, financial planners, accountants and any other professionals who refer mortgage lenders: Who do you normally recommend? and why?

Consumers, which lender(s) would you feel good about recommending? Let us know.

If you would like to participate and help others, please contact us. Simply fax: (248) 305-7997 Attention: David Mully or e-mail: info@rateupdate.com. I will review all responses and use selected excerpts in future columns. This information may also be used to help consumers who use our 24-hour Mortgage Search Hotline Service.

David Mully's company, Mortgage Search Services, surveys lenders and provides updates on mortgage rates for homeowners. His survey and weekly column can be accessed online at www.rateupdate.com. The survey report is also on cable TV's Home Preview Channel and also appears inside Thursday and Sunday's Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The company provides consumers with a Mortgage Search Hotline at 1-877-MTG-SHOP (684-7467). For information, call Mully at (248) 305-7337 or e-mail info@rateupdate.com.

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REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: Our condo board is becoming very strict in enforcing the bylaws. While what they are enforcing is in the documents, we didn't believe the association would take these restrictions seriously. Is there anything we can do?

A: Assuming the bylaw provisions at issue are reasonable and assuming that the association has enforced the bylaws uniformly, you should be obligated to comply with them.

Your failure to take the restrictions seriously is unfortunate but doesn't give you an excuse not to comply.

Too many people buy condos without reviewing the restrictions, thinking that the association will not discharge its legal responsibilities to enforce the documents.

Q: Recently, you had an article on lofts in the Lincoln Park area of Chicago. I am wondering if you have any knowledge concerning the West Loop area.

A: There was a grassroots movement among property owners in the West Loop area of Chicago to keep high-rises from being built there. The city has apparently decided that it will allow only lofts to be constructed, as opposed to high-rises.

A number of warehouses and old buildings are being converted to lofts along Madison Avenue, which is the main conduit between the Loop and the United Center Sports Arena.

New construction is prevalent. Almost every lot is being considered for residential and/or commercial development. While there appears to be an absence of direct rapid transit, the United Center has served as a stimulus for rapid development to the near west side of the Loop area.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Birmingham Farms MI 48025. His e-mail address is rmeisner@mich.com, and his Web site is www.meisner-law.com. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

2 local RE/MAX franchises merge

Two RE/MAX franchises in Oakland County - RE/MAX in the village in Bloomfield Hills and RE/MAX Professionals in Rochester Hills - have merged operations.

Each office will continue in business under its current name.

Gary Jones, broker/owner of RE/MAX in the village, will act as presi-

dents and broker/owner of the combined company.

The former owners of RE/MAX Professionals, Deborah Louzecky, Carol Hazy, Caroline McGuire, Betty Pazdro, Shirley Littlefield, Frank Gozdar and Helga Pischner, will act as associate brokers.

The 38 Realtors of the combined com-

pany average 15 years of real estate experience and \$3 million annually in sales volume.

The RE/MAX franchise network, celebrating its 26th consecutive year of growth, is a global system of 31,200 independently owned and operated offices in 30 countries with more than 53,000 sales associates.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded March 22 - 26 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office, and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	3040 Carly Ct.	\$83,000
	4038 Coventry Dr.	\$325,000
	3004 Henrydale St.	\$124,000
	1509 N. Opdyke Rd.	\$165,000
	620 Sheffield Rd.	\$140,000
Clarkston	9067 Bavarian Ct.	\$125,000
	9425 Big Lake Rd.	\$155,000
	7212 Dark Lake Dr.	\$515,000
	8462 Deerwood Rd.	\$504,000

6341 Heron Park Way	\$221,000	37885 Glenview Dr.	\$318,000
4892 Knollywood Ct.	\$361,000	28039 Golf Pointe Blvd.	\$300,000
157 Lakeshore Dr.	\$198,000	27281 Hystone Dr.	\$172,000
162 Lakeshore Dr.	\$220,000	27222 Jefferson St.	\$35,000
6812 Northcrest Way E.	\$143,000	39334 Kennedy Dr.	\$324,000
6441 Pine Valley Rd.	\$275,000	38148 Lantern Hill Ct.	\$330,000
5475 Ridge Trl N.	\$270,000	24507 Martel Dr.	\$250,000
6619 Ridgewood Ct.	\$402,000	29200 Marvin Rd.	\$165,000
9445 Solwater Woods	\$185,000	21949 Middlebelt Rd.	\$120,000
Commerce Township		21544 Oxford Ave.	\$98,000
2916 Bensfield Rd.	\$130,000	21881 Purdue Ave.	\$108,000
6196 Brockway St.	\$115,000	34876 Rhonswood St.	\$118,000
8634 Oakside Ave.	\$254,000	21738 Ruth St.	\$159,000
405 W. Grand Travers	\$117,000	36506 Rutherford Ct.	\$253,000
Davidsburg		28038 Shawnee Rd.	\$148,000
6890 Meadow Valley Dr.	\$58,000	28870 Summerwood Rd.	\$240,000
11664 Old Oaks Dr.	\$247,000	31943 W. 13 Mile Rd.	\$105,000
11926 Scott Rd.	\$185,000	30445 W. 14 Mile # 59	\$88,000
Farmington		35599 Woodfield Dr.	\$380,000
31831 Grand River # 6	\$40,000	33742 Yorkridge St.	\$309,000
38522 Vicary Ln.	\$223,000	Franklin	
Farmington Hills		32975 Ramsey Rd.	\$320,000
28296 Carillon Dr.	\$278,000	26719 W. 13 Mile Rd.	\$240,000
30755 Chesapeake Rd.	\$270,000	Keego Harbor	
35279 Gary St.	\$139,000	3231 Orchard Lake Rd.	\$358,000
		25291 Sullivan Ln.	\$295,000

Lake Orion	2739 Canoe Cir.	\$278,000
	3208 Cedar Key Dr.	\$187,000
	576 Cushing St.	\$85,000
	405 Glenn Ct.	\$128,000
	730 Highlander St.	\$99,000
	235 Hiram St.	\$135,000
	3426 Leewood Dr.	\$154,000
Lathrup Village	18852 Cambridge Blvd.	\$177,000
	28066 Sunset Blvd W.	\$200,000
Novi	42994 Ashbury Dr.	\$470,000
	30475 Bristol Ln.	\$353,000
	22284 Brookshire St.	\$369,000
	22438 Eaton Ct.	\$258,000
	135 Eubank St.	\$131,000
	47550 Iroquois Ct.	\$675,000
	45583 Marlborough Pl.	\$368,000
	23513 N. Rockledge	\$92,000
	22212 Piccadilly Cir.	\$429,000
	22409 Plaisance Blvd.	\$243,000
	1838 Cloverdale Dr.	\$342,000
	23493 Stonehenge Blvd.	\$92,000
	25291 Sullivan Ln.	\$295,000

22544 Summer Ln.	\$505,000	1007 Pointe Place	\$290,000
22495 Sunrise Blvd.	\$230,000	1077 Pointe Place	\$290,000
22875 Versailles Ct.	\$118,000	1172 Rock Valley Dr.	\$271,000
21052 Wheaton Ln.	\$420,000	408 Romeo Rd.	\$123,000
Orchard Lake		136 Terry Ave.	\$147,000
3895 Lakeview St.	\$193,000	Orion Township	
3713 Rolling Hills Ct.	\$251,000	2875 Arrowood Ct.	\$70,000
Oxford		1306 Brook Ln.	\$123,000
1439 Athlone St.	\$155,000	589 Bucknell Ct.	\$215,000
1069 Clearview Dr.	\$189,000	111 Chalmers	\$385,000
3480 Country View Dr.	\$290,000	3817 Cherrywood Ln.	\$471,000
482 Davis Lake Dr.	\$343,000	198 Clair Hill Dr.	\$220,000
127 E. Oakwood Rd.	\$155,000	2395 Culbertson Ave.	\$131,000
235 Moyers St.	\$9,000	1732 Devonwood Dr.	\$326,000
734 N. Oxford Rd.	\$165,000	2359 Dwyer	\$311,000
2216 N. Oxford Rd.	\$135,000	1584 Gas Light Ln.	\$119,000
10 West St.	\$60,000	160 Grace Ave.	\$139,000
5975 William Dr.	\$235,000	1692 Grandview Dr.	\$251,000
Recheater		1145 Hickory Hill Dr.	\$131,000
1021 Bloomview Cir.	\$297,000	2895 Oak View Ct.	\$255,000
3788 Briarbrooke Ln.	\$256,000	1934 S. Shore Dr.	\$55,000
1838 Cloverdale Dr.	\$342,000	3400 Salem Dr.	\$318,000
531 E. University # 1305	\$91,000	1734 Skyline Dr.	\$409,000
335 Lone Pine Cir.	\$416,000	1698 Snowden Cir.	\$255,000

2853 Trailwood Dr.	\$135,000	1675 Crestline Dr.	\$197,000
2283 W. Avon Rd.	\$176,000	4523 Hedgecroft Dr.	\$298,000
1278 Windmill Ct.	\$105,000	2144 Highbury Dr.	\$238,000
Southfield		723 Jamaica Dr.	\$125,000
21466 B1/2 Mile Rd.	\$110,000	3880 Lawson Dr.	\$225,000
27530 Abington St.	\$170,000	4912 Oak River Dr.	\$428,000
17710 E. Goldwin St.	\$189,000	3628 Old Creek Rd.	\$118,000
21445 Glenmora St.	\$170,000	6558 Pine Way Dr.	\$362,000
18760 Goldwin St.	\$194,000	3892 Raintree Dr.	\$187,000
28855 Greenleigh Ct.	\$175,000	4541 Riverchase Dr.	\$515,000
23650 Millard St.	\$65,000	1095 Torrey Dr.	\$145,000
16445 New Jersey St.	\$166,000	2150 Vermont Dr.	\$160,000
29770 Red Leaf Dr.	\$78,000	Walled Lake	
20949 Sherman Ave.	\$39,000	123 Hallfax St.	\$73,000
25337 Shawnee #108	\$39,000	1659 Mariner Dr.	\$80,000
30215 Southfield #420	\$58,000	1511 Walnut Run Ct.	\$220,000
26215 Summerdale Dr.	\$122,000	400 Woodland Hills Dr.	\$172,000
22673 Tyndalham W.	\$245,000	West Bloomfield	
21709 Virginia St.	\$168,000	7609 Acorn Hill Ct.	\$305,000
23958 Westbrook Pkwy	\$140,000	6450 Commerce Rd.	\$460,000
Troy		7053 Deerwood Trl.	\$333,000
3865 Bellows	\$189,000	7059 Deerwood Trl.	\$270,000
352 Bracken	\$305,000	5645 Eastman Blvd.	\$145,000
373 Bracken Dr.	\$307,000	3479 Fieldview Ave.	\$143,000
		7817 Greenway Ln.	\$293,000

7491 Indianwood Trl.	\$213,000	5620 Inkster Rd.	\$215,000
6826 Knolling Ct.	\$140,000	6830 Leytonstone Blvd.	\$345,000
1803 Lockhaven Rd.	\$120,000	3895 Long Pine Rd.	\$100,000
4520 Pine Village Dr.	\$280,000	6713 Scotch Lake Dr.	\$83,000
4445 Welland Dr.	\$115,000	7206 Silver Leaf	\$250,000
5570 Wildridge Ln.	\$160,000	White Lake	
White Lake		8230 Highland Rd.	\$253,000
8230 Highland Rd.	\$253,000	8847 Lakewood Dr.	\$168,000
9094 Millard St.	\$87,000	8103 Rene Dr.	\$144,000
727 Robar Cir.	\$153,000	9521 Sleep Hollow Dr.	\$293,000
635 Sunnybeach Dr.	\$264,000	8748 Trenton Dr.	\$235,000
Wolverine Lake		1432 Meadow Dr.	\$99,000

MOVERS & SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to: Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150.

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Edward Mackowiak, AIA, joins Duce Simmons Associates, architects, planners and interior designers in Troy, as a project manager.

Mackowiak holds bachelor of science in architecture and bachelor of Architecture degrees from Lawrence Technological University and an associate's degree in architectural technology from Ferris State University.

He brings 14 years experience to the firm and lives in Ortonville.



Mackowiak

Giffels Associates, architects, engineers and planners in Southfield, announces several hires.

Julianne Chard joins Giffels Strategic Consultants, a subsidiary, as a senior consultant. She's responsible for pre-design stages of strategic planning and project definition services for clients.

Chard received a master's degree in architecture from the University of Michigan and has 15 years of facility planning and design experience.

Don Fullwinder, AIA, also joins Giffels Strategic Consultants as a senior consultant. He's director of simulation services, managing the firm's virtual reality urban simulation and virtual plant projects.

Fullwinder is completing his doctorate in planning and development studies at the University of Southern California.

Steffanie Mikel joins Giffels Associates as public relations coordinator. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in communications from Western Michigan University.

Karla Chahil joins Giffels Associates as an executive administrative assistant.

Several Realtors affiliated with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer were honored at the firm's annual awards celebration.

Rosalee Hill was the top sales associate in the Birmingham office for gross commission income and buyer controlled sales. She also was named to the President's Top 30 Club for sales achievement and received the Coldwell Banker

Schweitzer Lifetime Achievement Award.

Also in that office, Jean Colby was named to the President's Top 30 Club and Al Butts was the top sales associate for listings sold.

In the Bloomfield Hills office, Helga Nisonger was the leader in gross commission income, listings sold and buyer controlled sales and a member of the President's Top 30 Club.

Shawn Riley and Catherine Atesian also were named to the President's Top 30 Club.

In the West Bloomfield office, Lucia Vulaj led the way in gross commission income and listings sold. She's also in the President's Top 30 Club, as is Karen Thomas.

In the Birmingham, Woodward office, Brad Manning was gross commission income and buyer controlled sales leader, as well as a President's Top 30 Club member.

In the Troy office, Dan Murphy was the top sales associate for gross commission income and listings sold. He also was named to the President's Top 30 Club. Geri Griffin, leader in buyer controlled sales, also was a President's Top 30 Club member.



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1 yr Arm	6.25	2.00	50 day	\$268	7.58 apr	*SAT & SUN OPEN 10-2 CASH FASTEST					
7/28 Bal	6.125	2.00	50 day	\$268	6.51 apr	*ALL CREDIT TYPES PURCHASE & REFINANCE					
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15 yr Fik	6.125	0.00	45 day	\$350	6.82 apr	www.americanhome.com					
1 yr Arm	6.125	0.00	45 day	\$350	6.82 apr	*OPEN SUNDAY 10-2-20					
30 yr Jumb	7.125	0.00	45 day	\$350	7.25 apr	*AVOID VOICE MAIL 122 INSIDE LOAN OFFICERS					
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15 yr Fik	6.75	0.00	30 day	\$249	6.80 apr	www.CaptivaMortgage.com					
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5/1 Jumb	6.875	0.00	30 day	\$249	6.75 apr	*Free Text to Buy a Home in Home Equity 502					
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1 yr Arm	6.125	2.00	45 day	\$295	6.51 apr	*NO INCOME VERIFICATION SPECIALIST					
5/1 Jumb	6.875	2.00	45 day	\$295	7.43 apr	*FAST CLOSINGS/CASH FAST					
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1 yr Arm	6.125	3.00	45 day	\$350	7.01 apr	*FAST CLOSINGS / IN HOME APPOINTMENTS					
5/1 Jumb	7.125	3.00	45 day	\$350	7.30 apr	*WE MAKE HOUSE CALLS					
15 yr Jumb	6.75	3.00	45 day	\$350	6.99 apr						
1 yr Arm	6.125	3.00	45 day	\$350	7.01 apr						
5/1 Jumb	7.125	3.00	45 day	\$350	7.30 apr						
15 yr Jumb	6.75	3.00	45 day	\$350	6.99 apr						
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1 yr Arm	6.00	1.00	60 day	\$325	6.81 apr						
7 yr Bal	6.50	1.00	60 day	\$325	6.72 apr						
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25% cashout 7.25% 30 day 7.00% 8.80 apr											
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1-800-900-8373											
30 yr Fik	5.875	0.00	45 day	\$375	8.96 apr						
15 yr Fik	5.50	0.00	45 day	\$375	8.84 apr						
1 yr Arm	5.75	0.00	45 day	\$375	8.80 apr						
CREDIT PROBLEMS NO PROBLEM W/ SUFFICIENT CREDIT											
STANDARDS FEDERAL BANK											
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30 yr Fik	6.25	0.00	45 day	\$276	8.86 apr						
15 yr Fik	5.82	0.00	45 day	\$276	8.54 apr						
1 yr Arm	5.75	0.00	45 day	\$276	8.54 apr						
5/25	5.875	2.00	45 day	\$276	8.50 apr						
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BUY HOME CLASS

RE/MAX HomeTeam Realtors offers a free seminar on buying a house 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, and 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at its office, 6018 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

For information, call (800) 650-1933, extension 2001.

CONTRACTORS EXPO

Architectural Contractors Trade Association presents a free expo featuring construction, manufacturers and computer software systems, noon to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

For tickets, call (248) 788-9180.

INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland sponsors a dinner seminar on property management 7 p.m. Friday, May 14, at Stephenson Haus, 25000 N. Chrysler Drive, Hazel Park. Presenter: Bruce Foulk of

Norplex Associates.

Dinner for everyone is \$14; the seminar is \$10 for non-members. To register, call (800) 747-6742.

APPRAISERS MEET

The Great Lakes Chapter of the Appraisal Institute presents a luncheon program on several issues affecting the profession 12:15 p.m. Friday, May 14, at the DoubleTree Guest Suites, 850 Tower Drive, Troy.

Topics include how events in Europe affect Detroit, the future of the real estate appraisal profession and how the Internet has and will affect real estate sales and appraisals.

Cost is \$25. For reservations,

call Connie Vickroy at (810) 573-2411.

INN BUSINESS

Birmingham Community Education offers a class on how to get into the Inn business 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy.

Cost is \$120, \$75 for a partner. To register, call (248) 203-3800.

INVESTORS II

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County presents a program on how to expand the base of rental applicants 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at

the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline, one block east of I-75.

Cost for non-members is \$10. Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package should call Wayne Kgehler at (313) 396-7228.

GOLF OUTING II

Washtenaw Contractors Association hosts a scholarship golf outing Monday, June 14, at Polo Fields Golf & Country Club in Scio Township.

Lunch begins at 11 a.m., golf at 12:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Cost of the package is \$130.

For information, call (734) 662-2570.

BOOKLET AVAILABLE

Michigan National Bank offers a free pocket-sized consumer handbook, House Smarts: the Owner's Guide to Making Sense of Home Equity Loans. Call (800) CALL-MNB for a copy.

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Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood? Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has prepared maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free.

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Refinancings

Don't assume they will save you money

By PATRICIA LAMIELLE
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — As long-term interest rates remain comfortably low, homeowners are lining up twice and three times to refinance their mortgages. Many of them shouldn't, mortgage experts say.

Refinancers can end up saving no money or even spending more for their efforts, said Stuart Feldstein, a mortgage and credit analyst in Hackettstown, N.J.

"Refinancing is the single hottest financial thing going on in the country," Feldstein said, "and here you have something that millions of people are doing, and shouldn't be."

In the first three months of this year, 53 percent of the mortgages written were refinancings, an all-time high, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. The MBA expects that number to average 43 percent this year, translating to 4 million to 5 million refinancings.

And millions more might be considering it. With 30-year mortgages now about 7 percent, as many as 15 million homeowners might consider refinancing because their mortgages carry an interest rate of 8 percent or more, said Brian Carey, economist at the Mortgage Bankers Association of America.

Bankers long ago tossed out the rule that interest rates should drop at least 2 percent below what you were paying before it became cost-effective to go through the refinancing process, which itself costs money

and time.

The information available through computers and competition in the mortgage industry have pressured lenders to lower their service fees, so that some people may save money even if rates drop just a tenth of a percentage point.

Exchanging one fixed-rate mortgage for a lower one can save hundreds of dollars per month. Shortening the loan maturity or swapping an adjustable for a fixed-rate mortgage, can increase monthly payments but save thousands of dollars over the life of the loan.

Refinancing may also be worthwhile for those who have a lot of principle to pay off. But for those with only a small loan, the cost of refinancing can be greater than the amount saved.

It also doesn't make sense for those moving within two to three years, because it usually takes that long to recoup refinancing costs.

The most frequent mistake, Feldstein said, is made by people who erase a substantial amount of equity in their home by refinancing the mortgage.

A homeowner with a 30-year, \$100,000 mortgage, who has spent the last 10 years paying down interest on the loan and has just begun to pay down the principle, gets a new \$100,000 for 30 years. He may get a lower interest rate, Feldstein said, but he's still erasing all of his equity and putting him back to square one.

"In many cases, the equity loss is equal to the monthly payment savings," Feldstein

said. "They just keep restarting the terms of an amortizing mortgage and end up with nothing to show for it. It's a shame."

Barry Havemann, president of HSH Associates in Butler, N.J., said many homeowners knowingly do just that. They use the equity in their home to finance other things like paying down higher-rate credit card debt, paying for home improvements, a car or education. In many cases, it makes good financial sense.

"Lots of people are perpetually refinancing and cashing out, taking every bit of that property value and doing other things with the money," Havemann said.

Alan Marinoff, a New York attorney, is intrigued by the idea of refinancing his Manhattan cooperative apartment and using the proceeds to buy a car or buy new furniture. But, he said, "I find that the shopping is kind of a nuisance," adding that mortgage lenders "play a shell game with all the fees."

Newspaper ads can be misleading, agreed Keith Gumbinger, an analyst at HSH Associates. "The terms and conditions for which they advertise are for the most optimum buyer under the best circumstances. You may or may not qualify for those loans."

Even homeowners who end up paying a little more over the life of a refinanced mortgage might decide it's worth it to them.

But Gumbinger advises refinancers to shop very carefully, ask a lot of questions, and "be ruthless. Are lenders aware that A-quality borrowers can pack up their marbles and go away instantly? Absolutely."

Book explains how to build it yourself

Mark A. Smith, author of "The Owner-Builder Book: How You can Save More than \$100,000 in the Construction of Your Custom Home," offers the following construction bargain-hunting strategies.

You can save lots of money building or remodeling your own home simply by using the same shopping skills you use at the mall or grocery store, he said.

High priority. Make saving money a high priority. Savings in constructing your home are worth 10 times more to your wealth than salary dollars.

Take time. It takes time to find savings on anything. You need to research your purchases. Leave enough time to get the full benefit of your work.

Give the most time to the biggest costs. The single biggest line item in our home was lumber. I worried and worked on lumber pricing and eventually found a way to get the price down by \$5,000.

Know what things cost. By interviewing subcontractors and suppliers, you can get many early indications of what things cost. Keep good notes on your planned purchases. If you know prices, you can tell when you find a bargain.

Know what you want. By developing room-by-room descriptions, you can make detailed choices about the individual components that will go in your home.

Your budget gives you a picture of what the trade-offs are. Perhaps you want more than a middle-level, two-compartment, stainless-steel kitchen sink, but your budget tells you that you can have better only if you find a bargain.

Always get three or more bids. Sometimes, you are so sure of the subcontractor or supplier that you will choose well in advance. In those cases, it seems unnecessary to get a second or third bid. However, those additional bids may bring surprises

in prices, valuable information or negotiating leverage with your chosen source. The key is to be organized to obtain additional bids with very little extra effort.

Select items that maintain value or save operating costs. Shop for quality. Think of cost over the life of your purchase. It may cost more now but will pay for itself in reduced operating cost or upon resale.

Question bottom-of-the-line products and bids. Some commercial construction companies reject the low subcontractor bid automatically. They tend to get more bids than residential owners do and have more freedom of choice.

If you insist on bidding in detail, you have more assurance of getting what you want from a very low bidder. The only reason to buy a bottom-of-the-line product is that you can't get a favorable price on an improved version. Keep trying.

Serendipity. You run into values by being at the right place at the right time. Be alert to unexpected opportunities.

Telephone comparison. Once you have studied the purchase you are planning, you can often make a few telephone calls to alternate sources quickly to verify that you have found the best price and terms.

Long distance shopping. Don't limit yourself to local sources. Extend your search for components and materials to other markets where different conditions might prevail.

Occasionally, even remote subcontractors can be found who will travel to your region.

To get a free copy of a special report, "Construction bargain strategies for the commando shopper," or a copy of "The Owner-Builder Book ...," at the postpaid price of \$24.95, write the Consensus Group at 3776 N. 300 W. Provo, Utah, 84604.

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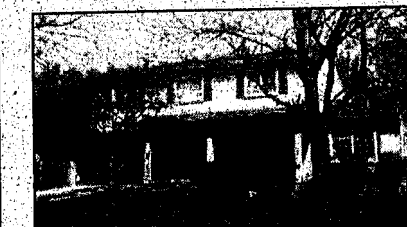
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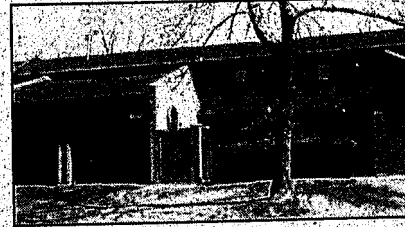
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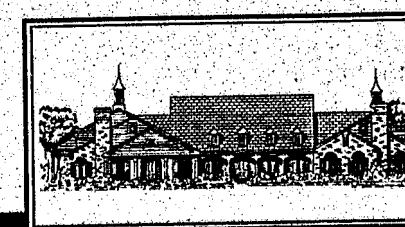
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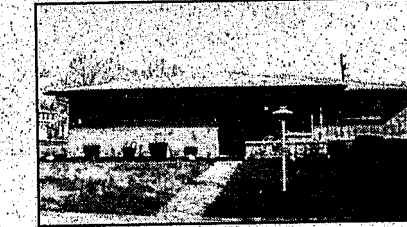
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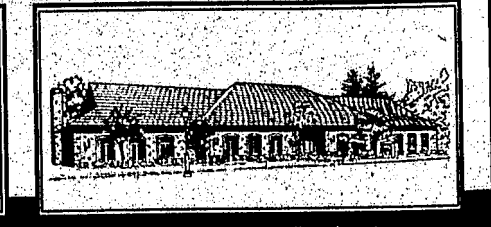
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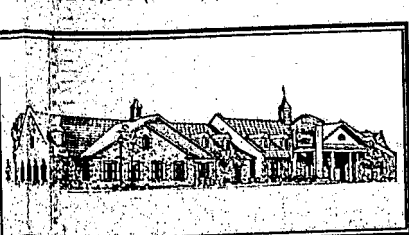
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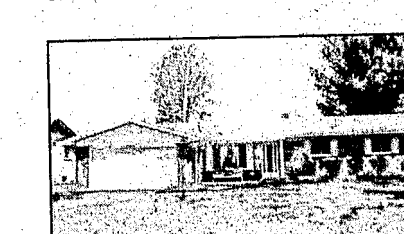
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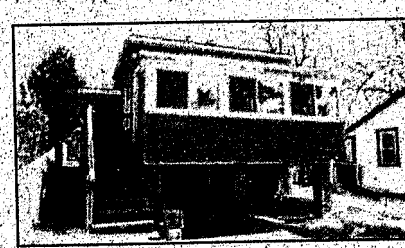
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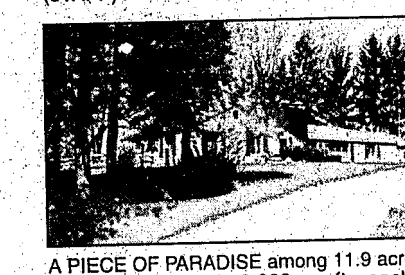
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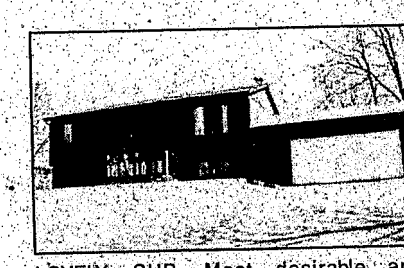
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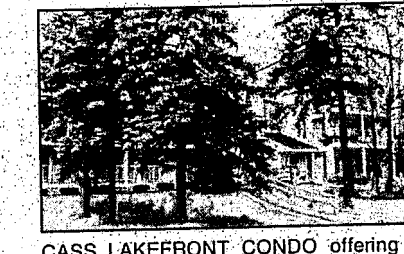
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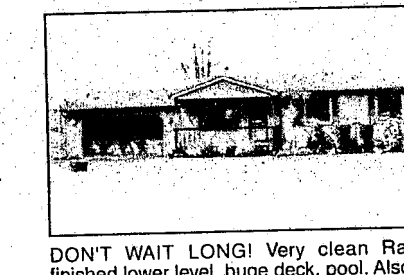
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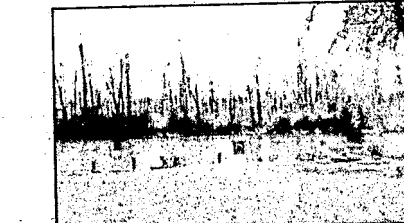
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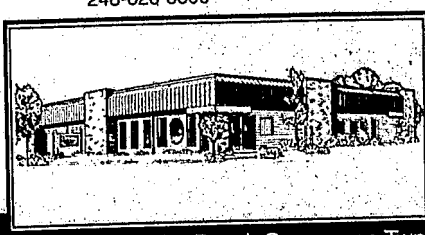
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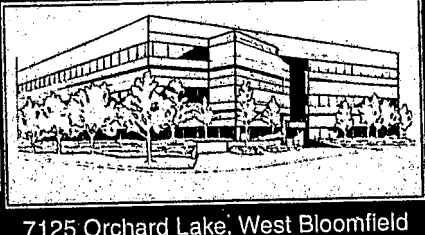
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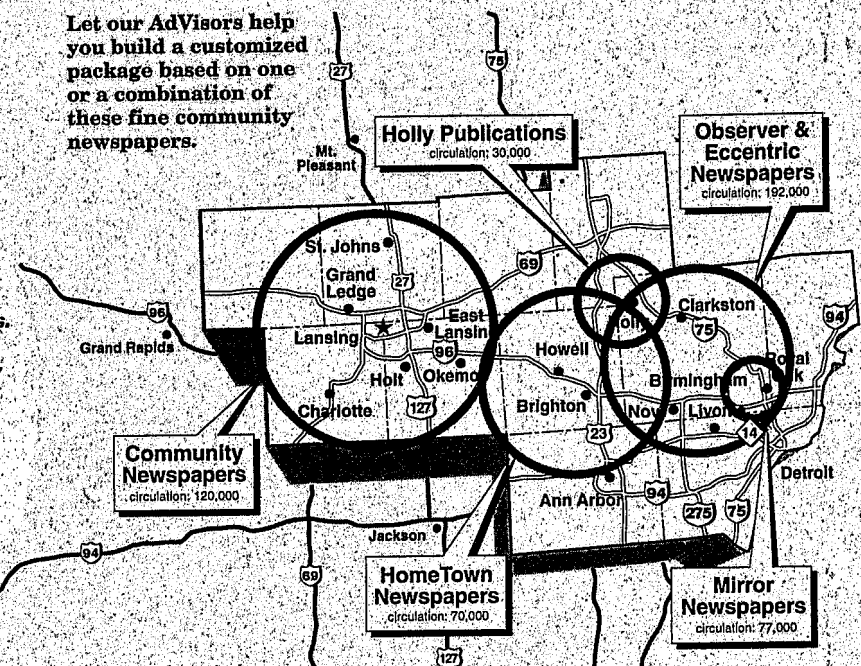
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BERKLEY - By Owner. Charming 3 bedroom ranch. Windows, garage, kitchen, bath, furnace, air conditioning all new! Open Saturday 1-4, 1880 Princeton (N. of 11, E. of Coolidge). (248) 542-1176

BERKLEY - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Bungalow on large lot; remodeled kitchen, newer roof, plumbing, electric, hot water heater & windows. Neutral decor, hardwood floors, 2 car garage, w/owner. \$149,900. Open Saturday, May 8th from 1-4. 2874 Columbia, 1 block W. of 11 Mile, 1 block N. of Coolidge. Or call for appt. (248) 588-1367

***BIRMINGHAM* OPEN SUN 1-4PM** - 1333 N. Adams, 3 bedroom, 4 1/2 baths, 916 sq. ft., 2 fireplaces, beautiful landscaped lot. \$524,900. (248) 540-5453

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303 Open Houses

OPEN SATURDAY May 8, 1-4 PM
Waterfront starter home on all sports White Lake. Bring your water toys. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, \$152,750. 4160, Navarra Ct., White Lake, MI. W. of Ormond on Jackson Blvd. to Lake Grove N. to Navarra Ct.

ROCHESTER HILLS - Immaculate Condo. Former model. Two bedrooms, 1.5 bath, full basement fireplace in living room. \$225,000.
Open Sat. 1-4pm
3348 Henley Ct.
S. of Auburn, E. of Adams
Call KATHY ADAMS
Snyder, Kinney, Bennett & Keating (248) 644-7000

SOUTH LYON OPEN SUN 1-5PM
899 S. PARKWOOD
N. Nine Mile & E. Pontiac Trail is a share 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial with 2300 sq. ft., built in 1996 and professionally decorated. Just Reduced \$249,900. 248-486-7930

305 Birmingham/Bloomfield
BIRMINGHAM - By Owner. Colonial 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2000 sq. ft. Walk to Private school. Large lot with private backyard. Finished basement, 2 car garage. \$174,900. H-318UC MAX BROOK REALTORS (248) 644-6669

BIRMINGHAM - Charming Pennock Manor. Updated bungalow, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, hardwood floors, finished basement, 2 car garage. \$245,000. Make offer. After 6pm. 248-649-0189

BIRMINGHAM - NEW RENOVATION! Private dead-end street within walking distance to downtown arts and shopping! Gourmet island kitchen with breakfast area opens to family room; master suite with double walk-ins, jetted tub and separate shower; 3 fireplaces, floor-to-ceiling windows, finished basement. \$245,000. Completion date Sept. '99. \$975,000. (BLO872)

HANNETT-WILSON & WHITEHOUSE
(248) 646-6200

305 Birmingham/Bloomfield

BIRMINGHAM - Quanton Lake Estates. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, new hardwood, carpet, paint, forced heat, air, humidifier. 80x170 lot. Call Karin for appt. 248-593-9969

BIRMINGHAM - Quanton Lake Estates. 4300 sq. ft., custom family home, built 1989. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 lavs, premium location. Many extras. Call for appt. (248) 642-7193

BLOOMFIELD - Open Sat-Sun, 1-4pm. Unique contemporary with unbelievable heavily treed lot & pond. Nature lovers paradise. Walnut Lake privileges. 4 bedroom, 2.5+ bath, hardwood floors, sky lights. Room to expand. Birmingham schools. 1888 W. Tahquamenon Ct. \$399,500. 248-626-6306

BRAND NEW - to the market & a superb value! Elegant South Valley home w/3400 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 1 full & 2 half baths, huge great room, light, bright, updated kitchen, formal dining room, plus library. Beautiful lot w/circular drive. A real gem at \$374,500. TAI

CAROLE EIZELMAN
Page 248-644-0658
Cranbrook
(248) 626-8700

JUST LISTED Beverly Hills RANCH
Located on a gorgeous lot! Neutral & very open floor plan with brick wall fireplace, ceramic foyer & baths, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, brick paver patio & 2 car garage. \$174,900. H-318UC MAX BROOK REALTORS (248) 644-1400

JUST LISTED BLOOMFIELD TWP. - 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath hilltop colonial on 1 acre lot. Library, family room, attached 2 car garage, newer roof, windows, furnace/air. Bloomfield Hills schools. Priced at \$369,500.

GOODE (248) 647-1888
WONDERFUL BLOOMFIELD RANCH
Lovely 4 bedroom ranch with a pool! In-law suite overlooking private 2 acre common area in a well established neighborhood. Finished lower level, and attached pool area. Must see! \$349,000. Julie Herman 248-901-4280
MAX BROOK, INC.
(248) 644-6700

306 Brighton

FOUR BEDROOM, 5 1/2 bath, 3,800 sq. ft., custom home. Walkout, 3+ car garage, by owner. \$379,900. (810) 229-4693

ML Brighton, Sub. Custom built brick ranch on 74 acre lot. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces, 1st floor laundry, finished basement, large 2 car attached garage. Plus much more. \$198,000. (810) 227-6829

WATERFRONT HOMES on All Sports Waterfront Lake & Lake of the Pines. Call The Michigan Group, Donna O'Hara (810) 227-4600, ext 270

A MUST SEE
Beautiful & Popular Augusta II. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Cape Cod. Fairway Pines at Pleasant Run. Loaded w/many extras including ultimate 1st floor master suite, dramatic 2 story foyer, Great room w/fireplace, basement & garage & much more!

IMPRESSIVE COLONIAL
Features 3+ bedrooms (Lo's is nursery & could easily be home office, etc.), large kitchen, Family room w/fireplace, master bedroom w/lake, 1st floor laundry & many special extras. Basement & garage. \$223,900.

CASTELLI & LUCAS
(734) 453-4300
45500 FORD RD., CANTON
BIG 4 bedroom, 904 Queenway, 2.5 bath Colonial, 1987 sq. ft. 1st floor laundry, \$189,900. HELP-U-SELL (734) 454-9535

BRAND NEW Subdivision in Canton Twp. Fellowes Creek Estates: Custom homes starting from the \$270's. Large wooded sites, now taking reservations. For more information call: 248-349-0582

FUSSY BUYER ALERT
Spacious open floor plan w/1,800 sq. ft. updates galore - windows, furnace, air, hot water heater, roof & siding, remodeled kitchen w/center island, master bedroom has walk-in closet, basement & 2 car attached garage. New on market. \$179,900. (P5RA-FJ) Ask for PATTY STROPS

REMERICA
HOMETOWN II (734) 453-0012
GLENGARRY SUB 2 yrs old, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, family room, living room, formal dining room, big kitchen, all appliances stay. Finished basement master bedroom has garden tub, circle drive backs to commons. \$303,000. (734) 397-2659

311 Dearborn-Dearborn Heights

BEST BUYS
IN DEARBORN HEIGHTS - 3 bedroom brick ranch, 2 car garage, finished basement. \$134,900. & \$109,900. Call Larry VanZandt/Mike Searley. 248-473-6200
Re/Max Great Lakes

312 Detroit
It's a Great Time to Buy in Detroit!
Discover Detroit's best kept secrets.
Joseph Berry Estates
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Historic and Newly built & Riverfront Properties available. Priced from \$200,000-2,000,000
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313.203.2089
20902 Mack Ave.
Grosse Pointe Woods

Open Sat. 1-4pm, 7248 Decosta, Mint condition. 3 bedroom Bungalow. \$86,500
6836 Evergreen - 3 bedroom Bungalow, 2 car garage, basement, newer furnace/windows. \$73,900

16895 Lenora, Doll House. 2 bedroom, updated kitchen, newer furnace & electrical. \$86,500.
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314 Farmington/Farmington Hills
A NEWER JEWEL - built in 1992 nestled in a small lovely neighborhood with nearby commons. Charming fieldsstone accents exterior and fireplace. Vaulted master bedroom ceiling. \$239,000.

SANDRA DUCKLOW
Prudential Chamberlain-Sleight Realtors. 248-324-3744
CHEAPER THAN RENT! \$2,700 moves you into 3 bedroom brick ranch. New bath, kitchen flooring, paint. All appliances included. \$650 per month. FHA - 0 DOWN VA. You can't beat on a 3 bedroom in Farmington Hills. \$87,900.
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FARMINGTON HILLS Best Buy
Where else will you find 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bath brick colonial, 3 car side entry garage on over 1/2 acre of land, 3,000 sq. ft. and finished basement with 1,200 sq. ft. You can't beat the price per sq. ft. 14 & Drake area, priced below market at \$259,000.
Larry VanZandt/Mike Searley 248-473-6200
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TRI-LEVEL 3000 sq. ft., near N. Farmington High School. 4-5 bedrooms, + large family room, possible mother-in-law studio office. New roof, siding, windows. Large trees, beautiful landscaping, \$235,000. Appointment only. (248) 653-3591

314 Farmington/Farmington Hills

FARMINGTON'S FINEST
HISTORIC DISTRICT - 33607 Shawnessy (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.) Beautiful vintage home. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, living room, dining room, den, new kitchen, park-like yard, oversized 2 car garage.

RIVERFRONT RANCH
32267 Valleyview Circle (1 blk. N. of Grand River, just E. of Power)
Beautiful 1700 sq. ft. home shows like a model. Hardwood flooring, oak ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, move-in condition.

CORNWELL & BUSH
RE REAL ESTATE
Ask for Joyce Cornwell 248-477-5114

HOT! HOT! HOT! HOMES IN THE HILLS
\$224,899
On nearly an acre, well maintained brick ranch has living room, formal dining room, family room, library, updated kitchen, wall appliances, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 fireplaces, & central air. Finished basement, 39' deep w/B.C., 2 car garage, circular drive. (BF272)

\$179,900
Charming 2305 sq. ft. 2 story home has living room, formal dining room, family room w/fireplace, library, 3 bedrooms, updated kitchen & 2 baths. Plaster walls & hardwood floors. Partially finished basement! Sun room, inground pool, fenced yard, 2 car garage. (WA215)

\$136,000
Updated 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick ranch. Living & dining rooms, family room, kitchen w/breakfast room, central air, patio, garage, fenced yard. Staircase. All appliances included. (TU230)

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UP NORTH IN THE CITY!
Privacy & casual living on 1.9 wooded acres w/private drive. Roughsawn cedar 4000 sq. ft. home w/decks, balconies & 10 doorways, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bath, 3 full baths, daylight basement, 3 miles to expressway, 0.85 acres, Air, carpeted basement, landscaped deck. Hartland Schools. Corner lot. \$224,900. (April Call). The Michigan Group (810) 227-4600, ext. 371

Century 21
HARTFORD SOUTH
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317 Garden City

GREAT LOCATION
MINT CONDITION
3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, finished basement w/natural fireplace and hearth. New carpet, windows, roof, vinyl siding and much more! 2.5 car garage, above ground pool. \$133,900. (AGL8F)

REMERICA
HOMETOWN
(734) 459-6222
Updated 3 bedroom Cape Cod. 3473 Leona. Finished basement, 2.5 car garage. \$149,900.
Completely updated. 31750 Cherry Hill. 3 bedroom Cape Cod, 2 car garage. \$98,900.
HELP-U-SELL (734) 454-9535

WOW!
Fantastic New Listing with 3 spacious bedrooms, central air, newer windows & roof, basement, won't last at \$105,000.

SHARP
3 bedroom brick ranch with a family room, 2 full baths, finished basement & 2 car garage. \$119,900.

CASTELLI 734-525-7900

320 Hartland
Built in 1997, 2,200 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, daylight basement, 3 miles to expressway, 0.85 acres, Air, carpeted basement, landscaped deck. Hartland Schools. Corner lot. \$224,900. (April Call). The Michigan Group (810) 227-4600, ext. 371

Mint condition, 1652 Chelsea Circle. 1998 built 4 bedroom 2 bath 1900 sq. ft. \$169,900. HELP-U-SELL (734) 454-9535

321 Highland
BUILT IN 1997 ranch, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, large kitchen, central air, fenced yard, shed, on quiet street. Lake access. \$129,900. by owner. (248) 889-4045

323 Howell
A POSITIVELY PERFECT 3 yr old, 1600 sq. ft. home in Howell w/3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, formal dining, natural fireplace, 2nd floor laundry, C/A, 2 car attached garage PLUS additional 400 sq. ft. of living space in finished lower level. Elizabeth Fairchild, Prudential Preview Properties. 810-220-1437

BEAUTIFUL TREATED 10 ACRES
Asking \$114,900. Pinckney exit South, W. on Keddle, S. on Peavy, W. on Derby, N. on Yorway! Horsehide Lake Access! FIRESTONE TEAM. RE/MAX 101 248-348-3000

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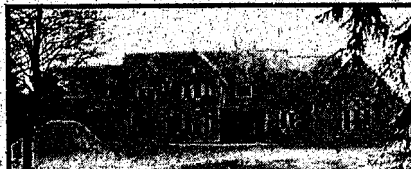
Featured Fine Home



Franklin - Beautiful Setting

- Original 1840's Farmhouse with horse barn and pond
- Studio or office separate from house
- Newer well, septic, furnace, C/A, HWH, roof
- Unique, picturesque wooded setting

\$449,900 (248) 647-6400 TH253



BLOOMFIELD HILLS NEW LAKEFRONT CONST.

- Gorgeous new English Country Vhay Lakefront
- Nestled on over two acres of wooded, picturesque serenity in the heart of Bloomfield Hills
- For more information dial Gwen's 24 hour Info Line

1-800-784-6832 Code 7074 \$2,750,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD - WALNUT LAKE

- Celebrate 76' frontage on the lake year round!
- Plenty of room to expand this 3 bedroom home
- Firelit living room, sitting room, dining w/ bay window
- Garage for boat storage. Walkout basement

\$799,000 (248) 851-4400 WA245



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - LAKEFRONT

- Marvel in beautiful sunsets every evening!
- Contemporary home with finished walkout
- Exceptional features throughout, four bedrooms
- Overlooks Forest Lake! A truly wonderful home

\$798,000 (248) 646-6000 CL134



PREMIUM COURSE LOCATION

- Select home overlooking TCP fairway
- Gorgeous patio home with finest of amenities
- Two fireplaces, library, white marble flooring
- 3.5 baths, 2,531 sq. ft., gate house

\$595,000 (248) 324-3800 TU44



EXQUISITE ROCHESTER HILLS HOME

- Premium extras! Leaded glass entry door, hardwood floors, beveled French doors, granite counters
- Custom island kitchen, den w/ marble trim fireplace
- Luxurious master suite, 3 car garage, multilevel deck

\$535,000 (248) 656-4401 WA160



PRIME BIRMINGHAM SETTING

- Build your new home or renovate existing home on this outstanding 91 ft. x 443 ft. site near schools
- Several other new construction or renovation projects are underway in this wonderful neighborhood!

\$479,000 (248) 646-6000 PL694



WATERFORD CONTEMPORARY

- Excellent home with large private yard
- Three bedrooms offering lovely lake views
- Two fireplaces, flowing floor plan, 2 tiered deck
- Canal to lake and docking

\$419,900 (248) 646-6000 CH486



BIRMINGHAM

- Wonderfully bright, clean and charming home
- Fireplace in living room, large family room
- Four bedrooms, 2 baths, 1st floor laundry
- Fenced yard, detached garage. Room to expand!

\$338,000 (248) 646-6000 VI158



WALLED LAKE LAKEFRONT

- Enjoy 70' lakefront and deep lot
- Remodeled in 1991, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, garage
- Fireplace, library, deck and dock
- City water/sewer

\$329,900 (248) 624-3015 OS333



BIRMINGHAM

- Adorable, updated Birmingham Bungalow!
- Hardwood floors, freshly painted, 3 bedrooms
- Master bedroom with skylight, walk-in closet & bath
- Ready to move in! A great location!

\$184,900 Ask For Jane Jacobson (248) 591-2020 WE175



COMMERCE-HURON HILLS SUB

- Beautiful brick Colonial backs to farmland & trees
- Large island kitchen with nook opening to deck
- Gas fireplace in family room, four bedrooms
- Lovely master suite with walk-in closet and bath

\$325,900 (248) 851-4400 HU552



FARMINGTON HILLS

- Designing a beautiful home with large, private yard?
- This home has it all with impressive foyer, circular staircase, study, family room, firelit living room
- Four bedrooms, multilevel deck overlooks yard

\$319,900 (248) 324-3800 LO382



ROCHESTER HILLS - GOLF COURSE

- Brick ranch overlooks 1st tee at Brookwood Golf
- French doors to library, vaulted ceilings & fireplace in great room, enclosed sun room opens to deck
- Finished walkout with workshop, computer room

\$49,000 (248) 656-4401 AU736



WEST BLOOMFIELD

- Neutral Colonial nestled in back of subdivision
- Beautiful family room w/ fireplace & doorwall to deck
- Island kitchen with light oak cabinets, pantry
- Terrific master suite. Immediate occupancy!

\$217,900 (248) 646-6000 FO178



WHITE LAKE

- Transfer forces sale of this newer home
- First floor master bedroom with fashion bath
- Great white and bright kitchen with appliances
- Walkout lower level. 3 car garage. Clarkston Schools

\$264,900 (248) 851-4400 CO452



SPRINGFIELD

- 1994 built Cape Cod with many great features
- Fireplace, doorwall to deck overlooking 1 acre lot
- Full walkout lower level ready to be finished.

\$250,000 (248) 625-5700 IN863



NOVI - ALL SPORTS WALLED LAKE

- Condo living at its finest. Located on a cove leading to all sports Walled Lake
- Three bedroom end unit with many updates
- Open loft, deck, complex with boat launch

\$216,900 (248) 624-3015 HA166



WHITE LAKE

- Sprawling 3,000+ sq. ft. ranch condo
- Extensive use of hardwood and ceramic floor
- Oversized family room offers full brick wall
- Large kitchen and no. One acre lot. Fall in love!

\$214,900 (248) 324-3800 WE361



TROY - MOVERIGHTIN

- Gorgeous Colonial on a large fenced lot
- Spacious living & dining rooms with hardwood floors
- Firelit family room, kitchen with eating space
- Large bedrooms, master with walk-in closet

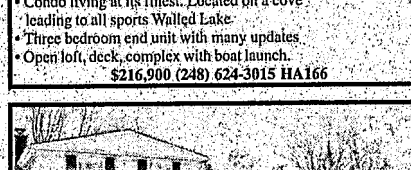
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STUNNING SPRINGHILL COLONIAL

- Soaring two story entry and many great features
- Fabulous great room with full brick hearth and elegant bow window. Large kitchen with nook
- Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, deck, garage

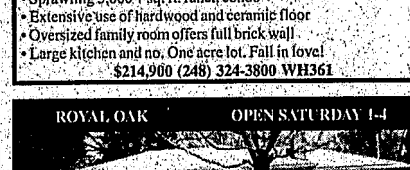
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CURB APPEAL PLUS!

- Lovely 1/2 acre park like lot in Bloomfield's Chapel Hills
- Large 3 bedroom ft w/ den/playroom & family room
- Very attractive with firelit family room with dry bar
- New windows & doors, newer central air & furnace
- Hardwood floors, well maintained, Home Warranty

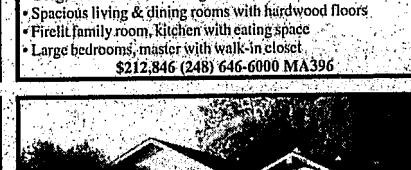
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ROYAL OAK

- Fabulous newly landscaped ranch in Royal Oak
- Hardwood floors with oak moldings throughout
- Formal dining room with Oak French doors to porch
- Living room with natural fireplace. Newly fenced yard.

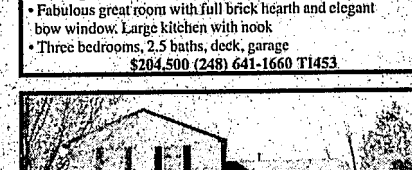
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TROY HOME

- Four bedroom home with Florida room overlooking wooded area. Well maintained & decorated
- Updates include roof, central air, gutters, wood flooring, hot water, heater, garage, door, deck, pavers

\$189,000 (248) 641-1660 BA683



LYON - SOUTH LYONS SCHOOL

- You'll love this pampered brick Colonial
- Great floor plan, neutral decor, natural woodwork
- Andersen windows, appliances stay, beautiful deck
- Partially finished basement. Landscaped lot

\$183,500 Ask For John Emerson (248) 324-3750 AI591



STERLING HEIGHTS - WEST HAMPTON SUB

- Four bedroom Colonial on extra wide, parklike lot
- Very attractive with firelit family room with dry bar
- Breakfast room, dining room, 1st floor laundry
- Two car attached garage. Mature trees, circle drive

\$177,600 (248) 641-1660 FO393



WEST BLOOMFIELD

- Meticulous owner must sacrifice updated Colonial!
- Sunken family room with picture windows & doorwall
- Updated kitchen w/ newer appliances, new windows
- 1/2 acre lot. Exceptionally maintained home!

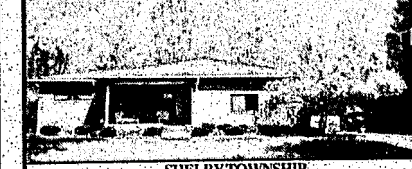
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JUST LISTED - HICKORY HEIGHTS - TROY!

- Four large bedrooms, charming Colonial with special features
- Updated kitchen & baths, wood flooring in foyer, dining room
- Fabulous dining room has wall of windows and views
- Screened porch, sprinklers, premium treed setting!

\$375,000 (248) 641-1660 FO260



SHELBY TOWNSHIP

- Exceptional brick ranch on beautiful lot overlooking stream offers many updates and premium amenities
- Recessed lights, crown moldings, fireplace
- Partially finished basement. Treed yard

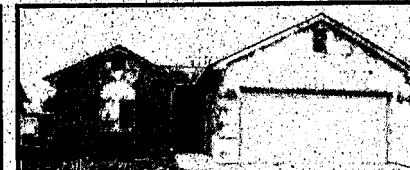
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ROYAL OAK - OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

- Sparkling duplex just steps from downtown R.O.
- Each freshly painted unit offers new Berber carpet and vinyl floor. One with newer kitchen
- Separate entries, all appliances included. Value!

\$165,000 (248) 324-3800 CF412



WARREN

- Better than new 2 bedroom detached ranch condo
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JOE GAGNON

The major appliance called a dishwasher is the product that many homeowners will just not do without.

If this product should fail to operate or completely break down, the average American

will jump out of his or her socks to replace it. There is just no way that many people will wash dishes by hand and then have to dry them.

This appliance has removed more love and bonding within families than any other. Think of the old days when she washed and he dried and all the conversation that went on during a short period of time. Remember the children who were too busy and yet it was a mark of responsibility to do the dishes.

The old days are gone and replaced with the modern technology of today and yet there are things removed from our daily lives that were very important way back when.

We, as a people, think smart, but I would bet that more than half of the dishwashers in American homes aren't cleaning the dishes properly. The question for every one of you is simple: Are you smart enough to know if your dishwasher is doing the job properly or are your dishes contaminated with bacteria?

The restaurant industry is governed by the health industry, which has a rule about the operation of a dishwasher within. It must wash and rinse the dishes with water that is so hot it is almost boiling. This is to prevent a restaurant's customers from getting sick while eating off one of its plates.

If this is so necessary in a restaurant to prevent sickness, then ask yourself, why shouldn't you have more concern about the operation of your dishwasher sitting in your kitchen at home? Do you ever get the runs around your house and blame it on a food you ate earlier? Could it be the plate or glass you used?

In our house, I am in charge of the dishwasher. Valorie is in school more hours than she should be and she is rather tired when she gets home. I feel pretty darn good about taking on this responsibility and I'm the "boss" when

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it comes to clean dishes. I'm not the boss in everything, just the dishes.

As the governor of clean dishes, here are some of the regulations I have set forth in our house.

1. The hot water tank is set all the way to high or highest temperature possible. If you have children you must use caution on this subject. There are gadgets at the hardware store that allow you to do the same.

2. I always turn on the hot water faucet at the sink before I turn on the dishwasher. I allow the water to run until it comes out at maximum hot temperature. Without doing this you will never have the proper water temperature inside the dishwasher. You will never dissolve the detergent properly and only cause ineffective cleaning.

3. I use Cascade detergent in a powdered form. Never a liquid.

4. I always rinse off my dishes because the dishwasher was never meant to be a garbage disposer. Never mind what you hear in the sales department.

5. Once every six months I run a full jar of Tang breakfast drink (powdered) through a wash cycle.

6. I always let my dishwasher go through the dry cycle using the heat cycle.

7. I use the exact proper amount of detergent. In our house we have a water softener, so that means no more than 2 teaspoons. City water in homes requires 8 teaspoon only.

I hope this column will create a healthier atmosphere in your home. Stay tuned.

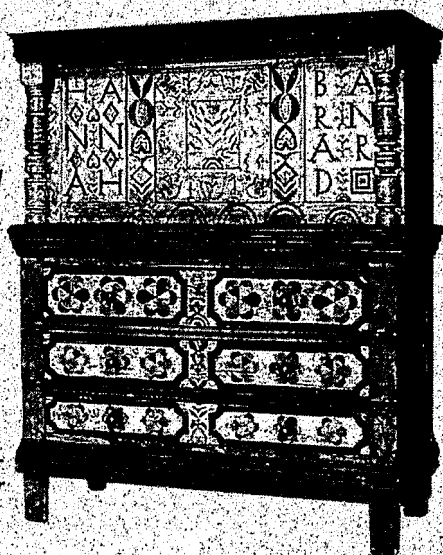
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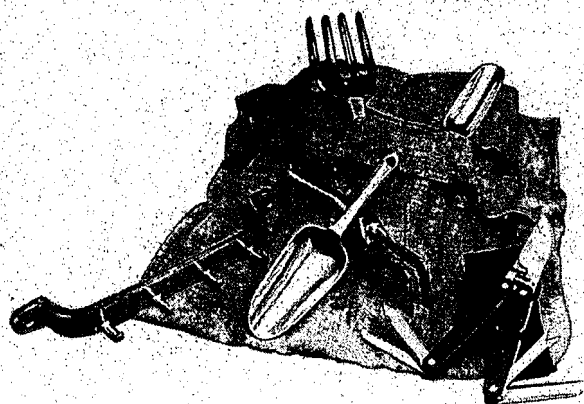
On display

Village view: This oak and pine cupboard, made in Hadley, Mass., will be featured at the 15th annual Greenfield Village Antiques Show and Sale, Saturday-Sunday, May 15-16, in Lovett Hall at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn. It was once owned by Hannah Barnard and probably served to hold her inheritance when she married in 1715. The Weiss Gallery of Birmingham will be one of the 36 nationally known exhibitors at the antiques event. Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 15 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 16. Admission is \$7 at the door, \$6 for ages 62 and over, and includes an informational program book. Wendell Garrett, senior vice president of Americana at Sotheby's and editor at large for *The Magazine Antiques*, will give a lecture 3 p.m. May 15 and will sign copies of his books that can be bought during the show and sale. The lecture is free with show admission. A 1999 Lincoln Navigator will be raffled; raffle tickets may be bought now through May 16 at the museum and village entrances. A preview evening will take place Friday, May 14; tickets are \$100, \$150 and \$350 (admission 7:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively). Call (313) 982-6044.



At the festival

Fine furnishings: The 18th annual Birmingham Fine Art Festival, taking place Saturday-Sunday, May 8-9, will feature a fabulous array of handmade art that can furnish the home with distinction. Examples are this colorful handwoven rug by Susan Cobb of West Bloomfield and this elegant mixed media serving dish by David Trevillian of Troy. Other festival offerings will include ceramics, sculpture, glass, painting, photography and jewelry by 300 artist exhibitors from the United States and Canada; entertainment; children's art activities; an area schools' student art show; and food by local restaurants. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Shain Park (between Bates and Henrietta, east of Southfield Road and south of Maple) and adjacent streets in Birmingham. Admission is free. For more information, call the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center at (248) 644-0866 or the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce at (248) 644-1700.



Digging in

Down to earth: Sleek gardening accessories can be found at Restoration Hardware at the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy. Five garden tools come in a hearty burlap carry-all, \$25. A five-in-one miniature pocket pruner has its own carrying case, \$12. Call (248) 614-6984.



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We are looking for your ideas for At Home and for the Marketplace roundup of new ideas. Send your comments to:

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handyman hints

Spring clean to maintain your home

With spring here we have done some additional research to help your home have an enjoyable season. Here are some tips for spring and home safety as well as some of the questions we received from consumers recently.

Spring chores:

No matter where you live, seasonal changes in temperature and moisture levels require special maintenance tasks. Spring-cleaning is necessary to maintain a house's appearance and keep it in good condition.

- Rake debris away from side of house and other structures.
- Clean out gutter and downspout elbows.
- Check gutters, downspouts and roofs for leaking spots or loose areas.
- Hose off house exterior.
- Scrub mildewed areas of home and treat for mildew and fungus on decks.
- Clean gaps between deck boards above joists.
- Clean around air conditioner compressor.
- Trim any trees or shrubs that are touching the home.
- Clean out under decks and porches.

Monthly safety tests for your home:

Make your home safer by inspecting these items monthly and keeping them up-to-date.

- Automatic garage door opener
- Ground fault interrupter receptacles and circuit breakers
- Smoke alarms (very important)
- Inspect windows for emergency exits (for easy accessibility)
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Inspection of heating/cooling unit and water heater

Q: Our lawn has always looked wonderful, but the last two years we have noticed the condition of the lawn beginning to weaken. Do you have any ideas or helpful hints to maintaining a beautiful lawn?

A: The long winter night is over and it's time to renew our lawns. Here are some easy environmentally safe ways to produce lush, green grass without spending countless weekends doing it.

Get your lawn off to a quick start by setting your mower a notch lower than normal to remove surface debris and any damaged grass. Use your bagging attachment so you don't spend time rak-

ing. As the weather gets warmer, raise the cutting height of your mower so that you'll be cutting no more than a third of the grass blade at one time. This will produce a healthier lawn because taller grass promotes longer roots that need less water. If you have bare spots (and who doesn't?) over-seed the area with the correct type of grass. Try some of the improved varieties that don't need as much fertilizer and are naturally disease-resistant. Some types don't grow as fast.

Helpful hints:

Choose the right grass: The right grass for your yard will depend upon your climate, conditions and soil. Talk to a nursery expert about the best choices.

Water appropriately: It's better to water deeply to encourage root growth instead of watering frequently. There are not hard-and-fast rules about how often to water. When the surface soil feels dry to the touch, it's time to water.

Fertilize: Apply a nitrogen fertilizer in late spring and summer and be sure to water thoroughly. Fertilize cool-season grasses throughout fall and spring. Again, ask a local nursery person about

specific recommendations.

Q: Last summer we added a wooden deck on our Farmington Hills home, what types of measures should be taken to maintain the look of our deck?

A: Keeping a wood deck clean is a good way to avoid costly maintenance later. Debris that clog the spaces between deck boards trap moisture, encourage mildew and possibly will rot the wood. Blast out the debris using a powerful nozzle on a garden hose, then push out remaining debris with a sudsy mixture of water and laundry detergent, using a stiff fiber brush on a long handle. Work in small areas and rinse well with water. This may be all it takes to return the wood's natural tone. For a large deck, you may want to rent or borrow a power washer that delivers a pressure blast and rinse the decking afterwards. It should have a nozzle that fans into an arc. Wearing safety goggles, hold the nozzle about six inches above the deck's surface and spray slowly in line with the wood grain. After washing, allow the deck to dry for several clear days before applying a protective finish.

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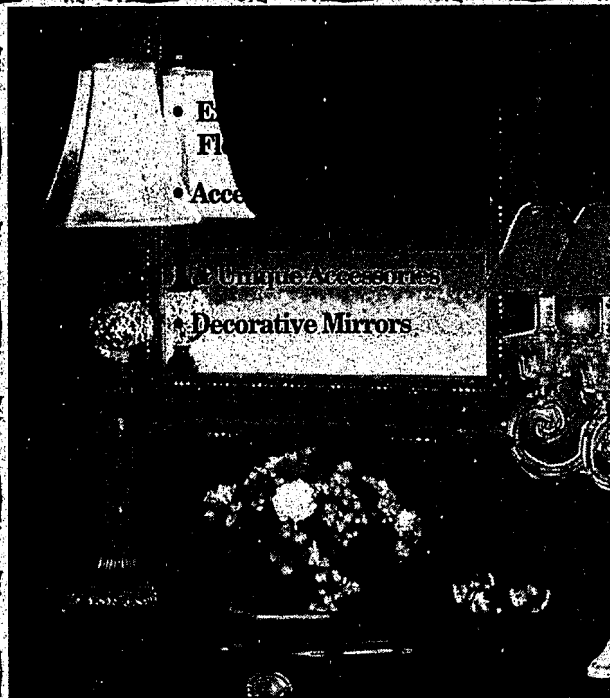
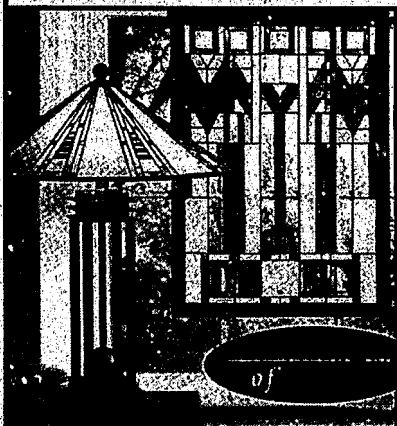
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Hints

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1. The finish should be "water repellent" or "water proof," not just "water resistant."
2. The finish should offer UV protection.
3. If mildew is a potential problem,

the finish should contain a mildewcide, which a "wood preservative" does.

Regular preservatives should be reapplied once a year, newer and better toner products offer more UV protection and may last up to four years. Whatever product you choose, read the labels to be sure it's right for your deck. Buy quality materials and follow the manufacturer's directions for application. If you are unable to do the work yourself, contact a contractor that specializes in decks. Your result will be a deck that provides you and your family with years of lasting beauty and enjoyment.

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Visit gardens on Open Days

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A \$4 admission fee is charged per garden. Proceeds support the national preservation work of the Garden Conservancy. For a directory, discount

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Open Days in Michigan this year are Saturday, May 15, in Ann Arbor; Sunday, May 16, and Saturday, July 17, in the Bloomfield Hills area; and Sunday, June 13, in the Grosse Pointe area.

Job fair set at design center

Tuesday, May 18, Michigan Design Center and the American Society of Interior Designers will host a job fair specifically designed to connect recent graduates of interior design programs with design or architecture related companies, showrooms and design studios that are currently hiring.

Candidates from colleges and universities throughout Michigan, Ohio and Ontario are welcome, as well as professionals.

The fair will take place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Mid-America Room of the MDC. Admission is free. Candidates are

encouraged to dress professionally, and to bring 30 copies of their resume as well as their portfolios. MDC is at 1700 Stutz in Troy, north off Maple between Crooks and Coolidge.

Space is still available for exhibitors. Register by calling Deborah at (248) 649-4772 no later than Friday, May 14.

Companies currently registered as exhibitors include Ethan Allen Interiors-Toledo, Ford Motor Company, H.J. Oldenkamp, Hudson's Interior Design Studio, Interior Dynamics and Masco Corp.

Call Deborah at (248) 649-4772 for more information.

Help offered for tank problem

Consumers nationwide should be alerted to a water tank problem plaguing homeowners, according to experts at Bergstrom's, a Blue Dot services company in Livonia.

Hot water tanks built from 1993 through 1996 were distributed and installed in American residences with a defective dip tube, the cause of a chalk-like substance clogging plumbing pipes and fixtures.

To date, more than 11,000 cases have been reported to the dip tube manufacturer, which sold the tubes to 90 percent of U.S. water heater manufacturers.

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Recognize Mom in meaningful ways



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

When searching for that perfect gift for your mom this Mother's Day, you may want to think twice about the meaning behind your many options.

A tidy little package from the jeweler rarely, if ever, makes any

mother say, "Take it back." But so many families get caught up in the idea that Mother's Day means having to go buy gifts they know will be returned and watching the mothers at the gathering prepare a Mother's Day brunch because other capable cooks neglected to volunteer.

Make a change in your stuffy Mother's Day plan this year. Think about what you and your children can do for your wife, mother and even grandmother that goes beyond the realm of materialistic and meaningless. Rediscover the idea that Mother's Day is meant to make Mom feel special, not obligated to

be recognized through artificial efforts.

Turn Mother's Day into a time to recognize your special mom for all her efforts throughout the year, for being there in times of need, for making people feel special, or for continuously putting others before herself.

That recognition comes in many forms. When you look beyond the materialistic aspect of gift giving, there are many ways to express your appreciation.

Resolve indifference. How long has it been since you spoke to your mother as a result of unsettled indifference both of you are too stubborn to resolve? Mother's Day is the perfect time to bury the hatchet - to gracefully confront your issues and talk about what you can both do to move on.

Resolving indifference is only as confrontational as you both make it. If you know you will have a difficult time approaching your mother, try to think of ways to do so that will limit or eliminate the initial feelings of confrontation both parties will experience. Make a peace offering. Slowly build your conversation around the peace offering.

Complete a task for your mother that she has been intending to complete for some time. Fix a leaky faucet. Grab a rake, work gloves and yard waste containers and clean up her yard. Help plant spring flowers. Mow her lawn. Make a point to get her to call an old friend she has been meaning to contact.

Take your mother to a place she may not have been to for many years. Revisit her favorite picnic site with a basket full of her favorite foods and beverages. Take a drive in the country and stop at the antique shop your mother may have once talked about quite fondly. Wake Mom early and surprise her with a trip to the farmer's market for fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers. Spend the afternoon planting the flowers for her.

Give the special mother in your life a memory album or scrapbook of her favorite photographs and memorabilia, complete with handwritten captions from relatives and friends. Wrap the handmade gift in homemade wrapping paper designed by your children.

Ask the busy, working mother in your life to take the day off to unwind. Give her the opportunity to do whatever

she chooses without any interruptions. To add to her soothing day, try to anticipate her needs with thoughtful gestures such as breakfast in bed. Surprise her with a special handmade picture your child made with Mom in mind, fresh flowers, and personally designed cards that say more than any store-bought card could ever accomplish.

Giveaway set

The Blooms of Bressingham garden giveaway, co-sponsored by English Gardens and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, offers special help.

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Gilda's Garden seeks nurtur



BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

Gilda's Club, Metro Detroit in Royal Oak, "provides a meeting place where people with cancer can join with their families, friends and others to experience social and emotional support as a supplement to medical care."

In this warm home setting members can attend any number of lectures, workshops, such as yoga or art, and social events at no charge. At the present time more than 600 members and at least 500 visitors and volunteers have become involved, all in just one year!

Now Gilda's Garden needs your help and the expertise of individuals or clubs to plant and care for a section of the gardens surrounding the restored 1913 home at 3517 Rochester Road, at the corner of Woodlawn.

"We need workers," said Marcia Gershenson, a board member and chair of the garden committee. "We are open for ideas for the gardens and the only requirement is you have to bring your garden gloves when you give an idea to this work in progress."

All interested gardeners are encouraged to get involved whether they are retired, students, with no gardens of their own, or they just like to dig in the soil.

The bones of the gardens are in place, such as walks, most walls and trees. Annuals, perennials and bulbs will add to the beauty of this unusual facility and make the gardens come alive while enhancing the building.

Special areas

Seventeen separate areas will be used for specific activities by members and have been carefully designated and named. Here are some of them:

A garden trellis, covered with purple blooming Clematis, stands over a welcoming gate at the Garden Entrance at the northwest corner of the property.

Nearby, the Noogieland Entrance leads to the back red signature door. Fragrant viburnum will line the stairway to the separate entrance to the enchanted Noogieland where children enjoy special programs.

Members will plant vegetables and herbs in the Good Food! garden and enjoy the produce throughout the season.

A large water garden, The Soothing Sound of Water, is built along the other side of the path and contains a waterfall. Special perennials will surround a stone wall to add a lovely ambiance to this garden.

Along the corner of the house is the color garden, named Perennial Delight. A selection of perennials will add bright color throughout the months. The Brown It! garden south of the front door will include a sculpture. The winding stone wall will invite a place to enjoy lunch while evergreens, annuals and perennials enhance this setting.

The area for the Children's Garden will provide an inviting place for the more than 60 children who are members. Here they will enter through a trellis and animal sculptures such as a turtle or bunny. The border will contain bright, colorful annual flowers.

Gathering places

In the front yard, a low brick wall will surround the Outdoor Program Gathering Place, where the lawn will provide a place for a quiet retreat to write and share time with a friend. Benches will accommodate six to eight people for group meetings. Flowering trees will provide a backdrop for this area.

Exercise That Stress Away! is an informal gathering area for tai chi and other door activities on the lawn. A stone wall will provide seating space, 10 flowering cherry and ornamental pear trees and a number of evergreen yews will provide privacy.

ring help

Gilda's Club sights: The warm home setting of Gilda's Club, with its signature red doors. Includes bright flowers, such as the tulips and black-eyed Susans on the cover and the pansies and forsythia below. Dry stacked stone walls (at left) provide seating; a swing (at right) offers a place to relax. Club building photo on upper left of cover by volunteer Fred Moeller; all other photos by Marty Figley.



The Front Entrance garden faces Rochester Road and will glow with annuals and perennials that lead to another Gilda's Club red door. Specimen trees will provide year-round interest.

Adjacent to Woodlawn Avenue, Our Island Border is the largest garden area. It will feature a low stone wall and contain a variety of trees, rhododendrons and an assortment of greenery. These, hostas and spruce trees will surround two inviting wooden benches.

Across from Our Island Border, the Clubhouse Entrance that faces Woodlawn Avenue will contain shrubbery such as miniature lilac, annuals in pots, a specimen beech and red Japanese maple to complement the color of that red door. A bench will offer a place to sit.

A corner of the property contains Blooming Annuals and Bulbs as well as annuals as the bulbs fade. A large selection of spring and summer blooming bulbs will provide much color. These plants will be cared for by members.

A 3-foot tall white picket fence will encircle the boundary facing Rochester Road and called Our Country Estate. Rows of bright red tulips sparkle around the fence and in various gardens of the landscape. Marcia Gershenson carefully planted the bulbs last fall.

Get involved

Each section of the garden is sponsored by an individual or organization. The plants and work have been generously donated and you can become involved with Gilda's Garden.

Gilda's Club is free and nonprofit. I encourage you to take this article to your club, talk to your friends and get involved. This is an excellent way for master gardeners to give their required hours.

If you are interested in working in these gardens or becoming a sponsor, or have other questions, call Tonia Victor, director of development at Gilda's Club, at (248) 577-0800.

The landscape plan was created and donated by Ralph Nunez, American Society of Landscape Architects, of Design Team Ltd. of Southfield to honor the memory of his sister. Nunez, his wife, Diane, and six other members of the firm worked on the plan.

Ken Schecter of Schecter Landscaping of Commerce Township is implementing Nunez's landscape plan. He and his brother, Michael, opened their award-winning business in 1983.

The in-ground irrigation was donated by Marc Amhowitz, owner of Morrey's Sprinkler Service of Southfield.

Big night out

A major fund-raising event, "Gilda's Big Night Out" will feature well-known comedienne Paula Poundstone. Guests will enjoy dinner and participate in an auction where many fine items such as art works and trips will be offered as prizes.

"Gilda's Big Night Out" will take place 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at St. John's Armenian Cultural Center, 22001 Northwestern Highway in Southfield. Tickets are \$125 each. Call Gilda's Club at (248) 577-0800 for more information.



focus on photography

A good crop yields improved photo



MONTE NAGLER

Years ago, I remember seeing a mattress tag that spelled out in no uncertain terms "do not remove under penalty of law." How ridiculous, I thought, yet I bet there are people who wouldn't think of snipping off that sacred tag.

In numerous photography judgments and critiques over the years, I've noticed a similar reverence. That is, people hesitate altering the size of their finished prints and slides. They feel either they can't cut down that 8-by-10 enlargement or they're not aware of the improvements that can be made by slight cropping.

I've seen many a gorgeous, well-composed and well-executed print that suffers, for example, only from that distracting bright patch of sky in the upper corner. Cropping just a half-inch or so off the top of the shot eliminating the

"hot spot" will impressively improve your shot.

How about that special sunset picture of yours that has just too much sky and too much foreground? Cropping some off top and bottom will produce a much more striking "panorama" sunset.

Or your zoo shot of the giraffe stretching his neck upward to reach the berries on the branch. Wouldn't a vertical crop enhance this picture? You bet!

A cropped print may preclude you from using pre-cut mats available in many stores. But for just a couple of dollars more, any frame shot can custom tailor mats to your cropped print.

A slide presentation can be made much more interesting by cropping some of the images providing a variety of size slides. Your local photo dealer stocks Gepe brand slide mounts, easy to assemble and available in many pre-cropped shapes.

I'm not suggesting photographing the whole scene and then deciding later what parts to crop out. I believe in cropping through the camera to obtain the best possible negative or slide. Then use



Altered state: This is Bridalveil Falls in Yosemite National Park. See how a tight vertical crop of the original makes a more dramatic photograph?

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garden spot

Impatiens fit beautifully in garden



MARTY FIGLEY

Impatiens are one of the "workhorses" of the garden. They bloom and bloom all summer long, add bright sparkling color to the garden and are virtually care-free. What more could one want!

These annuals, natives of Africa, were accidentally brought by early trading ships from Africa to Central and South America, where they once grew wild along roadsides. The plants we grow in our gardens have been bred into the impatiens we know today.

Usually grown in shady areas in the garden or in baskets, window boxes or planters where the light levels are low, impatiens fit beautifully.

Now there are dozens of varieties of New Guinea hybrids that will grow in a sunny location, which satisfies all lovers of these popular plants. These New

Guinea impatiens are the result of breeding many species of impatiens from Southeast Asia with the shade-loving ones.

Plants are bushy and long with various shades of foliage, some with bicolor or tricolor stripes of white or yellow, others with bronze or purple. The 2-1/2-inch flowers bloom in many shades and hues of red, orange, pink, lavender, purple and white. There seems to be a color for everyone. When you visit a garden center choose New Guineas that will complement your garden palette.

Setting out

These plants are very frost-sensitive, so must not go into the garden until there is absolutely no danger of frost. Have the beds or containers ready to accept the plants.

If the soil needs fertilizer or pH correction, add these before you turn or rake the soil for the last time. They like a neutral soil, a pH of 7 is ideal. Smooth the surface of the bed with a rake, level it out and remove clods and any debris. As with all plants, good drainage is important.



MARTY FIGLEY

Impressive
Impatiens: New Guinea Impatiens grow well in a sunny location.

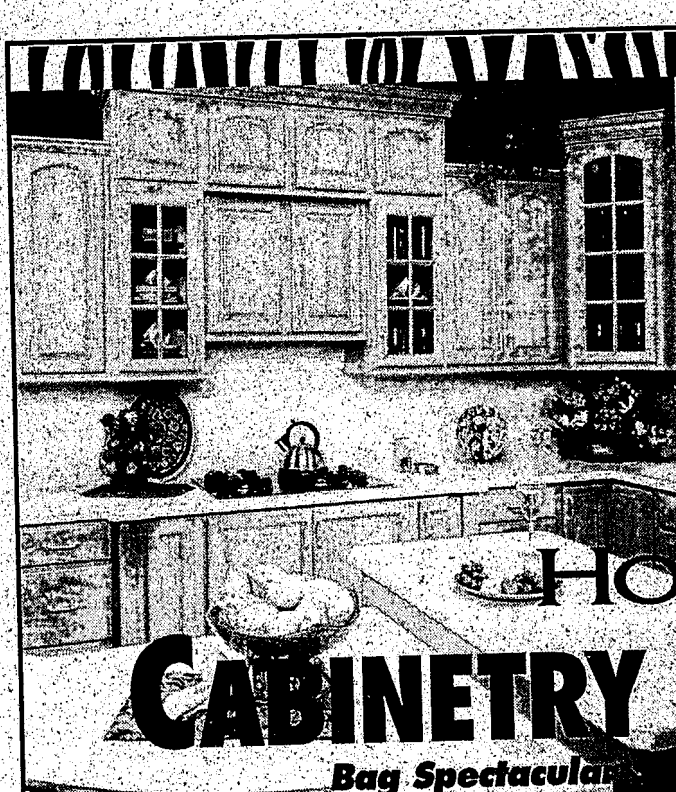
Choose an overcast day to set the plants out, a cool morning or evening is also OK, so that they won't be shocked by the hot weather in the middle of the day.

I like to protect newly set out plants with something such as a board or an umbrella to give some shade for a day or two. Be sure to anchor whatever you use so that it doesn't topple over and destroy the plants. I also often use one of those plastic crate/boxes, which provides enough shade and allows air in around the plants. Newspaper hoods would also work well.

Water the cell packs and remove the plants by squeezing the bottom of the container to force the root ball above the lip of the pack. Pull off any matted and coiled bottom roots, which in turn will encourage the new roots to grow out and down.

Before setting them into the soil, place them in a pattern of your choosing. Do a few at a time so they won't dry out. New Guinea impatiens need to be set 9 to 18 inches apart. They will soon fill in.

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Cranbrook plant sale draws near

By MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

People come from far and wide to the very popular plant sales at Cranbrook. This year's spring plant sale will take

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Although some plants don't want their stems buried, it won't hurt these if part of their stems are buried. They will soon root along the buried portion of the stem.

Soak the beds immediately after planting, as these babies need lots of moisture. The soil should be wet to a depth of several inches below the roots. If you set them widely spaced, be sure there is ample water around the base of each plant to eliminate air pockets and assure good root/soil contact. Don't allow the muddy soil to splash on the stems or leaves.

A mulch will keep the soil cool, conserve moisture and help to eliminate weeds. When watering, give the beds a deep soaking to help them develop strong root systems (and perhaps withstand some neglect). Apply an all-pur-

pose fertilizer regularly and enjoy the bright look New Guinea impatiens bring to the garden.

Park in the Christ Church lot on Lone Pine Road and a shuttle will take shoppers to and from the sale area. Wise

shoppers wear comfortable shoes and bring containers — wagons, carts and boxes — in which to carry their treasures.

Michigan Wildflowers, propagated by Cranbrook members, are very much in demand. A "For Children Only Plant Sale" will again be conducted.

Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary members are known throughout the country for their fine rescue missions to save these precious plants from being destroyed by bulldozers.

Among the wildflowers are trillium, bloodroot, woodland ferns and Lady's mantle. Also, iris, orchids, miniature roses, geraniums, hostas, herbs and other splendid plants will be offered.

Beautiful items, many handpainted, will be available.

Last year Joyce Murphy and Sally Raphael, both of Bloomfield Hills, bought many plants. It was the second year for Murphy, who is a member of the wildflower-diggers team.

"I love to buy as well as dig," she said. "Cranbrook is a wonderful place to work and shop. They have unique plants you can't get at other places."

The landscaped, formal, wildflower, Oriental and lake gardens are open now and surround Cranbrook House. Admission is \$5.

Cranbrook House will be open Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9. Guided tours will be 1:30 p.m. or 3 p.m. that day at \$10 per ticket, which includes a stroll through Cranbrook Gardens.

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■ The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will have an auction 6 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 12-13. The items include an Ansel Adams print, a Waterford crystal chandelier, art works, a Victorian bedstead, antique weapons, and American Indian material. A preview will take place noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Monday, May 7 and 10, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 11. Call (248) 332-1500.

■ The Friends of the Wilson Barn will have a spring flower sale Friday-Sunday, May 7-9, at the Wilson Barn, West Chicago and Middlebelt in Livonia. Hours are 10 a.m. to dusk May 7-8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 9. Lilies, chrysanthemums, tulips, daffodils, azaleas and small orchid corsages will be among the approximately 500 potted plants that will be available. Pony rides for children will be featured, weather permitting. Call (734) 427-4311 for information.

■ The Walled Lake Western High School PTSA 12th spring arts and crafts

show will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at 600 Beck, between Pontiac Trail and Maple in Walled Lake. Admission is \$2, \$1 for seniors and students. The event will feature more than 100 different arts and crafts, food offered by school groups and free door prizes.

■ Master gardener Barbara Bini will present "Preparing for Spring - The Essentials" at a meeting of Towne and Country Organic Gardening, 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 10, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, at the southwest corner of Woodward and Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills. Refreshments will be served. Non-member fee, \$2. Bini will discuss basic pruning, soil treatments, cleaning and readiness for the blossoming weather ahead. Her tips will keep your garden healthy and manageable. Bring your questions and issues. Board meeting and elections will take place 6 p.m. Call Rachel West at (248) 542-4785 for information.

■ An informal gathering of knitters will meet 7:30 p.m. Mondays, May 10 and 24, at Borders, 30995 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, to chat and work on their projects. Beginners are welcome. Call (248) 737-0110.

■ The Franklin Garden Club will sponsor a public meeting 7 p.m. Monday, May 10, at Franklin Community Church on Wellington, three blocks south of 14 Mile and just west of

Franklin Road. Larry Wright, president of the Metropolitan Detroit Landscapers Association, will present "Healthy Landscapes, or How to Talk to Your Landscape About Environmentally Friendly Products." Celeste Watts will have a display of plants that are natural to our area. Judy Jacobs will demonstrate a display of composting. Ann Jones, a master gardener, will address gardening matters.

■ Renowned Australian fiber artist Kristen Dibbs will be the featured speaker for the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham. Guest fee \$5. For information, call (248) 540-2707 or (734) 475-5851.

■ Troy Garden Club master gardeners will share "Pot Pourri": container combinations of plants, the growing medium and nurturing techniques for a season of outstanding performance, at a meeting of the Troy Garden Club noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, north of Big Beaver Road. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3. Reservations aren't required. For information, call Doris at (248) 641-7904.

■ Enjoy "A Garden Party" with the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club 1-3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at the Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz, east of

Coolidge, in Troy. Tour the MDC showrooms, listen to two speakers from the center and enjoy refreshments. Door prize is a free, one-hour, no-obligation, in-home design consultation. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Tickets can be bought by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope and check payable to Oakland University/Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club to Barbara Chamberlin, 1866 Ludgate, Rochester Hills 48306.

■ Community garden plots will be available for lease at the Michigan State University Tollgate Education Center in Novi this summer. Ten 24-by-24-foot defined garden beds, with nearby water and parking, will be ready for planting in May. Rental fee is \$50 for each plot, plus a refundable \$50 deposit. People interested in renting a plot must attend a meeting 10 a.m. Saturday, May 8, in the Activity Center at Tollgate. If you plan to attend, or have questions, call (248) 347-3860, Ext. 325.

■ Celebrate "Wildflower Day" noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Features of the day include a free lecture and book signing 1 p.m.; a wildflower and woodland perennial sale; exhibits; docent tours of the Helen Smith Woodland Wildflower Garden noon and 2 p.m.; and tea on the terrace 3 p.m. (\$5 per person). Call (734) 998-7061.

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Designs put accent around home

BY MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

Little things mean a lot to Tracy Stanton.

The Birmingham resident knows that as a piece of jewelry can be just the right touch to complement an outfit, an accessory for a piece of furniture can be just the right touch to complement a room.

Stanton, who designed jewelry for Jacobson's in Birmingham and Laurel Park Place in Livonia for the 1994 fashion season, and who exhibited her jewelry at the Fashion Accessories Expo in New York City in 1994, now makes accessories for the home. Her business

has the fitting name of Jewels for the Home.

"It's jewelry for the home," Stanton said of her accent pieces.

In an interview at her apartment, she illustrated how a small accessory can make a big difference, using a knob and a finial she designed.

She placed the knob on a cabinet door and the finial on one end of a curtain rod, and each worked like a brooch or an earring to add an elegant accent.

"You have something really plain, (put a) finial on the end, it dresses it up," Stanton said.

"With art for the home you can be a little more creative."

Besides knobs and finials, Stanton's accessories include frames, candlesticks, perfume bottles, switchplate covers, photo album covers, napkin rings, 8-inch furnishings and even magnets.

"If you put something on your refrigerator, why not have it look pretty?"

The items are made of an acrylic medium and adorned with small buttons, tiny beads, "little pieces that I find."

Most are antique looking, colored white or silver and featuring a lace-like



STAFF PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Artistic accent: Tracy Stanton displays some of the artistic knobs she has designed. Her home accessories (at left, and below) include napkin rings, frames and candlesticks.



pattern over their surface and angels or roses. Others, such as those for children's rooms, have bright hues and feature whimsical creatures.

Among the prices are \$10 for magnets, \$10 to \$14 for napkin rings, \$12 for switchplates, \$15 to \$16 for perfume bottles, \$20 or \$25 for candlesticks, \$20 to \$26 for knobs, \$40 for pairs of finials and \$45 for albums.

"No two pieces are absolutely alike," Stanton, who became interested in designing home accessories about three years ago, can fill custom orders. She has worked with interior designers.

"I can do anything," Stanton grew up in an artistic family in Southfield. She graduated from Southfield Lathrup High School and attended Michigan State University.

"I would always take art classes - weaving, drawing, jewelry making, photography. No matter what I did I always took art work."

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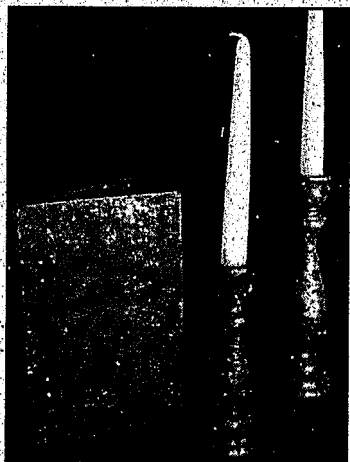
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Caution: Fusion can be confusing



RUTH MOSSOK
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The word fusion has been used in abundance the last few years. It seems to almost always be in regard to Asian cuisine combined with some other food type, but it doesn't have to be. Fusion cooking is a deliberate combination of ingredients or the bridging of cooking techniques of two or more countries into a combined dish (appetizers, entrees, salads, side dishes and desserts). Common fused cuisines include Chinese-Cuban, Japanese-French, Mexican-Italian, Floribbean (Florida-Caribbean) — with lots of East meets West!

How new is this concept? Is it just a West Coast thing? Not at all. Fusion cooking began centuries ago. With exploration, invasions and the accessibility of long distance travel, it brought foods and spices to different parts of the world.

This year, all things Latin American will continue to be on the front burner. Pan-Hispanic flavors will show up on department store menus, in chain restaurants and on grocery store shelves. Mojo BBQ marinades with a base of tropical fruits will surpass the ever-popular mesquite barbecue flavors.

Keep in mind, combining foods just for the sake of being trendy, doesn't mean foods and flavors will be enhanced. It can often produce funky strange flavors and textures. Trendy doesn't always mean tasty — some of those forced combinations just don't work! Sushi-wrapped tamales just don't do it for me. This is where creativity must be curbed!

The ever-popular David Rosengarten from TV Food Network's "Taste" show does a lot of successful culinary hybridization (no wonder he had me on his show cooking buffalo with a bourbon peach chutney!). The book David did with Joel Dean and Giorgio DeLuca, "The Dean & DeLuca Cookbook," published by Random House (1996), has some delicious fusion cuisine. Here a few recipes to try from that book.

TONKATSU-STYLE PORK CHOPS WITH WATERCRESS SALAD

A Japanese-Italian hybrid of two great ideas:

Yield: 2 servings

For the chops:

2 rib pork chops (each about 3/4 inch thick and about 10 ounces)

1/4 cup rice-wine vinegar

1 teaspoon soy sauce

1 teaspoon sugar

a few drops of Japanese sesame oil

1 quart peanut oil or vegetable oil

flour for dredging

1 jumbo egg, beaten

2 cups panko crumbs*

For the watercress salad:

2 loosely packed cups watercress leaves

1/2 cup minced tomato

1 tablespoon finely minced scallion

1/4 cup mung bean sprouts

1 tablespoon, plus 1 teaspoon rice-wine vinegar

Few drops Japanese sesame oil

Coarse salt, to taste

Butterfly the chops: Lay them flat on a cutting board and, holding your knife parallel to the board, cut through the meat along the side of each chop until you reach the bone. This cut should evenly divide the meat of each chop into 2 equal flaps, which remain attached to the bone.

Spread each chop out in the shape of a butterfly. Place the chops between sheets of wax paper, and pound each flap with a mallet or a heavy cleaver. Pound until each flap is an even 1/4 inch thick.

Mix together the 1/4 cup rice-wine vinegar, soy sauce, sugar, and a few drops of Japanese sesame oil. Place the pounded pork chops in a wide, shallow dish, and pour the marinade over them. Marinate in the refrigerator, turning occasionally, for 2 hours.

When ready to cook, heat the peanut oil in a wok, deep-fryer, or deep-wide pot to 365 degrees F. While the oil is heating, remove the pork chops from the marinade and shake off liquid. Dredge chops in flour, making sure to cover all spots of the meat and bone. Then dip the chops in the beaten egg, and let the excess egg drip off. Finally, dip the chops in the panko crumbs, making sure to cover the entire meat and bone.

When the oil is hot, add the pork chops (if your frying vessel isn't large enough, you should do this in 2 batches). Deep-fry until chops are golden brown on the outside, just cooked through on the inside, 3 to 4 minutes altogether. Remove and drain on paper towels.

While the pork chops are cooking, make the watercress salad: Toss together the watercress, tomato, scallion, bean sprouts, rice-wine vinegar, and sesame oil. (Make sure the salad has a light taste of the

sesame oil: if not, add a little more.) Season with salt. Place each chop on a large dinner plate and season with coarse salt. Strew each chop with the watercress salad and

serve immediately.

*Cook's Note! Panko — Japanese bread crumbs — are available at Asian groceries.

BRICK-WEIGHTED SOFT SHELL CRABS WITH LIME-GARLIC MOJO

Yield: 4 servings

Serve crabs just as they are, or with melted butter, or with this delicious garlic-and-citrus sauce, adapted from Cuban cuisine.

For the crabs:

12 small soft-shell crabs

Salt and pepper to taste

2 cups buttermilk

For the mojo:

1 tablespoon olive oil

4 garlic cloves, finely minced

1/3 cup freshly squeezed lime juice

Salt and pepper to taste

2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro

Flour (for dredging)

Butter (for sautéing)

Season the crabs with salt and pepper and place in the buttermilk. Soak for 1 hour. Remove and pat dry.

While the crabs are soaking, prepare the mojo: Place the olive oil in a small heavy saucepan over moderately low heat. Add the garlic and cook slowly for 5 minutes, or until golden, not brown. Add the lime juice, stir, and bring to boil. Remove from heat, season with salt and pepper, and add the cilantro. Refrigerate until cool.

To prepare the crabs: Lightly dredge the crabs in the flour. Melt the butter in a pan or pans large enough to hold the crabs in a single layer over moderately high heat. (There should be a thin layer of butter in each pan.) After the foam subsides, add the crabs. Immediately place a heavy weight (like a brick or a heavy pan) over them.

Cook for 3 minutes, turn each crab over, and again top with the weights. Cook for 3 minutes more. Remove from heat. Dab each crab with some of the mojo.

Serve immediately (3 per portion).

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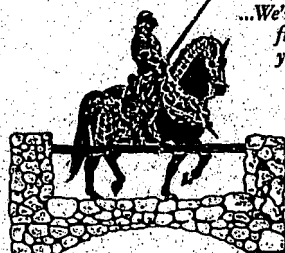
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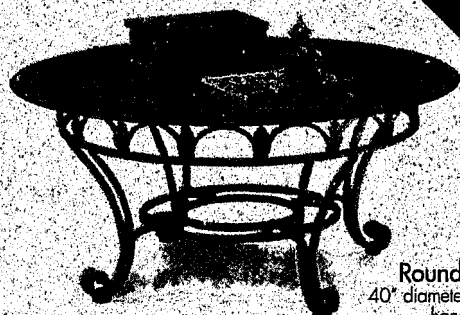
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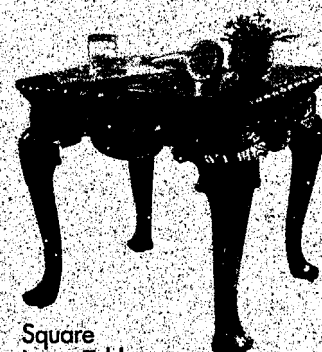
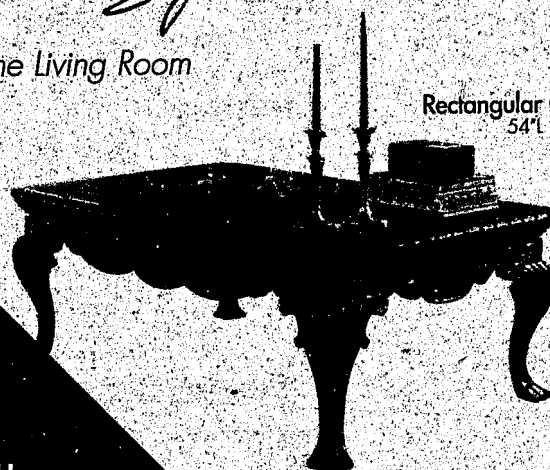
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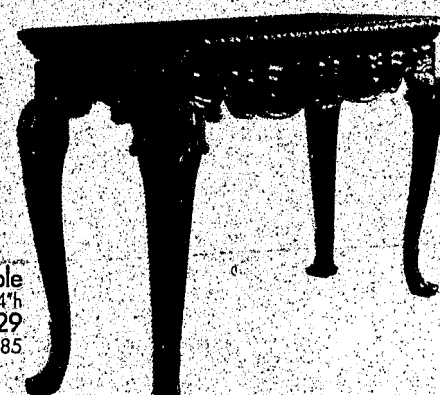
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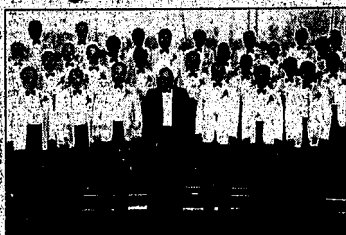
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FRIDAY



Tania Velinsky as Little Red Riding Hood shares food with Granny, (played by Diane Dillard of Troy) in Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods," presented by Ridgedale Players, 8 p.m. at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Tickets \$13; call (248) 988-7049.

SATURDAY



The Renaissance Chorus of the Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America presents "The Ballad of Frank & Nellie: A Story of Love Alive!" a spoof on the Frankenstein monster story 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road (at Middlebelt Road), Farmington Hills. Tickets \$10 for matinee, \$12 evening performance, call Jerry Beamish, (734) 427-9140 or John Lynn, (313) 937-1322.

SUNDAY



See the "Rugrats - A Live Adventure" 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$12.50, \$19.50 and \$25. Call (313) 983-6611 for information, or (248) 433-1515 to charge tickets.

HOT



The Birmingham Fine Art Festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 9 in Shain Park, downtown Birmingham, features 300 artists including glass by Annette Baron. Admission is free. For more information, call the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, (248) 644-0866.

More than a dancing image



Big step: The Paul Taylor Dance Company performs classic and new pieces from its expansive repertoire, including a tango, entitled "Piazzolla Caldera."

Paul Taylor Dance Co. considered world's pre-eminent contemporary troupe performs at Detroit Opera House

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OK, maybe image is everything. At least that's the initial impression for anyone not thoroughly familiar with the Paul Taylor Dance Company.

Perhaps it's a sign of their prominence in the rarefied dance world that the New York-based troupe assumes that audiences will know about their history, and the knighted "genius" whose name is on the company.

Didn't know that the Paul Taylor dancers have performed in more than 400 cities in 60 countries? Perhaps you are uninformed about last year's Academy Award-nominated documentary, "Dance Maker," about Taylor and his anointed group of dancers?

Forget about first impressions. Get ready for the lasting kind this Thursday through Sunday as the Paul Taylor Dance Company returns to Detroit after a nearly two-decade absence.

The concert is the season finale in an impressive dance series presented by the Michigan Opera Theatre.

"They are acknowledged as the preeminent contemporary dance company in the world," said Bradley Stroud, director of dance at the Michigan Opera Theatre.

OK, so maybe there's more than just image.

In the beginning

The evolution of dance over the last 50 years can be traced through Taylor's soloist days with Martha Graham Dance Company

WHAT: Paul Taylor Dance Company
WHEN: Thursday-Sunday, May 6-8
TICKETS: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 9
WHERE: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway (at Madison Ave.), Detroit
TICKETS: \$15-\$42; call (313) 237-5100 or (248) 645-6666

Program

- Thursday & Saturday -
 - Mercuric Tidings
 - Eventide
 - Piazzolla Caldera
- Friday & Sunday -
 - Arden Court
 - Sunset
 - Cloven Kingdom

to his prolific work as a choreographer.

"He was there at the beginning of the creation of contemporary dance," said Stroud of Birmingham.

Today, Taylor's choreography is included in the repertoires of nearly every major dance company.

This weekend, the versatile dance troupe will perform a mixed-repertoire program, including Taylor's classic "Cloven Kingdom" and "Arden Court," and newer works, "Eventide" and "Piazzolla Caldera."

Not familiar with any of these dances? Keep it to yourself.

In particular, the show-stopping "Piazzolla Caldera," a spicy piece of tango set to flashy lights and performed in tantalizing costumes, demonstrates how Taylor incorpo-

rates a popular dance step into his own style.

"Every piece is entertaining," said Stroud. "You don't have to tear them apart to figure out what it was about. There's humor in every piece."

Broadening appeal

In contrast to the traditional pieces of American Ballet Theatre, who has performed "Giselle" and "Don Quixote" at the Detroit Opera House over the last year, the Paul Taylor dancers offer "challenging techniques" that draw on contemporary dance and social influences, said Stroud.

"Everything in Paul Taylor's choreography is pertinent to what's going on in the world around him," he said.

Of course, it helps that many of the 16 dancers have been in the company since the early 1990s. In the dance world, where athleticism and stamina seem to fade with each passing performance, that's far from typical.

During the last two years, Michigan Opera Theatre's dance series has set out to broaden its appeal.

The intention of trendy dance shows like "Blue Suede Shoes," set to the music of Elvis Presley, and "Dracula" were attempts to get the attention of nontraditional dance audiences.

Apparently, with subscriptions and single-ticket sales increasing, the market strategy has been modestly successful.

"Our theory is to bring the very best in dance," said Stroud. "If people see something really good, chances are they'll come back."



Canadian Brass: Members are (back row, left to right) Chris Cooper on horn, Jens Lindermann on trumpet; (center) Ronald Romm on trumpet; and (front row, left to right) Charles Daellenbach on tuba, Eugene Watts on trombone.

Canadian Brass serious about having fun

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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The Brass just want to have fun.

Sure, trumpeters Jens Lindermann and Ronald Romm, hornist Chris Cooper, trombonist Eugene Watts and tubist Charles Daellenbach are serious classical musicians. Known collectively worldwide as The Canadian Brass, the musicians aren't above a little showmanship.

In the early years they'd rise to the occasion of a fanfare by standing on their chairs. That was the beginning of a "reputation" in some circles.

"When we did Tanglewood for the first time, they said to us 'This is serious, no tutus or anything, we want a serious brass concert,'" said Brass co-founder Eugene Watts. "Then we saw the ad in the *New York Times* for the summer season and it was a picture of me in a tutu."

The Brass will bring their wit and their musicianship (though not their tutus) to Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium May 8 as this year's University Musical Society Distinguished Artist Award winners.

Watts promises that the "distinguished artists" won't hesitate to dress appropriately for a bit of "Carmen."

"It's quite an honor," Watts said seriously. "We've been thrilled to be a part of it. The hall is so incredible. It's been a joy and the award just adds to it."

The Brass, now in their 28th year, have appeared under the UMS auspices nine times, most recently in February 1998.

The award recognizes the group for their musicianship and for their involvement with musical education. The group actually began by playing at schools throughout southern Ontario in the early 1970s.

In 1998, working with the Music Educators National Conference, they hosted "The World's Largest Concert" on PBS for the second consecutive year.

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WHAT: The Canadian Brass honored as UMS Distinguished Artists
WHERE: Hill Auditorium on the campus of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
WHEN: 6 p.m. Saturday, May 8
TICKETS: \$15-\$50. Call the box office at (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229.
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COMMUNITY THEATER

Plymouth Theatre Guild scares audience with season finale

"Wait Until Dark"

WHAT: Frederick Knott's thriller about three ex-convicts trying to retrieve a doll filled with heroin from a blind woman. Not recommended for children under age 12.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8 and Thursday-Saturday, May 13-15, and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 9.

WHERE: Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, (west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads) on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital.

TICKETS: \$9, \$8 advance. Call (248) 349-7110.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Sarah Wiercioch is having a good time playing the brat who eventually becomes the "eyes" of Susy Hendrix, a blind woman fighting for her life in Frederick Knott's thriller, "Wait Until Dark."

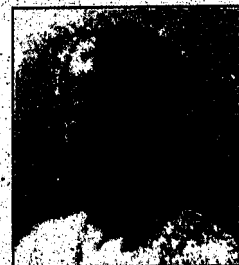
In the first scene of the Plymouth Theatre Guild production, Wiercioch literally throws a temper tantrum. But it's only a part the 10-year old is playing says mom Susan. Sarah doesn't act like that at home.

"My favorite part is yelling when I'm throwing things," said Wiercioch. "This is my first

Please see FINALE, E2



Nasty character: Keith Prusak, as Harry Roat Jr., is the mastermind who will go to any lengths, including murder, to get what he wants.



Heart stopping: Sarah Wiercioch plays Gloria, a little girl who becomes the "eyes" of a blind woman in the thriller "Wait Until Dark."



In the dark: Ariana Prusak is Susy Hendrix, a blind woman put to the ultimate test of fighting for her life.

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The 14-year-old annual event is held to celebrate music in public schools and links 8 million children in song worldwide.

The Brass also initiated the Fund for the Advancement of Musical Education, which provides grants for professional musicians to help in the continuance of their musical studies.

"We're impressed and pleased with our relationship with musical education, especially brass playing," Watts said.

"We're doing something at the Eastman School and these guys have grown up with us. It's quite a responsibility and we're happy about that influence. What we discovered is that we do some, thing that normal students can

identify with. They may dream about a symphony or a rock and roll band, but they see us play and think they can do it."

For the award concert, in addition to music from "Carmen," Watts said the group will perform Bach's "Tocata and Fugue" and music by Duke Ellington.

"Our new recording coming out May 18 is on the music of Duke Ellington. We're excited and proud of it," Watts said.

This eclectic mix is typical of the Brass. Though their classical credentials are extensive, they've also played the music of the Beatles, John Philip Sousa and Dixieland.

This is Ellington's centennial

year and Watts promises a different approach on this album.

"It was written and conceived by Luther Henderson who was associated with Ellington in the '40s on his classical pieces and did a lot of his arranging," Watts said.

The group has been invited to Harlem in the fall to perform a concert of Ellington music.

Despite the jazz label, Ellington's compositions, especially longer pieces like "New World Coming" and "Harlem Sunday," are as classical as anything by Gershwin, Watts said.

When Watts and tubist Charles Daellenbach founded the Brass in 1971 in Toronto the

idea was to create a serious classical brass ensemble.

Brass instruments were for color. String and woodwind ensembles were the usual classical mode. But it didn't take long for the Brass to develop a large and loyal audience.

The secret was playing seriously but also having some fun.

"At the early concerts we wanted to show what we could do," Watts said. "What we learned was to relate to and play for an audience, and we've never lost that."

When asked to name his favorite Brass albums, Watts again shows the eclectic style they've adopted.

"The Lennon-McCartney I really love. Our Bernstein. I loved the Wagner and 'Red, White & Brass,'" he said. "We're working on two exciting projects for fall. Recently we've been so 'crossover' that we're coming back to classical with a vengeance."

The Brass are especially prominent during the holiday season, when they are as ubiquitous as Bing Crosby and Gene Autry.

"It was an obvious thing, brass and Christmas. The Salvation Army has been setting us up for years," Watts said. "That's the busiest time of the year for us, from Thanksgiving to Christmas we're working every night."

A festive mood will also prevail for the awards activities. In addition to the public concert, a gala evening package is being offered that includes aperitifs, the concert, dinner and an afterglow.

Previous recipients of the UMS award, sponsored by Ford Motor Co., are pianist Van Cliburn, soprano Jessye Norman and pianist Garrick Ohlsson. The program raises funds for the UMS Education Program, which reaches thousands of children and adults each season through in-school visits, pre-concert lectures, master classes, teacher workshops, youth and family performances and additional activities.

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non-musical role out of 13 productions. I like it because I have to be serious."

"Wait Until Dark" is serious, dead-serious. Susy Hendrix might die if she can't outwit the three ex-convicts intent on retrieving a doll full of heroin from her home. Susy is unaware of its contents until master criminal Harry Roat Jr. enters the scene. Roat will go to any length, including murdering Susy, to recover the white "gold." Using the well-honed senses she developed as a result of the blindness, Susy must depend on Gloria (Wiercioch) to serve as her "eyes."

"There's a lot of scary stuff;

guns and drugs," said Wiercioch.

But fear isn't in Wiercioch's blood. Stage fright isn't in her vocabulary either. If it were, Wiercioch wouldn't be well on her way to a career in theater. Since attending a summer theater camp at age five, Wiercioch's already performed in the chorus of "Showboat" at the Masonic Temple, and as Little Red in "Little Red Riding Hood" at the Marquis Theatre in Northville.

Wiercioch hasn't limited herself to theater though. She's sung the National Anthem at all the Plymouth Whalers home games at Compuware Arena this season. In her spare time, Wiercioch models for print ads for

KMart. Her face can also be seen in the frames for sale at Kmarts across the country.

A student at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, Wiercioch in spite of three late-night rehearsals a week, is an honor student and a member of the track team.

"My husband and I, we're just drivers," said Susan Wiercioch, Sarah's mom. "School comes first to her. She comes right home and does her school work before she sees her friends."

Sarah knew at age four after seeing a friend perform in a play, that theater would play a big role in her life. Even though a veteran performer at her tender

age, Wiercioch knows she still has plenty to learn and she's depending on director Ralph Rosati to teach her.

Rosati's been directing plays since 1975. He knows the stage from both sides of the lights. He's acted in 31 productions himself. Rosati researched "Wait Until Dark" by renting the video of the 1967 film starring Audrey Hepburn.

"In this production, lighting has been a challenge," said Rosati. "The last two scenes it's dark, hence the title 'Wait Until Dark,' and it gets scary. There is violence. That's why it's not recommended for children under 12. It's very dark and tense, and

lighting is the key to making it all come together."

Keith Prusak plays the villain: the murderous Harry Roat Jr. The hardest part for him is being nasty to his wife Ariana who plays Susy. They've been married two years. Their roles last season in the Plymouth Theatre Guild production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" had them playing lovers. They also acted in the recent SRO Production "Death Trap."

"I definitely don't want anybody to like Roat," said Prusak. "Roat is a social misfit. It's a duel between Susy and Roat to the death."

Ariana likes playing opposite her "real life" husband. A gradu-

ate of Lutheran High School in Westland, Ariana earned a degree in theater arts from Eastern Michigan University in 1994.

"I enjoy the last scene where I play cat and mouse with Keith," said Ariana. "It really does get scary. It just draws me into the fear."

Even though they're at each others' throats on stage, off stage, Wiercioch says "the other people I get to work with are really nice."

"We have a great group of people," adds assistant director Diana Wells of Livonia. "There's a bonding already."

Avon Players discover a 'lost' gem in 'Children of Eden'

"Children of Eden" will be performed May 7-8, 14-16 and 20-22 at the Avon Playhouse, 1185 Triphen, Rochester Hills. Performances start at 8 p.m. Sunday performances start at 2 p.m. In addition, there will be a 2 p.m. performance Saturday, May 8.

No performance is planned for Mother's Day, May 9. Tickets are \$15. For ticket information, call (248) 608-9077.

BY MARY JANE DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

Somewhere is the lush garden

of Stephen Schwartz' other musicals "Godspell," "Pippin" and "Magic Show" and his movies Pocahontas and the Prince of Egypt, the compelling musical "Children of Eden" has gotten lost.

Fortunately, the Avon Players picked up the scent of this rose

from the musical theater literature and has produced it with a "spark of creation" that places these thespians far above and beyond other companies. Like last year's heart throbber, "Blood Brothers," this production explodes with drama and real fire,

Karl Miller plays God, the Father, not with lightning rods and words of threatening destruction but with compassion and understanding. From the beginning, he exalts with his omnipotent voice in songs like "Let There Be" giving the show its momentum. Jeanne DeLong dons an angelic "Roma Downey" wig to be a charismatic Eve, carrying the first act's momentum. Her presence is electric, singing "The Spark of Creation," and her soliloquy is perfection. Pursuing that excellence, slimy Kevin Edwards creates the hissing snake dancing around Dennis East's glistening Tree of Knowledge in a sizzling dancing duet with DeLong. Terrific scene.

This modernized version of the Biblical story is given even more of a contemporary bent by Justin Morck as the angry young man, Cain. He plays a teenager who turns anger into domestic violence, killing his gentler brother, Abel, played by Matt Soisson, much to the grief of Adam, (David Podulka). Podulka doesn't have the center stage as much, but his "A World Without You" has magnitude.

That world is a set not unlike that for "Joseph and the Techni-

color Dreamcoat" with the chorus of storytellers flanking an enormous rotating turntable where the show's important action centers. There, Act I ends with Faust-like splendor as Eve is taken into heaven, leaving a sense of hope.

With Eve's death and Jeanne DeLong's subsequent departure, Act II might have lacked luster except that Kim Monterosso's voice as Noah is inspiring as is Mary McCune's voice as the servant Yonah.

Act I's spicy humor is missing in the more serious story of the Flood, but then the dialogue is more focused and the masterpiece qualities of the show's meaning comes through with songs like "The Hardest Part of Love" (a marvelous duet by Miller and Monterosso) and "I am no Stranger to the Rain" (McCune's impassioned solo). Act II also is highlighted by the march of the animals using Megan Bourland and Tina Vill.

In Rochester, John Deierlein and his creative team of Judy Privaskey and Tom Russell have found that tree of knowledge in this "Pursuit of Excellence," and the fruits of their labor is a show that no one should miss.

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Follow the Ridgedale Players 'Into the Woods'

"Into the Woods" will be presented Fridays, May 7, 14 and 21, Saturdays, May 8, 15 and 22, and Sundays May 16 and 23 at the Ridgedale Players theater, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Adult tickets cost \$13. Senior and student Sunday tickets are \$12. To order tickets, call (248) 988-7049.

BY HELEN ZUCKER
SPECIAL WRITER

The Ridgedale Players' production of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's "Into the Woods," directed by Susan Skibici and Laura Kerr, is wonderful. The cast of 16 actors interacts with speed and a rich sense of the play's poignant, wry intelligence.

Nancy Jeanne Potts bubbles with life as The Witch, who locks her daughter, Rapunzel, in a tower for 14 years. Wishing to protect her golden-haired daughter from the world, Potts is very strong. She sets the plot going by promising the baker and his wife a child if they bring her by midnight a milk-white cow, a blood-red cape, a golden slipper and blond tresses. Potts and Amanda Bayly (Rapunzel) do a moving rendition of "Stay With Me," and Potts is one tough lady in "Last

Midnight."

Jim West does a great job as The Narrator, who weaves the familiar fairy tales — Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, and the Baker and the Baker's Wife, Little Red Riding Hood and Rapunzel — into a fantasia that involves them all, and, in Act II, undercuts the happy endings with twists of fate we all recognize. The Narrator (the one who "gives direction") disappears in Act II, and West becomes The Mysterious Man in the Woods, a necessary figure.

Suzette Shuller brings a neat comic touch to "A Very Nice Prince," and gentleness to the lovely song "No One is Alone." Shuller's voice has range, and this musical gives her the chance to use it. Dan Fuller is stalwart and hilarious as Cinderella's Prince.

Fuller strikes just the right attitude and is especially good in his love scene with the baker's wife and doubling as The Wolf, singing a sexy rendition of "Hello, Little Girl." But Fuller is at his best in his duet with his brother, Rapunzel's puzzled Prince, played by Eric Henrickson. "Agony," a song about how delicious it is to want what you

can't have (like "Sleeping Beauty") is one of the best songs in the show; Fuller and Henrickson do it justice.

Gwen Elbert is fine as Jack's rascally, loving mother, Tom Peterson is full of bounce, heart, willingness, anything but high intelligence as Jack, the plucky fellow who climbs the beanstalk and brings down a goose that lays golden eggs, a harp and a giant whose wife later lays waste to the community. Tania Velinsky is a spirited, funny Little Red Riding Hood. She has verve.

In a show filled with fine performances, Carl Jones and Holly G. Hellsten stand out; they're terrific as the baker and his wife who get their child and then lose their way. They get to ask a lot of questions, along with The Witch, Rapunzel, and Cinderella. When Cinderella tells The Prince "My father's house was a nightmare, yours was a dream. Now I want something in-between" as she holds the baker's son, she means she wants what the baker and his wife had. Jones and Hellsten give us the married state in all its bliss and annoyance.

Eugenia Garner, Conny Cratch and Carla Peterson give us Cinderella's selfish, pretentious fam-



SELMA COHEN

Musical: Holly Hellstein (left, the Baker's Wife) and Carl Jones (the Baker) are terrorized by Nancy Potts, who plays the witch in "Into the Woods."

ily — in spades. Diane Dillard as Cinderella's dead mother who shows up from time to time in a lighted window in a tree, as Granny who makes a fur coat out of The Wolf, and as the Giant, is equally good at being sweet, loud and nasty. Stan Lobst is a dutiful Steward.

Kerry Price's musical direction/piano and Valerie Mould's choreography show flashes of brilliance. So did the set by Jobst, Tom Coffe, Sonia Milton and crew. The costumes by Michael A. Gravame, Shirley Fager and lots of seamstresses were marvelous. So were the

props by Laura Kerr, sound by Thom Griffin, makeup by Julie Fuller and lights by Bob Garner. Carl Stewart played percussion, Kathy Oliphant, flute, Alan Oliphant, trumpet, and Eleanor Struble, bass.

I loved the cow.

Talented youngsters making dreams come true

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELUSI

Maybe it happened during a flurry of spring cleaning or even a frantic ransacking of your home in search of an address of a long-time friend. In the shoebox of life's most important clutter, sometimes we stumble into a creative relic from our teenage years.

Whether it's a poem or song, an experimental project for art class, or a love letter, the free flow of ideas and passion with which we expressed our dreams then can often trigger an emotional response now. Given our life experiences, we might be able to refine the same work if we were doing it today, but it would be hard to match the unfiltered thrill of our original effort.

This week on Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television, you'll meet some talented young artists whose shoeboxes are overflowing with dreams, some of which have already been realized.

What a month it has been for the young performers of Detroit's Mosaic Youth Theatre! Fresh

from their April performances at New York's Kennedy Performing Arts Center and the White House, the organization's new production, "Everybody's Talkin'," begins a four-day engagement at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday, May 13.

This original musical play is an adaptation of Shakespeare's comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing," done in Motown style with singers, rappers, comics and dancers.

"Just walking into the Kennedy Center was an incredibly thrilling experience, and the challenge for our cast was to keep the awe in check and remember that theatre is theatre and music is music, no matter where you're performing and who's in the audience," said Artistic Director Rick Sperling.

"There's a concern that kids don't dream as big as they did in the past. Experiences like these help them realize they can expand their horizons," he adds.

The Mosaic Youth Theatre has demonstrated that its work is worthy of a national stage, and the dream of becoming the first nationally touring youth theatre is something that can be achieved.

Few schools in America can match the creative legacy of Detroit's Cass Technical High

School, and the perennial sprouting of talent has produced a bumper crop of dreams this year. The gifted members of the drama department will perform in the first new production of Mbongeni Ngema's "Sarafina" in over ten years, May 12-13 at the Southfield Center for the Arts and May 19-21 at Cass Tech.

Ngema made an exception to his long-held decision not to release the rights to "Sarafina" when he heard that the students will represent the United States in the Fringe Festival in Scotland this August. He not only believes in the ability of the group to tell his story as it should be told, but, obviously, in the power and potential of dreams.

Cranbrook Academy of Arts is another place to see who's up and coming on the arts scene. The 1999 Graduate Degree Show, going on through May 14, presents the work of over 60 young artists, architects and designers.

When established music artists reflect on their careers, they often choose their earliest recordings as their favorites. Many times, their long-time fans agree. With experience came polish, and likely, greater commercial success. But, by catching a band in its infancy, you're treated to all the energy and

complexities that come with youth. Members of the power-pop band the Sights were born in the eighties, have rocked through much of the nineties, and have unlimited promise for the new century.

On the next edition of BACKSTAGE PASS, airing Sunday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public Television, you'll see and hear the Sights, visit Cran-

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THEATER

CAPITOL THEATRE

"The Sound of Music," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 9, Capitol Theatre and Arts Centre, 121 University Ave., W., Windsor. \$13-18. (519) 253-7729

THE CENTURY THEATRE

"Forbidden Hollywood," a musical spoof about modern-day blockbusters and silver screen stars, runs through Sunday, June 27, at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$29.50), 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (\$29.50), 8:30 p.m. Fridays (\$34.50), 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$34.50), 1:30 p.m. Sundays (\$29.50), and 5:30 p.m. Sundays (\$24.50). (313) 962-2913

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Magda's Story," a drama about a Slavik woman who was brutalized by Hitler's invasion, by the persecution of Jews and by communist debasement without denying her humanity or compromising her spirit, through May 23, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 13103 Woodward Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

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"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666

JET

"The Caregiver" follows a famous, yet fading conductor, watching as his son tries to follow in his footsteps, through Sunday, May 30, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or <http://comnet.org/jet>

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"The Rocky Horror Show," Richard O'Brien's rock 'n' roll sci-fi spoof, through Sunday, May 9, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

NEW STUDIO COMPANY

"Master Class," a drama featuring veteran Detroit actress Susan Arnold about soprano Maria Callas as she teaches a master class of opera hopefuls, through Sunday, May 16, Varner Studio Theatre, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 6-8, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, May 12-15, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16. New Studio Company is a new alliance between Meadow Brook Theatre and OU's Department of Music. \$18-\$25. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666

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"Jitney," set in the late 1970s at a Pittsburgh Jitney cab business in which the owner and drivers battle to save their livelihood, through May 9, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 6 p.m. Sundays, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren at Brush, Detroit. \$15-\$18, \$10 previews. (313) 872-0279

"RUGRATS - A LIVE ADVENTURE"

Through Sunday, May 9, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 6-7, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 9. \$12.50, \$19.50 and \$25. (313) 983-6611

COLLEGE

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"American Enterprise," a story about idealist George Pullman, inventor of the Pullman railway, runs in rotating repertory to May 15. "The Playboy of the Western World," a literary classic from Ireland about a playboy who cons his way into becoming the romantic hero of a small peasant village, runs through May 8 in rotating repertory, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATRE

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"Children of Eden," a new musical based on the Biblical stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel and Noah's Ark, May 7-8, 14-16 and 20-22, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, also 2 p.m. May 8, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, Rochester-Hills. \$15. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Little Shop of Horrors," May 6-8, 13-15 and 21-22, in the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Independence Township. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. \$15. (248) 625-8811

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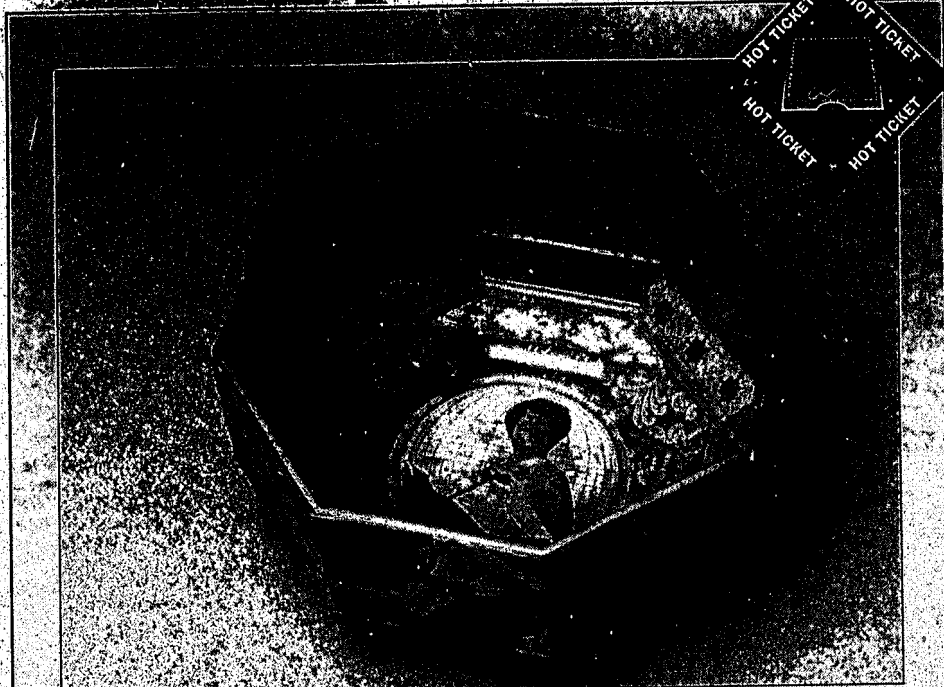
"Don't Dress for Dinner," a comedy by Marc Camoletti, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, and May 14-15, at 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 553-2955

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

"City of Angels," the Tony award-winning musical that spoofs the hard-boiled private eye novels of the '40s, May 6-9, 13-16, and 20-22, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms. \$16. (313) 881-4004

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YOUTH

MARQUIS THEATRE

The musical "Rapunzel," 7 p.m. Friday, May 7, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, May 8, 15, 22, 29 and June 5, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, May 16 and 23, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6. (248) 349-8110

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Poetry reading by Dunya Mikhail and Gaila Zuverza and art exhibit by Eudardo Trevino and Christina Assaf, music by Benny Cruz and Amir Zahar, 7-10 p.m. Thursday, May 6, art exhibit continues to June 30, at the Bowen branch of the Detroit Public Library, 3648 W. Vernor at West Grand Boulevard, Free. (313) 843-9598/(313) 842-7010/(313) 833-0402 or <http://www.detroit.lib.mi.us/>

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MORELS

All Pinot Feast, 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms. Cost is \$98 per person, plus tax and gratuity. (248) 642-1094 (Ext. 3)

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Italian Wine Dinner featuring Andreotti Wines, 6:30 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner, Friday, May 14, NM Cafe at Neiman Marcus, Level Three. Cost \$65 per person, \$120 per couple. Reservations limited, call (248) 643-3300.

CLASSICAL

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"String Genda," a concert with the emphasis on strings, with guest violinists Yuri and Dana Mazurkevich (both studied at the Moscow Conservatory), also works by American composers George Chadwick and Christopher Taw, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$8 children under age 12. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741/(734) 421-1111

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A concert of chamber music by members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 9, Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. \$12; \$10 seniors, \$6 students. (248) 370-3013

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"The General," starring Buster Keaton, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, organ overture begins 30 minutes before performance with John Moelmann, at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$8, \$4 children. (313) 531-4407

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Musical tribute to Henry Mancini with conductor Erich Kunzel, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 16, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$45 (box seats \$40-\$65). (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitso.org>

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

10 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450; 10:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (Western swing)

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8 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$2. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

Is scheduling interview for directors, music directors and choreographers for Plymouth Theatre Guild productions for the 1999-2000 season which includes the plays "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Squeakles," and the musical "Oliver." Call (248) 349-7110 today for an interview (to be held May 24 to June 30).

NOVI THEATRES

Auditions for actors ages 7 through college for "Jack & the Beanstalk" and "Beauty & the Beast," 4 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. For performances July 9-11 and July 30-Aug. 1. All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 if cast. (248) 347-0400

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Final call for experienced actors (background in dance, martial arts, swordplay or drill team/cheerleading helpful) to perform in the 20th annual Michigan Renaissance Festival, by appointment only Saturday, May 8, at Oakland University's Varner Hall, Rochester. For festival to run Aug. 14 Sept. 26. (800) 601-4848

CHORAL

RENAISSANCE CHORUS

Of the Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America present "The Ballad of Frank & Nellie: a Story of Love Alive?" and a creature made in a laboratory, with visiting quartets The Detroit Sound Company and Sharper Image, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at Mercy High School, 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads, Farmington Hills. \$10 matinee, \$12 evening performance. (734) 427-9140/(313) 937-1322

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

The 70-member choral group performs Franz Schubert's "Mass in G" and Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" with the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free will offering will be taken between the two works (\$5 suggested donation). (734) 455-8353

JAZZ

DWIGHT ADAMS QUARTET

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 14, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 8, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

GROUND.EFX

9 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (live dub/jungle)

SCOTT GWINNELL TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 13, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS

8-11 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, at the No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar in the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 305-5210; 8-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Northern Lakes Seafood Company in the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 646-7900; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vie's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-7333

WOODY HERMAN TRIBUTE

With the Johnny Trudell Big Band, music from all the Herds directed by Frank Tibert, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 16 (2:45 p.m. warm-up band is the Orchard Lake Middle School Jazz Band), at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia. \$15, proceeds benefit the free Michigan Jazz Festival and the Alumni and Friends of Clarenceville Foundation. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454

CHARLIE HUNTER AND ADAM CRUZ

7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

JAZZHEAD

9 p.m. Sundays in May, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011; 9 p.m. Mondays in May, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922

BETTY JOPLIN AND FRIENDS

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With Tom Saunders and Jim Wyse (cor-

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naï and sax), 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6, and with Marcus Belgrave (trumpet and flugelhorn) Thursday, May 13, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800

NAJEE
7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 and \$15, reserved cabaret seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheater.com>

JIM PARAVANTES
With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays in May, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 885-9300

GARY CHUNK TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

TOOTS THIELEMAN'S QUARTET
With Kenny Werner, 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 662-8310

DONALD WALDEN QUARTET
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 7, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax/piano/bass/drums)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Koltun, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

ALEXANDER ZONJIC
With organist David Palmer, pianist Margaret Kapasi, bassist Rick Robinson and drummer Ray Trammel, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9, Central United Church, 660 Quelling Ave., Windsor. \$10 for children and seniors, \$15 for adults, benefits Windsor Downtown Mission. Prices Canadian. (519) 973-5573

NEW AGE

LEE KONITZ TRIO
With Pete Siers, drums and Jeff Halsey, bass, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

WORLD MUSIC

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 769-2500; 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, May 13, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (reggae)

JO NAB
9 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (reggae)

NATALIE MACMASTER
8 p.m. Thursday, May 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Celtic)

MERRITONE DJ
Jamaican dance-hall DJ, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Knights of Columbus Hall, 2299 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. \$25 in advance; (248) 932-4315 or jehmared@go.com (reggae/soca)

RANKIN FAMILY
8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Celtic)

TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS
With Morgan Heritage, 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17.50 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

BLUE TANGO
8-10 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Espresso Royale, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

BELA FLECK AND TONY TRISCHKA
8 p.m. Friday, May 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

LESLIE FREDERICK
10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, original material and vintage folk from early mid-'60s, at Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103-W. Middle St., Chelsea. Free. (734) 327-2041

ANNIE GALLUP
With Erin Kamler and Lynn Miles, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

JAN KRIST
9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101

JIM PERKINS
9 p.m. Friday, May 7, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 393-2337

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

OPEN MIC

Acoustic and spoken-word talent sought to perform Friday, May 7, at the Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free, suggested donation \$7, \$5 students, \$3 ages 6-12. (734) 327-2041

OPEN MIKE POETRY READING

Joe Matusak, Josie Kearns, Artswire, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at Barnes and Noble, Six Mile and Haggerty roads, Northville.

POETRY IN MOTION

Marye Miller and Kristin Hatch, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the Grand Cafe, Farmington and Grand River, Farmington. (248) 615-9181

DANCE

FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY AND SHOW CHOIR

From Henry Ford Community College, dance and choral works concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, in Adray Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, \$9, \$6 students/seniors/children. Dearborn. (313) 845-6314/(313) 845-6474

TANGO CLASSES

8 p.m. Fridays (beginning), at the Troy Dance Studio, 4963 Rochester Road, at Long Lake Road (\$5-\$10), (248) 689-3393; 8 p.m. Saturdays at Dance Avenue, 1860 N. Telegraph, southeast of Ford Road, Dearborn (\$5-\$7), (313) 565-3329; also advanced Tango Sundays in Troy.

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS

7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 8, at the Italian-American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7, \$6 members: (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Billy Ray Bauer, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 6 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8 (\$12); Randy "Lutlisonic" Lubas, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13 (\$5), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Wendy Liebman, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 9 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Bill Hildebrandt, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 14-15 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 16 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

"MOTHER'S DAY COMEDY JAM"

With Simply Marvelous, Laura Hayes, Thea Vidale and Malja DiGeorgeio, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 9, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20, \$25 and \$35, reserved cabaret seating. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheater.com>

SECOND CITY

"Extra Terrestrial Chicken" is an Alternative Mondays productions running 8 p.m. Mondays through May 10 (\$8); "Improv Jammers" every Tuesday (7:30 p.m., \$5); "Impeachment and Cream," through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

JOHN VALBY "DR. DIRTY"

7 p.m. Friday, April 30, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 general admission seating. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheater.com>

SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER

8 p.m. Thursday, April 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS

10 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (blues)

BIG BARN COMBO

10:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rockabilly)

BIG DOG AND THE WOOFERS

Featuring Pete "Big Dog" Fetters, 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, The Alibi, 30555 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 478-2010; 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-0210 or petebigdog@providet.net (blues)

BLACK TAPE FOR A BLUE GIRL

With Dragon Tears Descending, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, The Labyrinth, 1703 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. All ages. (313) 438-6153 or <http://www.projekt.com> (goth)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Spinfest, Smack, Special Ed, and Flea Market, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLUE CAT

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE HAWAIIANS

8 p.m. Friday, May 14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE MOON BOYS

9 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-0210 (blues)

BLUES LIFE

9 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULE

9:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, 5 Hole Inside The Second City, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300; 9 p.m. Friday, May 14, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (R&B)

BROKEN TOYS

With Buddha Fulla Rhymz and Frog Pond, 8 p.m. Friday, May 14, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND

10 p.m. Friday, May 7, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Mount Chalet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (blues)

CHIASM

Performs in support of the CD "Detroit: Electronica Compilation," 8 p.m. Friday, May 7, Pharaoh's Golden Cup, 28959 Joy Road, Westland. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 513-8536 or <http://listen.to/chiasm> (goth/electronica)

CHISEL BROS. WITH CHEF CHRIS

9 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

SHERYL CROW

With Semisonic, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$29.50 reserved. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop)

THE CULT HEROES

With a CD release party for "Motors for Tricycles" by the Deterrants and special guest Colonel Sun, 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

DC TALK

With Jennifer Knapp and The W's, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$19.98 and \$27.50. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (Christian rock)

THE DIAMOND DUKES

9 p.m. Friday, May 7, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

With Face and Psyfunk, 8 p.m. Friday, May 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

DOVETAIL JOINT

8 p.m. Thursday, May 6, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance, \$8 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

ELIZA

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 10 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, May 7, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700 (pop)

ESHAM

With Natas, House of Crazees, and DJ Assault, 8 p.m. Friday, May 7, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$12 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rap)

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 10:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)

FOUR DEGREES

10 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Peppi's Sports Cafe, 4769 Dixie Highway, Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 674-1400; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Peppi's Nightclub, 3270 W. Huron St., Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 682-6200 or <http://www.fourdegrees.com> (rock)

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With Liquid No. 9, 9 p.m. Thursday,

May 13, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

FRONTLINE ASSEMBLY

With Switchblade Symphony, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 9, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (Industrial)

FUN LOVIN' CRIMINALS

With Dangerman, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

FUNKTELLIGENCE

With Da Ruckus, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk)

GANGSTER FUN

9 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (ska)

THE GO

With The Piranhas and The Fighting Pinheads, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

GORDON BENNETT

7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, Gameworks Inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (rock)

GROOVIE GHOULES

With The Eynlins and Trash Brats, 6 p.m. Saturday, May 8, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

GRR

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Bogey's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441 (rock)

THE GUFFS

8 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

GUS GUS

With Esthero, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (ambient pop)

JOHN WESLEY HARDING AND ELLIS PAUL

8 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50, \$10 students with student ID at Michigan Union Ticket Office. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (singer/song-writers)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

9 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393; 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-3213; 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, The Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages. (313) 336-6350 (blues)

HO-HUM

9 p.m. Friday, May 14, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock)

HOWLING DIABLOS

9 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (funk/rock)

JILL JACK

9 p.m. Friday, May 7, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock)

KICKING WATER

With Central Sun, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

KNEE DEEP SHAG

9 p.m. Thursday, May 6, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (funk)

MAJOR WOODY

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$3, 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (top 40)

'Entrapment' well made, worthwhile picture

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

While watching "Entrapment," which stars Sean Connery, you may find yourself thinking that James Bond has metamorphosed into an attractively aging Scot named Robert MacDougal. That 007 has turned to a life of crime, exercising a talent for stealing priceless objects d'art. That, at age 60, the glittery hero has matured into someone made of real flesh and real blood, someone who, after all those years and all those amorous adventures, might even possess a human heart when it comes to romance.

All of which, of course, says something for how closely Connery has come to be identified with the legendary Bond. Probably, he and any picture he makes will be haunted to some extent by the shadow of the famous secret agent forever. But despite its Bond-like shadings, "Entrapment" is a well made, worthwhile picture all on its own. And, in it, Connery shows us once again that old movie stars do not necessarily fade away; sometimes, their screen presence grows ever more luminous with the passage of time.

This "millennium movie," directed by Jon Amiel, takes place as the clock ticks down

toward the final moments of the 20th century. We have 16 days to go, to be precise, as the story opens. We are in New York, through we aren't really sure exactly what's happening, even as we watch.

A number of techno-gadgets and other sophisticated tools are playing a part, and slowly, we realize that somebody is going to an awful lot of trouble to life a treasured Rembrandt from a darkened room, only to leave a portrait of Elvis in its place. Here is a thief who is not only nimble and up-to-date (having gained access from the outside wall of the high-rise with those



Thriller:
Sean
Connery
and
Catherine
Zeta-Jones
in a scene
from
"Entrapment."

DAVID APPELEY

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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Esthero ready to start touring again



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Singer Esthero is making general conversation when all of a sudden she just freaks.

"On my God, there's this huge snake on 'Real TV.' It's a boa. Oh my God and it's ... it's a foot thick. And it sleeps with kids during nap time. The snake snores, apparently it like lives in their house, and it's allowed to sleep with the kids which is like little bunnies to them," she said before shivering.

Esthero — one name only, please — is easily excitable these days. She's about to embark on her first tour since she underwent throat surgery to remove nodes on her vocal chords in January. Recovery is coming along slowly for her, the Ontario, Canada-born singer said.

"The first show I did it was great. It was one of the best shows I've ever done but I could-

n't sing for a week afterward. Then the show after that, I couldn't sing until two days later. The show after that I seemed OK. It's like a muscle and you have to build it back up," she said.

The surgery was one of two major changes for Esthero in the last six months or so. She also parted ways with "Doc," the Minnesota native who served as music director and co-producer on her debut "Breath From Another" (Work).

"He was just somebody that I had made the record with and cooperated with and he didn't dig being on the road very much," she said nonchalantly.

Press material from the Work label credits "Doc" was creating the majority of the album's music including the ethereal hits "Country Livin' (The World I Know)" and "Heaven Sent." Esthero's vocals — three-parts Sade, with a little Sinead O'Connor and Bjork thrown in for good measure — effortlessly float over a bed of trip-hop, acoustic guitar and orchestra-

tion. With "Doc" gone, her live shows will include new guitar and trumpet players and a few special touches.

"I, like, incorporated a lot of the samples back in there because we proved ourselves as organic players and musicians. Now I brought a few more elements, probably unrecognizable to anybody but me, back in live. They're still triggered by our drummer. I just give them more work to do."

Esthero opens for Gus Gus at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$15 in advance for the all-ages show. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information.

Self-made group

Sam Rosenthal is a self-described workaholic. He said he easily works 12-hour days as the founder of Projekt Records, an influential Chicago-based goth label. In his spare time, he is the lyricist/songwriter for the goth

group Black Tape for a Blue Girl.

"I enjoy it because it gets me away from Projekt and it lets me spend time concentrating on my art," said lyricist/songwriter Sam Rosenthal.

The Chicago-based group is now touring in support of "As One Aflame Laid Bare: By Desire" (Projekt), its seventh CD overall.

"The new one is the most melodic. It just sort of worked out that way," he said.

Although it's on album No. 7, the group didn't tour until two years ago when Rosenthal decided to showcase the band at a Chicago music festival in 1997.

"It wasn't as hard as I thought," he said with a laugh.

"The main problem is the vocalists don't live in the same city so basically I have a touring band that is different from the recording band. We're a three-piece with Elysabeth and she sings and plays viola. Lisa (Feuer) who's on the album, plays flute and backing vocals. It's kind of creating the band on stage using the songs from the

album. With different musical elements."

Black Tape for a Blue Girl and Dragon Tears Descending perform Saturday, May 8, at The Labyrinth, 1703 Cass Ave., Detroit. Tickets are available at the door or at Ticketmaster outlets. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 438-6153 or visit <http://www.projekt.com>.

Cooper craze

Alice Cooper seems to be the man of the moment. He is hosting Rhino Records' "Musical Aptitude Test (RMAT), an SAT-style music test to find the ultimate music trivia expert, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, over the Internet at <http://www.music.yahoo.com>. For more information, visit <http://www.rhino.com> or call the RMAT hotline at 1-888-846-3848. Speaking of Cooper, he will sign copies of his new box set, "The Life and Crimes of Alice Cooper" (Rhino), at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Harmony House, 30830 Orchard Lake Road (south

of 14 Mile Road), Farmington Hills. Call (248) 626-4533 for more information.

Misc:

Pete "Big Dog" Fetter has added a few musicians to his list and has dubbed the act Big Dog and The Woofers. They perform at 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, at The Alibi in Farmington Hills, and 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at the Library Pub in Westland. Lisa Hunter's song "Faith" will be featured on "Outward Bound" on the Discover channel at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 8. To hear clips of Hunter's music, visit <http://www.lb.com/onemanclapping/lisa.htm> or <http://www.amazon.com>.

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Monster Magnet thrives on surprising fans

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Long stringy hair, '70s-style sunglasses and well-worn jeans, Dave Wyndorf's character is unforgettable.

Wyndorf, the lead singer/guitarist for the rock band Monster Magnet, apologizes for calling late for an interview.

"I got caught up in the phone press train," Wyndorf said in his smoky voice. "Press train — Pulling out of the station, Woo-Woo!"

Wyndorf has had a lot to talk about lately. Monster Magnet is one of the few hard rock bands to hit the top 40 in England. Somebody stole his beloved, custom-made black leather vest with a silver embroidered panther. Monster Magnet was on the Marilyn Manson tour, off the tour, back on again and off once more. And of all things, Monster Magnet is the only band in recent memory to have an autograph session in a strip club.

"That was per my request, requesting and requisition. Finally a record person with enough gonads just said, 'Yeah, let's do it. That's a good idea.' I thought it was perfect. The only thing was that it was restricted to a certain age group from going in," Wyndorf said of the event held in Detroit.

"It should be on the record that we did an autograph signing at a strip bar, at least

once." Oh and there's the music. Monster Magnet has found success with its latest album, "Powertrip" (A&M/Interscope), on which Wyndorf dabbles in hard rock, blues, and even some acoustic music.

"I love blues and I love acoustic guitars and stuff," Wyndorf said via telephone from his New Jersey home. "I keep going that way. I get to sing low a lot lately too."

The songs on "Powertrip" were written over the course of a few days, something new to Wyndorf.

"I had to put myself on the schedule so I wouldn't freak myself out and from getting too caught up in the process of writing to please a lot of people, which always if your worst enemy. You should please yourself first," he explained.

"I write a song a day and look at them all when you're done and pick out the best ones. A lot of the songs are reactions to previous songs I wrote."

For example, Wyndorf said, if he writes three all-out "high energy rockers" one day, he may follow that up with an acoustic number.

Bluesy and acoustic songs are indicative of Wyndorf's penchant for doing things that fans — or others — would not expect from him. He took that a step further when he covered the impeachment hearings for MTV.

"Nobody told me that we were going to be outside on the lawn the whole time. ... It's like going back to school where you stand outside waiting to get in the school, freezing your (butt) off, and once you get in it's 98 degrees and you fall asleep immediately."

But the biggest stretch for Wyndorf wasn't entering into the press or political ring.

"I figured putting on a turtle neck was a bold compromising statement for me."

The New Jersey resident makes it very clear that his whole image is no gimmick — it's really him.

"Everybody's got a gimmick. I try to keep the gimmicks as close to the truth as possible so I can live with it — girls, sex, psychedelia to a certain extent, crazed imagination, delusions of grandeur. That kind of stuff goes through my head every day so if I wear it on my sleeve I can do it for a while. It's not like I say, 'Awe, I've got to shuck this role.' It's purely for survival's sake that I do it."

Monster Magnet with Staind and Hemigod, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. Tickets are \$15 in advance for the all-ages show. Call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information. Monster Magnet's Web site is <http://www.monster-magnet.net>.



Coming to town: Monster Magnet performs at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac on Thursday, May 13.

Eliza 'waiting' for her time to come

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Singer/songwriter Eliza Thomasian finds inspiration every day at work.

As she walks down the halls of Grapevine Studios, owned by Motown songwriter Barrett Strong, Thomasian passes gold records and other commendations of Strong's work.

Strong, a Grammy Award winner, penned "Ball of Confusion," "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," and "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," and that gives her hope for her musical future.

"I go, 'Oh my God. It's definitely feasible. It can happen.' I'm inspired because I see that, although I'm not in it for the money, I can live off my music. It's like a lifestyle," Thomasian said.

She is hoping to find success with her sophomore effort, "I'm Waiting," an impressive, eight-song album that mixes acoustic folk, rock and blues. She is celebrating the release of "I'm Waiting" with a CD release party and performance Thursday, May 6, at Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak.

The collection includes "Is Jesus in America?" a song that she co-wrote with Strong. "I'm Waiting," released on Strong's label Blarrit Records, is a departure from her previous CD, the techno-heavy "I Want More."

"I just think ever since I was growing up I've been playing piano and singing. That's how I write — piano, singing, acoustic guitar. Folk music is my influence," she said.

"But then I got into this hip-hop craze and went mental. I met this guy who was totally into rap and all this. I was try-

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ing hip-hop beats, looping and all this stuff. I'm not into all that anymore. I want to do just basic stuff that I do on stage," she added about "I Want More."

For "I'm Waiting," she worked with producer Michael Puwal, of the band The Rev. Right Time and the First Cousins of Funk, and guest musicians Robert Gillespie, Stephen Grant Wood, Lorenzo "Spoons" Brown, and Scott Spellman.

"I met him and we just started working together and all of a sudden we did almost all those songs, just me and him. It was just me and him doing everything. We just clicked. It was totally cool," she said.

Blarrit Records is planning on releasing "I Want More" nationally and offering "Found Someone" as the first single.

"They're going to get it to all the AAA stations. This album could cross over because 'Strung Out' could be on the Planet (WPLT-FM)."

In the meantime, Thomasian is hoping to return to the Bottom Line, the legendary New York club where singer Shawn Colvin got her start.

"I hope once every six months to go back there. She made it big from the Bottom Line in New York. The more I keep going back, the more fanbase you create. You keep getting bigger and bigger. I just think this album is

a lot better for me. It's 100 percent me."

"This is really what's in my

heart. Hopefully you could hear that."

Eliza and special guests Mystic Bloom celebrate the release of her CD at 9 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. The show is free and open to those ages 21 and older. Call (248) 543-4300 or visit <http://www.detroitsonic/eliza> for more information.

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BIG ROCK CHOP & BREW HOUSE

Mother's Day brunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Birmingham restaurant will also be open for dinner 4-9 p.m. with its regular menu. The cost for brunch, not including tax and gratuity, is \$24.95 adults (12 and over), \$11.95 children (ages 6-11), children under five eat free, call (248) 647-7774.

CAFE CORTINA

Mother's Day seatings 12:30-6:30 p.m. at the restaurant, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills. Special regional dishes, desserts and live music. Call (248) 474-3033.

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Next to Northfield Hilton, 2498 Crooks Road, Troy (248) 979-2060, 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. regular menu with Mother's Day specials. Adult average price \$18; children \$5.

CORSI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT AND BANQUET CENTER

Mom's Day Buffet, noon, 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 27910 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Adults \$12.95, seniors

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