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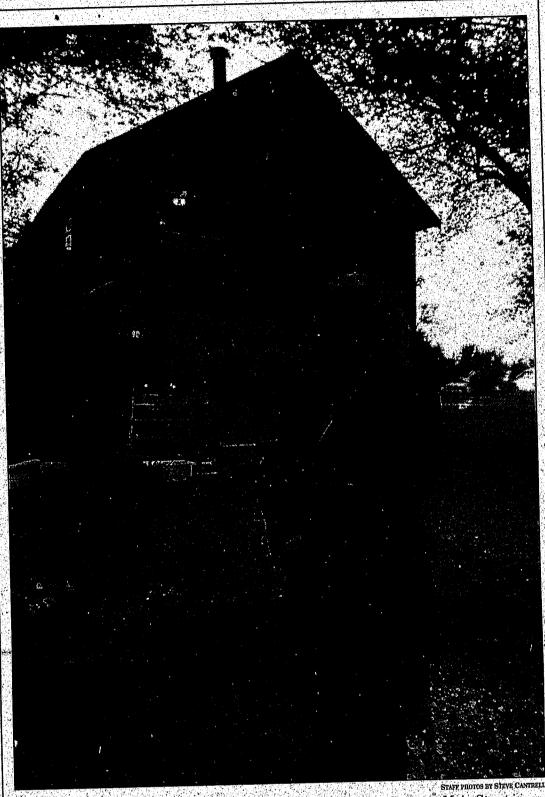
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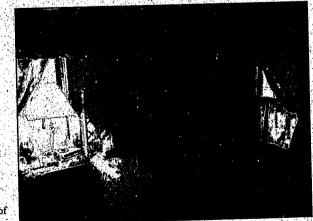
If someone calls you Thursday begging for money to get out of jail, give him or her a chance to talk. Community leaders will be "arrested" between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday, taken to Saturn North at 8400 Dixie Highway and held in "jail" for one hour. The prisoners, dressed in jail garb, will call their friends; family and co-workers for bail money, which goes directly to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis. This non-profit organization treats children with cancer and other catastrophic illnesses from the U.S. and 60 foreign countries free of charge. For every dollar raised, 88.9 cents goes directly to current and future expenditures for medical care.



Living the rustic life: Kristen Nelson enjoys life in her cozy carriage house on Main Street in Clarkston



1920s Carriage House makes cozy home for 2



6 new sports OK'd for CHS

Lightweight football stalled; band bunch balks at new programs.

BY JAN BAKER SPECIAL WRITER

Lightweight football didn't make the cut.

But even so, some Clarkston High School band parents sliced into the Clarkston School Board Monday night for approving funds for six other new sports.

Trustees gave the nod to varsity hockey, varsity girls' golf, ninth-grade boys' and girls' soccer, and varsity boys' and girls' swimming. (Hockey, which has operated at Clarkston High School on a self-funded, probationary status for the past three years, became a district-funded sport with the board's 6-0 decision.)

o-u accision.) Of the new offerings proposed by the athletic department, lightweight football — a \$7,400 gridiron program for seventh-grade boys — ran into the only sports-related snag.

Don Marietta, a commissioner for Clarkston Chiefs' Little League football, said the addition of another middle school pigskin sport would further duplicate the privately run Chiefs program. The Chiefs' various divisions offer team play for 8- to 14-year-old

boys. The commissioner explained that the Chiefs' efforts were first duplicated several years ago when the district added its own eighth grade football program.

With the approval of a seventh-grade offering, Marietta said board members would again be needlessly copying what already exists — and spending precious school dollars to do it. "It is to be noted that the football under the Chiefs is self-funded," Marietta said. "It (the \$7,400 cost of adding lightweight football) isn't a lot of money. But it is money that could be reallocated for another (band) horn or, for something else."

Marietta said he believed the issue wairranted more dialogue between the Chiefs' staff and the schools' athletic department officials.

After listening to Marietta's comments, board members decided to table the middle school sports' addition, bub approve the other six new offerings.

Then the band bunch blew their tubas about athletics, in general. Karen Koval, a CHS band booster.

Karen Koval, a CHS band booster parent, said the board members' decision to spend \$51,000 for new sports smacked of favoritism for athletes. Koval approached trustees holding

up a dull, scratched-up horn. "I borrowed this from one of the girls who's a senior in the band," Koval-

Who's coming to talk?

The Clarkston Eccentric got a chuckle from a phone call last week. A teacher called all excited about a guest speaker coming to address students for Michigan Week. "Our guest speaker is Michigan Congressman Dale Stuart," she exclaimed. Well, we're wondering, who is really coming to talk — Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart or U.S. Representative Dale E, Kildee?

Looking for veterans

Memorial Day is just around the corner. The Clarkston Eccentric staff would like to hear the opinions of veterans of any wars. We'd like to share your feelings and experiences about the wars in which you fought. Please contact us at (248)) 625-1900 by Friday, May 22. The office fax number is (248) 625-5712.



The following is the first in a series of stories about unusual and interesting places to live around Clarkston. If you or someone you know lives in an interesting home, call us at (248) 625-1900.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe,homecomm.net

Call her the Martha Stewart of Main Street. Everyone else does, said Kristen Nelson, who lives in the tastefully decorated carriage house located just north of downtown Clarkston. "That's a standing joke in my circle," she said of

the unusual structure she's transformed into a home.

The carriage house dates back to the 1920s. Please see CARRIAGE HOUSE, A4

Mel's Grill opens to sizzling reviews

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER stauber@oe.homecomm.net

Mel's Grill has been open less than two weeks, but it already has a rash of steady customers.

The diner is in a new strip mall at the corner of Sashabaw and Pelton roads in Independence Township. Mel's Grill opened May 6 and serves breakfast and lunch seven days a week. "If they don't make any changes, it will be great," said Elizabeth Mosner. She and her husband, Walt, were inside the beige and green diner finishing up breakfast one morning last week. They live nearby.

The Mosners had only positive comments to make about the eating establishment. "It's so nice and clean here. The

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Restful: Kristen Nelson sponge-painted leaves near the windows in her bedroom.

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said. "These are the kinds of instruments our kids are playing. Lots of our instruments are older than staff members at Clarkston High School. And I heard the word, 'equity,' used a lot here tonight.

"I'm advocating (equity) for all students — the Japanese club, the math club, the science club, the choir, drama — everybody. We feel like the poor relations. You're going to vote tonight to give more money to the athletic department. And their kids are fine, too. But our kids are virtually left out."

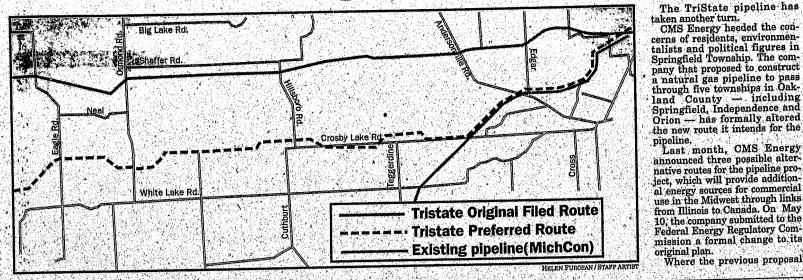
Koval said band parents held "grand

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Hometown cooking: The Mel's Grill staff is ready for customers. They are (left to right) Lenah Gojcaj, Angie Boberg (in back), owners Jim and Sue Mellema, Bob Klein, chef Dennis Woodham, Dawn Hagenmeister and Tina Weishaan

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TriState changes plan for pipeline route The TriState pipeline has



Springfield Township releases bug to protect wetlands

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

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Elizabeth McKenney knows that looks can be deceiving. As the planning coordinator or Springfield Township,

for Springfield Township McKenney noticed that a flower ing plant was spreading over some wetland areas in Davis-

Clarkston-A new report has just been released

which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home,

and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the

fraditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters

of homesellers don't get what they want for their home and become disillusioned and-

worse-financially disadvantaged when they put

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally

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their home on the market.

burg. While the plant — the purple loosestrife — may be attrac-tive, it's a devastating invader in wetland habitats throughout the state

Through contact with Michigan State University, the town-ship has become the recipient of a grant project aimed at protect-ing natural areas from the pur-

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ple loosestrife, which is native to Europe and Asia. The plant grows from 4 to 7 feet tall and produces spikes of purple flow-ers. A single plant can produce more than 2 million seeds a year

"The problem is there isn't any natural predator out there," said McKenney.

thousands of dollars. The good news is that

each and every one of these mistakes is entirely

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But with help from the Ento-mology Department at MSU, she hopes to change that. On Wednesday morning, approximately 5,000 Galerucella beetles were transported to the town-ship and placed in natural habitats where purple loosestrife runs rampant, threatening to degrade high-quality land. The locations included the Mill Pond in Davisburg and a natural area east of Ormond Road and Woodland Trail.

"The bug only eats purple loosestrife," said McKenney. "They are natural enemies. They won't eradicate it: They just control it.

Chris Sebolt, a research assis-tant in MSU's Entomology Department, said Springfield is one of 26 sites chosen for the which is 4 to 6 millimeters in size. Other test sites include Sleep-

other test sites include Sleep-ing Bear Dunes and Lake Lans-ing. The biological control using this species of beetle was approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1992, Sebolt said. Michigan began to use it in 1994.

"It takes a whole population to breed up," said Sebolt. "We saw improvement last year

In one test site near Kalamazoo, it took four years to see pos-itive evidence that this method working, said Sebolt.

was working, said Sebolt. "It's very striking to see when purple loosestrife is defeated." McKenney said the plant has become a "big problem through-out Michigan." out Michigan out Michigan. "Purple loosestrife looks attractive but doesn't provide any food or habitat (for wildlife)."

Jennifer Tucker, director of Springfield Township Parks and Recreation, added she's noticed

Orion — has formally altered

the new route it intends for the pipeline. Last month, CMS Energy

announced three possible alterannounced three possible atter-native routes for the pipeline pro-ject, which will provide addition-al energy sources for commercial use in the Midwest through links.

from Illinois to Canada. On May 10, the company submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Com-

mission a formal change to its

original plan. Where the previous proposal

Recreation, added she's notice the plant has become very preva-lent in Springfield Township. "People see how pretty they are," said Tucker. "Nurseries are not allowed to sell any loosestrife.

The plant has been banned in

cause defoliation, prevent flow-ering and seed production of the plant, and eventually lead to the death of the purple loosestrife in an area exposed to biological control.

Galerucella beetles have a lifespan of about one year. It is the intent of the program to release these insects into the area so they may survive and reproduce, allowing a natural predator to control the plant before it affects wetland efore it affects wetland sites like the Long Lake area and Shi-awassee Basin Preserve — rated some of the highest quality in

some of the highest quality in the state by the Michigan Natu-ral Features Inventory. The "beetle release" did not require any township funds. It was sponsored by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division and Michigan State University's Sea

Grant program, According to Michigan State literature, the Galerucella leaf beetle is host-specific and highly unlikely to damage other plants For more information, theck the "Purple Pages" Web site at

www,msue,msu.edu/seagrant/pp/.

affected 92 landowners, the new route will affect 71. However, 20. of those residences will lie within 50 feet of construction areas, an increase from the 14 resi-dences set in the original plan.

Less than one mile of wetland area will be crossed if the new route is taken, compared to 3.5 miles of high-quality wetland areas that would've been dis-rupted from the previous recommendation, according to infor-mation submitted to the Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission. In Rose Township, the route follows just north along White Lake Road through Springfield. Lake road through Springheid Township where it reaches up toward Crosby Lake Road and connects with an existing pipeline toward Independence ownship.

More information on the new route is expected to be available sometime next month.

Seafood market still scouting area location

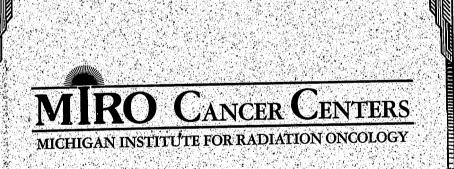
New England Seafood Co won't be moving into the Tierra Gallery of Fine Jewelry and Design at 64 S. Main St. in downtown Clarkston after all. But Dan Halpin, owner of the upscale seafood market, still intends to open a Clarkston-area location. Halpin currently runs an operation in Rochester Hills. Buck Kopietz, owner of the jewelry store, explained Friday that the deal didn't go through, but there are no hard feelings.

"It's like trying to fit a square peg into a round hole," he said of the location. "After seven months we got to the point in which we have to realize it's not going to work."

The downtown location could not furnish Halpin with an ade-quate amount of parking spaces, and the building was too small. But those issues won't stop Halpin from looking for a suitable location. He has appoint-ments this week to discuss prop-erty north of Main Street. One possible location for the market is the former Retro Rehab physiis the former Ketro Jenab Julya-cal therapy building, located on the 7000 block of North Main Street, next to the Birdfeeder. Space available at 64 S. Main

St. is again open for new possi-bilities. Kopietz said he is seeking investors to open a book store at the location.

"There's a lot of support in place," he said, "if somebody wants to step up and begin putting money together,"



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The plant has been bannet in the state. Conventional controls such as herbicides and direct digging are ineffective for the "purple plague," research showed. The beetles, which include three species, feed on buds, leaves and stem tissue. They will haves and stem tissue. They will

study. The sites had to contain enough purple loosestrife to sup-port a population of the beetle,

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Michigan Animal

Rescue League

Agency offers 2nd chance for homeless pets

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER stauber@oe.homecomm.net

Can you imagine 120 furry tails wagging at once? Visitors walking through the Michigan Animal Rescue League (MARL) shelter have that impact on its inhabitants.

The dogs, cats; kittens and puppies live at the non-profit agency's building at 790 Featherstone west of Auburn Hills, which serves as a temporary home — and sometimes a permanent home — for animals young and old.

Animals are brought in during the day or dropped off in the middle of the night for adoption. Others arrive after shelter outreach workers rescue them from atrocious living conditions.

The end result is a home albeit a building — filled with amenities of a real home blanket of their own, a toy, fresh food and water and kitty litter all replaced on a daily basis, medical care, exercise and humans to love them.

These animals sense that MARL will be their home forever, if necessary.

"We don't euthanize our animals except when it's absolutely necessary due to an injury, disease or temperament," said man-ager Kayla Allen of Lake Orion. The office pets are a good example of this. Noel, Sadie and Blitz, three affectionate dogs, are free to roam the office area

"It's their home," Allen said. They're the office pets because the staff figures they are too old to be adopted, Allen explained.

One older dog, however, is beautiful German shepherd, Each staff member and volun-she's 11 and not adoptable in teer at MARL has his or her own most cases because she doesn't stories to share about the multikept in the larger pet area. A

like men. But she has a home.

and grown to love. Denise Figiel of Troy, for

Walting for homes: Advisory board member Deanna Malczewski of Independence

Township and manager Kayla Allen of Lake Orion pose with two of the more than

100 pets waiting for adoption with the Michigan Animal Rescue League. tude of pets they've worked with her family, a 109-pound Rodegian Ridgeback and an 85-pound American Fox Hound and four cats. Both dogs are former MARL residents.

She cleans Cat Room No. 2 every Wednesday morning. That means sanitizing each cage with bleach and water, washing each food and water dish and replacing with clean products and giv-ing each animal a fresh quilt square, toy and a couple of treats.

"It takes me about two hours to do this, but much of the time is spent hugging and kissing the animals." The cat rooms often house the puppies which, she admits, are her favorites.

Candice Buehner of Keego Harbor cleans cages at MARL every Sunday. She also accompanies the MARL animals to the Bloomfield Orchard Villa nursing home in West Bloomfield Township once a month.

She plans on adopting a dog once she and her new husband, Jeff, buy their first home. Her favorite story is about a dog the Outreach team rescued about six months ago. It's now a U.S. Customs Service dog.

Pam Porteous is the MARL assistant manager. The West Bloomfield resident usually heads up the shelter's rescue efforts and outreach searches for dogs and cats that are mistreated or abandoned or in need of better care, MARL supplies food, shelter and straw to many of these animals as well as pet care education to their owners.

"Pam is amazing," Buehner said. "She takes such risks to

storm

Tobin should have weighed 40

pounds; he only weighed 14. The car was filled with feces and garbage. He was screaming in pain," Malczweski said. She vol-unteered to take him in as a foster pet belause, she said, she believes in MARL's philosophy that every cat and dog deserves a second chance at life.

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Malczewski volunteers as an adoption volunteer on Saturdays,

Other volunteers take pictures of the animals for publicity, do maintenance work on the building, drive animals for veterinary care, launder the piles of towels and blankets, wash and bathe the animals, take care of the web site and even paint the shelter to spruce it up.

The shelter's new \$200,000 addition was completed this past winter. It offers office space, * more room for animals, private adoption rooms and more to the once-crowded building.

MARL couldn't do what it's done since 1951 and continues to do without help. Besides its two full-time staff people, its four ; part-time workers and its 60 volunteers, it counts on the goodness of people who donate to the non-profit charity.

Among the helpers are PETs-MART's Northville and Rochester Hills stores. Each provides a place for MARL to showcase adoptable cats. Downtown Birmingham Veterinary Clinic in Birmingham and Ross Animal Hospital in Bloomfield Hills provide veterinary services at a 50percent discount.

To look at the animals housed at MARL and waiting for a family to adopt them, stop by the building 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. MARL's website address is www.ddc.com/rescue/marl:

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instance, shares her home with

Take a walk for the animals

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER

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While the room in one's heart cal room in one's abode has its limitations. to love all creatures great and

So while one's intentions may be to adopt every homeless cute kitty or handsome older dog, that's an impossible task.

There is a way to help the hundreds of dogs and cats that come in contact with the Michigan Animal Rescue League (MARL), a non-profit organiza-tion. It provides a safe and clean place to live for about 120 cats and dogs at a time at its shelter just west of the Silverdome. Last year alone it found permanent

homes for 700 pets. MARL invites everyone to par-ticipate in its sixth annual "Tail Wagger Two-Step" Walk for the Animals to help raise the funds for its shelter. The walk is from

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23. It takes place, rain or shine, at Independence Oaks County Park

"We hope to raise more than We hope to raise more than \$20,000 this year," suid MARL manager Kayle Allen of Lake Orion. Our veterinary bills alone are \$60,000 a year. Every dime we raise from the walk helps us follow MARL's philosophy—that every dog and cat deserves a second chance."

The five-mile walk promises to be fun for everyone. People can bring their dogs to the event, but must have proof of rables or a current dog license with them at

registration. Deanna Malczewski of Clarkston described the walk as very scenic. "The trail is beautiful. It takes people around Crooked Lake," said the MARL volunteer. Lake," said the MAKL volunteer. Participants will be served cof-fee, donuts and bagels in the morning and pizza and pop in the afternoon with the help of businesses, including Hungry Howie's Pizza and Subs in

Clarkston.

Clarkston. "We have wonderful prizes to give away, too, "Allen said,." For those not able to walk the five miles, others will be on hand to serve as designated walkers. To participate, people can get a pledge sheet from MARL by calling (248) 335-9290. They can either bring their pledges to the registration or mail them in later before June 30. For those who can't attend, a

For those who can't attend, a donation is always welcome. MARL is also sponsoring its A . CAT-AMY Awards at the walk: CAT-AMY Awards at the walk. Bring a color photo of your favorite kitty, along with a pledge sheet for completion of the walk, to the Tail Wagger Two-Step. Photos also can be mailed in advance to MARL, 790 Feathersteine Portice, M Featherstone, Pontiac, MI 48342. Contest categories are Got the World by the Tail, Best

Friends, Wacky but Wise. There is a \$5 parking fee at Independence Oaks. The park is at 9501 Sashabaw Road in Independence Township.

The following incidents have been reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Inde-

pendence townships and the city of Clarkston May 9-13.

Springfield police

Thefts

On May 11, a motorcycle was reported stolen from a Foster Road location. The vehicle has since been recovered and the case turned over to Waterford police.

On May 11, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle Road.

Independence police Thefts

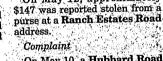
On May 10, construction materials were reported stolen from a Turtle Walk address.

On May 11, a set of golf clubs

were reported stolen from a Main Street residence.

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On May 10, a Hubbard Road resident made a complaint that a dog attacked her dog in their yard.

Independence fire

Between May 9-13, firefighters responded to nine calls. Among them were four medical calls? one personal injury accident, two automatic alarm calls and a fuel



Clarkston students charged in slashing of school bus tires

POLICE NEWS parked on Dixie Highway.

On May 12, a tackle box and fishing poles were reported stolen from a boat on Tindall

help these dogs. STAFF PHOTO BY DONNA MCLAUGHLIN

Tobin is one of the rescued dogs. He lives temporarily with Deanna Malczewski of Independence Township and her three other dogs. MARL rescued the Shar-pei mix after an anonymous call. The dog was locked in a filthy car during a winter

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BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

Three Clarkston High School students were arraigned Thurs day after police found tires cut

on 37 school buses. Steven P. Selberg, Zachary R. Sartell and Aaron L. Hayward have each been charged with malicious destruction of property costing more than \$1,000 and

costing more than \$1,000 min less than \$20,000. The felony carries a penalty of up to five years in prison, and/or \$10,000, or three times the cost of damages, according to police Deputy Tom Cavalier. Selberg has also been charged

with possession of a switchblade. If convicted, he could receive up to one year in prison, Cavalier said.

A not-guilty plea was entered for all three individuals on all counts. All three posted a bond of \$100, the required 10 percent of \$1,000 set by Magistrate Thomas Raguso. The arraign-ment was held Thursday in 52-2 District Court in Independence Township.

A preliminary exam is set for

9:30 a.m. June 18. Selberg and Sartell are both 18, and Hayward is 17. All are

Clarkston residents. Zachary Sartell's parents, Richard and Kathleen, made a statement after the arraign-

ment. "This is totally out of charac-

ter," Richard Sartell said. "He's a fantastic kid. He's into sports. He's going to college. We're just going to have to get through this."

Two of the students are seniors and one is a sophomore at the school, said Deputy Chuck

at the school, said Deputy Ontak Young, school liaison for the Independence substation. Young was awakened in the middle of the night May 12 to assist with a problem discovered

assist with a problem discovered at the school bus parking lot. Around midnight, perpetrators illegally entered the bus lot, gaining access by cutting the fence, and proceeded to let the air out of tires on all 37 buses,

according to police. While on patrol, Deputy Keith Christie discovered a vehicle parked on the premises and got out of his car to investigate.

"(Christie) was driving around the old Clarkston High School the old Clarkston High School building, across from where the bus garage is located," said Lt. Dale LaBair of the Independence substation for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. "He saw a red Pontiac parked next to one of the buildings. He looks in with a flashlight and sees a box with bolt cutters." LaBair said Christie saw three parsone walking in the vicinity of persons walking in the vicinity of

According to LaBair, the fence was cut with bolt cutters per-mitting intruders to enter. "They let the air out of the tires (on the big buses), and

decided that was not enough. They went back and cut the valve stems off."

Reports showed that at least one or two tires on each bus were cut. An unknown number of the large-size buses had all of their

tires slashed. With spare parts from nearby Brandon and Orion townships, enough buses were repaired to

enough buses were reparted to transport students to school. According to Pat Brumback, assistant superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools, "transportation rolled pretty much without a hitch" due to the tremendous effort of a great staff.'

Though the bus garage keeps a supply of air valves, more were needed to accommodate the buses. She commended the near-by districts for their help. About 2 a.m., Oakland County Sheriff's deputies contacted school employees about the incident, which allowed them to address the situation in time for the start

of the school day. "The fix wasn't as difficult as if they were slashed,"school district spokesperson Barbara Johns said. Young said the damage to the vehicles has been estimated at \$3,640 and other associated costs total approximately \$5,600. School buses in Clarkston accommodate 8,100 students to and from school daily and travel approximately 650,000 miles each year.

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Carriage House from page A1

Nelson, her 16-year-old daughter Felicia, and their pet dog and cat have only lived in the home for the past two years. But she knows the area well.

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Nelson lived in Independence Township for nine years before moving onto Main Street. The divorced mother of two wanted her children to stay in Clarkston schools. To ensure that, Nelson chose to rent the historic structure that's tucked between the hustle and bustle of Main Street and the quiet of the Mill Pond. She also chose a place that's walking distance to area schools.

Long before the lower portion of the structure was used for storage and open to residents of other rental homes nearby, it was a garage for a trucking busi-ness established more than 70 years ago.

According to Susan Basinger, who has been voluntarily researching the history of Clarkston homes for the past year, the property was owned in the 1840s by David S. Lewis, an original settler. The carriage house was later built for Earl Walter, who ran a truck business. A member of another family rooted in Clarkston history, the Walter family lived on the second floor just like the Nelsons do now.

"On Saturdays he would gath-er produce, especially potatoes, from the surrounding farms and take it to the Eastern Market in Detroit," said Basinger of the Walters. "While he was there he would fill orders for the Clarkston stores

In 1999, Nelson spends time relaxing in the 700-square-foot home. She too makes a southerly commute - to her Bloomfield Hills office. Nelson works as an escrow closer for Title First

Agency. Working within the realm of the real-estate profession for years, Nelson snagged the cozy spot. She heard about the available space from friends in the industry

Nelson admits it was a fixerupper in the beginning. But that was no problem for the woman friends call "Mrs. Bob Vile." It. took just three weeks to complete

"When I first walked in, the walls were peeling," she said. "Now, it looks like me."

Each of the seven rooms is tastefully decorated, accented in burgundy and green, and filled with plants. Lace curtains veil the windows surrounding the home, making it difficult to detect how rustic a residence it once was. A wooden ladder serves as a fire escape on the side of the home.

Hardwood floors are topped with plush rugs and just enough furniture to accommodate a small crowd, though Nelson con-siders it more of a "furniture showroom.

Sponge-painted walls give the rooms texture and a personal touch. From the moment her 3year-old dog "McKenzie" greets visitors at the door, Nelson's home attains that familiar elegance she hoped to achieve

For additional space, Nelson removed a hardwood stove that stood near a wall in the living room. She considered it a fire hazard that took up too much

When she ran out of fuel for her oil-burning furnace in the middle of winter, however, Nelson wished she'd kept the stove for a little heat. Now the home is gas-heated, just to make sure it doesn't happen again.

"It's been an experience living here on Main Street," said Nel-son. "Everyone sees you."

Everyone includes the animals that surround the area. "We're living life on the wild side," she said, relaying a story

about her dog being sprayed by a skunk But that won't stop her from enjoying her home and the location. Around Christmas, Nelson said, she's been known to decorate seven or eight trees inside the carriage house. A lack of

excess space doesn't stop her from hosting fabulous parties. "More people than I thought would come," she said. "We packed like sardines in here. But it's fun. We have the whole yard

More importantly, she feels secure at home.

"Chief Ormiston told me this is probably the safest place to be," Nelson said, of Clarkston's police chief, "Everyone's so friendly When she was moving furniture into the carriage house, two people stopped to ask if she was moving in or moving out. They were interested in the property,

she said with a smile. "It's homey," said Nelson. "That's what I wanted when I moved. It had character."

From the long, narrow stair case that leads to the dining and living areas, to the kitchen with its hidden compartments, the carriage house looks like no other residence on a street filled with historic homes.

Living room windows peek out to Main Street, allowing the Nelsons to watch parades in their pajamas. Kristen Nelson's bedroom is located in a corner of the second level and has two win-dows that reveal views of north

and east Clarkston. Above the frames, Nelson painted small green leafs to extend her love of plants throughout the home. A hidden trap door lies between her bedroom and her daughter Felicia's bedroom, which is a slightly larger space containing a daybed and curtained closet.

The bathroom boasts a freestanding claw-legged tub that is painted in a rich red tone. Nelson said it's a relaxing place to soak and surround yourself with candles. Though her kitchen seems small, hidden compartments and a roomy pantry provide all the space she needs

"I can get a lot of stuff in here," she said. Just beyond the kitchen is a

sun porch, a room completely walled in glass windows and overlooking the Mill Pond. Nelson's desk and computer are kept in one corner of the room. It's the perfect spot for her to work, she said. The sun streams in during the summer months and snow blankets the grounds in winter. The room was formerly her daughter Cerissa's bedroom. The 19-year-old has since moved out.

Walking through the home, Nelson can't help but share a story of her childhood. When she was growing up, her father would often say: "Shut that door! Do you think we live in a barn?" Now with children of her own,

Nelson does live in a barn - a barn that piques curiosity and catches the eye of passers-by along Main Street.

For those interested in the carriage house, don't hold your breath. Nelson plans to stay a few more years before building or purchasing a home.

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school opened, their children would gain badly needed new uniforms and instruments. That didn't happen. "There are lots of (news) arti-

cles that came out after the Columbine incident," she said. And lots of those articles say that kids who aren't athletes feel that athletes get preferen-tial treatment. I think lots of (Clarkston) kids feel left out that people at one end of the building get the most."

To illustrate her point, Koval said the athletic area boasts five large trophy cases to dis-play athletic accomplishments. They were planned as part of the building, she remarked.

"But there are no showcases up by where the art rooms are," she said, "Those kids are hanging up their artwork above the lockers, where it can be pulled down and destroyed ... Are kids in art, the theater, the band, the choir — afterthoughts?" Susan Bartley, a single moth-

er with two children in the band, said she requires her daughters to use school-donated instruments. But her one daughter's school-owned horn broke so the girl was forced to share a horn with another student all year because of the band's lack of equipment.

Koyal's husband, John — this examine how and where it dis-

penses dollars. "I can tell you that there are groups out there that operate with virtually no financial back-ing from the board at all, "John Koval said. "They're out there

on their own. Please look at

hopes" that when the new high : that. You folks are charged with the distribution of avail-able monies in the district."

Board vice-president Karen Foyteck assured the band parents that sports represented only trustees' first step in assessing all extracurricular. activities at CHS. Foyteck, pointed out that board members decided to tackle athletics first to land new sports a spot on next year's athletic schedules. Those calendars are finalized well in advance of the start of sports' seasons.

Clarkston schools' superin-tendent Dr. Al Roberts pointed out that for the past three years, he had asked the band contingent to submit a proposed band budget. Roberts said he

had still not received one. Trustee Mary Ellen McLean suggested that the board address band needs as soon as the athletics' issues were resolved.

At the end of the meeting, band booster Marla McKee expressed faith that the board would do what it said - consider all of the district's children in its funding decisions. McKee said the Kovals' sentiments did not represent 98 percent of the band boosters.

"Yes, the band needs some things — tubas and uniforms, to name a few," she said. "But I don't agree with the way things were done tonight. We are not Columbine in any way, shape or form. If you don't sit in on these board meetings — and just rely on the snippets you read in the newspapers - you don't understand how or why decisions are made."

Independence plans spring clean-up

Independence Township will hold its 1999 Spring Clean-Up from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 22.

Residents of Independence Township and the city of Clarkston are eligible to participate.

Disposal fees for vehicle per load are as follows: automobile, \$5; auto w/single axle trailer, \$10; pickup truck or van, \$10; pickup truck w/single axle trailr, \$25; flatbed single axle truck, \$25; dual axle trailer, \$50; 5-yard dump truck, \$50. No commercial vehicles will be

allowed. Freon removal will be \$15 per unit. Passenger car and truck tires are \$1; large truck or trac-tor tires, \$5 each. (Rims must

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be removed from large tires, and there is a limit of 10 tires.) Brush is free for first large. load. Above fee schedule applies

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Tickets for dumping may be obtained at the Independence Township Treasurer's Office, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston, Tickets will also be on sale at the dump site the days of the clean-up.

prices are fine," she said. "They have the best biscuits and gravy . of any place around," he added. Bryan Langlois of Sterling

Heights just happened to stop by the other morning on his way to work

"They didn't burn the bacon. That's important," he said, vow-ing he'll return. "I watched them in the kitchen, and it looked like they were taking their time making the orders right, even though they were busy."

Last Wednesday morning the place was almost full. Waitresses Tina Weishaar and Dawn. Hagemeister were using their competent serving skills to serve the food efficiently and to keep the coffee cups filled.

Will Madison was there; eat-ing onion rings. "They're deli-cious," he said. He, too, said he'll he back again. "They are friendly here and the food comes out quickly. It's good."

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GENERATION

4	Mel's Grill	
By Jose Munoz (Written while eating at Mel's Grill on its second day of bust- ness) Mel's Grill is now open, For the clientele. Second day of business, All is going well. It is just a small place, But a welcome sight. Serving lunch and breakfast,	Not opened at night. Second day of business, Walting for my food. Waitress going crazy, Cook is not amused. Customers are waiting, For an open seat. Busboy clearing tables, People want to eat. Things are kind of crazy, Rhythm is not set.	But give them a few days, Then you won't regret, Taking your lunch break there, The food's well prepared. Waitresses are friendly, Prices too are fair. It is not McDonalds. Nor is it the Ritz. But it's in my neighborhood, And it really fits.
That's news that owners Jim and Sue Mellema are glad to hear. The owners admit, the response has been great so far. They hope it continues. They got the idea for Mel's Grill while relaxing on vacation. Mellema started talking about	how he would like to open a place like Mel's Grill, according to his wife. They broke ground for the building last August, and now officially have their own place. It's definitely a family affair there. Their children, Derek, 14, and Drew, 11, help on the week- ends. Derek attends Sashabaw Middle School; Drew goes to Bai- ley Lake Elementary School. The Mellemas grew up in the area where Mel's Grill is. Jim had his own construction busi- ness, which he's put aside for	"There's no other place close by where customers can go in and sit down for breakfast o lunch," he said. "This was really needed in thi area." He went in for lunch on th second day of business. He ca see the place from the deck a his home.

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location so good he was inspired now. The diner is named after to write a poem (printed above) about his dining experience. "That was his nickname when

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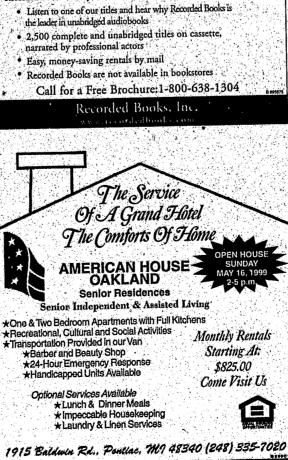
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State, county officials bicker over road funds

BY LARRY RUEHLEN STAFF WRITER

ickering between state B and county officials may be blocking the path to better roads in Oakland County. Michigan Department of Transportation officials claim the county gets its share of money for road projects, while Oakland County officials adamantly demand more funds, better roads and less traffic.

Unfortunately, motorists appear to be caught in the middle of a contentious argument that has turned ugly.

⁷⁶Ken Rogers, deputy Oakland County executive, claims county road needs are being neglected because the county receives 68 cents for every dollar it donates to the Michigan Transportation Fund. He also points out that the state ranked an average of 44th in the country in per capita ppending on roads from 1964-98. MDOT spokesman Gary Naeyaert points to a 90-percent return for every county transportation dollar contributed. He also mentions Gov.' John Engler's "Build Michigan II" plan and the new federal transportation bill that increased funding for road projects in the

state by \$610 million. The percentage of return is different because Naeyaert includes federal dollars in his calculation, while the county omits them, claiming they have nothing to with the amount of funding MDOT should be sending them.

g them: Naeyaert said he wishes county officials would stop complain-ing about the problem and start

working to help solve it. "If Oakland County officials think they are being treated unfairly, they can . . whine all the way to the state legislature," said Naeyaert, "They are the second biggest contributor to the fund and they rank second in what they get back

"If I hear one more time about what little money we're giving them, I'm going to puke. I have 82 other counties in the state that wish they were be treated

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Road woes: Traffic creeps through a construction zone on Telegraph Road between 10 Mile and Civic Center Drive in Southfield.

so unfairly. Wayne County is the only county in the state that gets more money than Oakland County.

Rogers counters by pointing out the economic impact Oakland County has on the rest of the state.

"Our county has 1.2 million people, 40,000 businesses and 800,000 people who come to work here every day," he said. We create one out of every two new jobs in the state. You would

think MDOT would be responsive to our needs. "Since 1972, county traffic on Interstate 75 has increased 165 percent and crashes went up 56 percent on I-75 from 1993-95. We're drowning in traffic and crashes, and MDOT sees fit to spending \$140 million for a bypass in Standish, which has 11,000 people. It just doesn't make sense

MDOT officials have said that the U.S. 23 project, which

includes the Standish extension, is only in the "research phase and that no construction dollars have been committed. Another sore spot is the coun

ty's lawsuit against the state over the proposed extension of Northwestern Highway to Fenton. MDOT officials claim a small band of environmentalists quashed the project in the 1950s, and it can't go forward now because subdivisions and lakes stand in the way.

County officials claim the 12year-old lawsuit is the only way to force MDOT to do something to address the gridlock on the western part of the county. The traffic-clogged I-75 corri-

dor has become another battle front. MDOT and the Oakland County Road Commission have been trying — and failing — for months to get together on a traf-fic study to find out what is the best way to best way to approach the problem. MDOT wants the commis-

sion to improve local roads first, and the commission is seeking a commitment from MDOT to improve I-75 first.

Naeyaert also claims the , county is trying to build up public support for more road funding because State Act 51, which mandates how road funds are divided, will expire Sept. 30, 2000, and new legislation will -have to be written to take its . place

Craig Bryson, public informa-tion officer for the road commission, denies the charge, adding +> the county is simply pushing for a state-wide roads need analysis that would precisely rank the priority of all road projects in the state. He, however, admits the study probably won't be done and the squabbling over funding and congestion may continue

For both sides, basic co-opera tion would do much to alleviate

the problem. "Our goal is to have 90 percent of the state's roads in good con-dition by 2007," said Naeyaert. "No one benefits by us not getting along. We can't agree on the I-75 study, and the county is suing us. We're already about seven years behind in our repairs. When they are up to snuff, we will be able to concentrate more on traffic congestion. The only way this problem is going to get better is for all of us. to work together."

Rogers agrees. "We're not going stop complaining until our traffic problems go away," he said. "But any time you have too few dollars, agencies are going to fight over them. We must eventually come to an agreement because traffic problems are becoming an economic issue. "Businesses will leave the

county if they can't deliver their products on time. It's something we all have to think very hard about."

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Road construction frustrates drivers

The string of construction barrels, barricades and heavy equipment that is wreak-ing havoc on the daily commute is the result of hard work and good thinking, according to Gary Naeyaert, spokesman for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"We've been able to get much more funding than ever before," he said. "The extra money allowed us to get projects done early and move others up. The only thing motorists hate more than roads under construction are roads in disrepair. "I realize drivers don't want to be stuck in traffic jams, but imagine the public outcry if we had kept hundreds of millions of dollars in the bank when so many of our roads need improvement. We have six major intestates under construction but it's actually very wise to get them done when we have the time and money."

All in all, nearly a million motorists a day are trying to cope with the construction

"There is just no where left to go," said John Blacha, a Waterford resident who commutes to his teaching job in Madison Heights.

"My regular route is under construction and so is the best alternate," he said. "I decide every morning whether I would rather sit in my car on M-59 or take my chances on the side streets. I'm probably spending about four extra hours a week in traffic jams because of this mess.'

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Gun permit reforms could mean more weapons

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Concealed weapons permit "reforms" ending in Lansing could put 200,000 to 300,000 more guns on the streets of Michigan, according to State Rep. Mike Green (R-Mayville). And he's the chief sponsor of the legislation.

When Green gave that estimate on a recent segment of *Off the Record*, public television's weekly state news discussion program, the numbers brought a strong reaction from opponents. Compare those numbers to a total of 7,507 unrestricted concealed weapons permits issued in 1998. Compare them to the total of 21,000 permits held by residents statewide now.

Still, other proponents of the package disputed Green's figures, Sen. Mike Rogers (R-Brighton) for instance — who favors the plan if all the proposed restrictions in the bills are passed said he believes the changes will actual-ly be more stringent and, if adopted, will result in some current permit hold-ers being unable or unwilling to meet the new standards.

In any case, the concealed weapons package — a collection of 21 bills put forward by 17 representatives — has been placed on the fast track.

The package is expected to come up for a vote this week in the House of Representatives and Speaker of the House Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo Township) has promised to have the bills on Gov, John Engler's desk by June

He can likely do it too. Green says he has not lost any support among lawmakers in the House as a result of the school shooting in Colorado or the pub-lic reaction to it.

Rogers, Senate Majority Floor Leader, said he believes the votes are there for passage in the upper chamber too,

Rep. Laura Baird (D-Okemos) -- an opponent of the bills — said the rush is a result of pressure being put on legislators by the National Rifle Association.

"The NRA has decided to make Michigan a showdown state," she said. "They haven't had any legislative victories in a while, so they are looking for one here." Rep. Ed LaForge (D-Kalamazoo) put

it this way: "Using guns in public places is so tricky that even trained police offi-cers don't always get it right. And, that's all the more reason not to put poorly trained civilians into situations where they have to make split-second decisions about firing a gun in public.

"The supporters of easy access to concealed weapons say they want to make the law more uniform. In truth, the proposed legislation would make it uniformly much, much easier to carry a concealed weapon.

concealed weapon." The fight mainly is over a single word . — "shall." Currently, Michigan's con-cealed weapons permit law says local gun boards — the five-member panel in each county which decides who gets a permit and who doesn't — "may" issue a permit. The decision is left to the board's discretion. The result according to Green is that

The result, according to Green, is that it is much easier to get permits in some counties than in others.

Forty-four percent of the permits issued last year came out of Macomb County. Another 14 percent were issued in Oakland and Wayne counties combined. All the rest of the counties in the

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Rep. Laura Baird -D-Okemos

state issued only 42 percent of the permits.

So the main bill in the package House Bill 4530, says that if all requirements are met, the board "shall" issue a permit.

Then, HB 4530 and the rest of the leg-islative package set out what those requirements are. Applicants would have to be 21 years old, Presently, the age requirement is 18. Applicants would have take an eight-hour training course and demonstrate their ability to properly handle the weapon.

Those with felonies on their records or a history of mental illness would be barred from receiving a permit.

The bills further would add penalties for carrying a weapon, even with a permit, while using alcohol. Currently, that's not against the law. Also, the proposal heightens renalties on permit holders who commit a crime while car-

rying a gun "If you betray the state's trust, you will pay a heavy price," Green

explained. Penalties would be applied if a permit holder "brandishes" a weapon, Despite the "shall" wording, Green

said local gun boards would still have a

great deal of discretion. "It says they can deny a permit if they, have reason to believe, you are a danger to yourself or others," Green said, "All they have to do is give a reason, but it can't be because your hair is too long or. something like that. Would that be fair? They just have to be able to state a rea:

Opponents argue the bills would allow permit holders to carry their guns any-where, into a school, a bar or every a snorts atodium. But sports stadium. But proponents say the bills do prohibit the carrying of guns in some locations.

Thirty-one other states currently hav "shall" issue laws on the books, but there is no agreement about the impact of those laws on crime rates. J_{f}

Award-winning film to be shown Expert on alcoholism to speak

The Oakland County Council for Children and Adults With Psychiatric Disabilities (OCAP) will sponsor "Successful Strategies and Intervention for Children in Families with Alcoholism and Mental Illness: Research Demands It!!!

The program starts at 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 17, at the Bloomfield Township Public Library located on the SE corner of Lone Pine and Telegraph Road.

Sis Wenger, executive director of the National Association for Children of Alcoholics, will give her perspective on the latest research, training and treatment for substance abuse, mental illness, dual diagnosis and how these afflictions affect children and families.

Program is free to QCAP members who may register by phone (248) 280-3737. The \$10 entry fee for non-members includes one year membership and must be paid by mail in advance. Please send checks to OCAP, Box 252833, West Bloomfield Township 48325-2833.

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Local filmmaker Kathryn Vander's award-winning documen-tary, Walk This Way, will be pre-sented in Oakland Community College's Royal Oak Campus 7 p.m. Thursday, June 10. Admis-sion is free and the public is invited.

The 30-minute film tells the story of Ron Bachman, Northville resident who lost his legs at age 4 and give up pros-thetic legs at 18 to walk on his hands. A former broadcaster, he currently gives motivational talks about overcoming obstacles to young people. His speaking engagements are sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Dodge Dealers' Association.

Vander, a Berkley resident,



inated for an Emmy Award by the Michigan Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. The film explores the life and art of 75ear-old Detroit poet Naomi Long Madgett.

Madgett, who was also nominated for an Emmy, will read her poetry at the kick off of the Royal Oak Campus' 1999/2000

Myriters Live Series Sept. 21. A third Vander film, "Threads of Survival," tells the story of a 78-year-old Laotian Hmong master weaver honored by the National Endowment for the Arts. The film brings under-standing and appreciation for the cultural traditions that are fading as refugees assimilate

The University of Michigan After graduating she enrolled in creative writing courses at OGO and went to work for WXYZ-Channel 7, advancing to the position of television producer. She is currently employed as a video producer/writer for AAA ibno

Michigan. Kathryn Vander, Rón Bachman, and cinematographer/coproducer John Prusak will attend the showing on June 10 and mingle with the audience in the theater lobby afterward. The program is by/the Royal Oak Campus' Library and English Departments. For more information call (248) 544-5589. The Royal Oak Campus is located at 739 S. Washington at the corner of Lincoln in down-



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Kathryn Vander

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State House says no more gifts for speeches

Should state lawmakers and their staff members be required to address the public free of charge? Representatives in the Michigan House think so

Members voted overwhelmingly last week to ban acceptance of "honoraria" or gifts for speeches. An amendment to the campaign finance act, spon-sored chiefly by Rep. Sue Rocca (R-Sterling Heights), House Bill 4381 was passed in a 89-11 vote May 6.

Staff members of some state lawmakers have used honoraria as a fundraising technique in election campaigns.

The bill has been sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Here's how Eccentric-area representatives voted: Reps. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester), Patricia God chaux (R-Birmingham), Bob Gosselin (R-Troy), Ruth Johnson (R-Holly), John Pappageorge (R-Troy), and Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) voted yes.

Rep. Nancy Quarles (D-Southfield) voted no. Here's how Observer-area representatives voted: Reps. Bob Brown (D-Dearborn Heights), Eileen DeHart (D-Westland), Tom Kelly (D-Wayne), Ger-ald Law (R-Plymouth), Bruce Patterson (R-Can-

ton), Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills), Laura Toy (R-Livonia) voted yes.

Gov. Engler appoints locals

Several local residents were appointed last week to state boards and commissions by Gov. John Engler.

ple who need to learn to help others, and develop effective ways to prevent domestic violence.

Domestic Violence

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Shirley Mann Gray of West Bloomfield was appointed May 6 to replace Ernie Moore of Detroit on the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board for a term ending Sept. 30, 2001. Gray is manager of social services for Children's Hospital of Michigan at the Detroit Medical Center.

Edward Sosnick, chief judge of the Oakland County Circuit Court, was reappointed for a term ending Sept. 30, 2001. Sosnick is a resident of Bloomfield Hills.

The board was created to grant funding to estab-lish shelter programs, training programs for peo-

Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery

Dr. Robert Aranosian of Clarkston was appointed to replace Dr. Lewin Wyatt of Flint and to represent professionals on the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. Aranosian is director for the Emergency Trauma Center at POH Medical Center.

Dr. Susan Rose of Brighton was reappointed to represent professionals. Rose is a physician and the co-owner of the Livingston Medical Center.

The board is responsible for testing and licensing. doctors entering the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery in Michigan. All terms expire Dec. 31, 2002.

'Effective Parenting' seminar offered by OCC's Orchard Ridge

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus will present a sixweek seminar for parents begin-

ning Thursday, May 20. Entitled "Effective Parenting," the seminar costs,\$40 and is. open to the public. It meets in available at a modest charge the campus J Building, Room through the OCC Childcare Cen-308, from 10 a.m. to noon This interactive seminar for

parents of children of all ages offers practical, effective methods of communication to decrease stress and increase the rewards of parenting. With advance registration, childcare for children ages 2 1/2-6 will be

This seminar is sponsored by

the Womencenter, a college facility that provides educational and supportive resources for area women. For further information on "Effective Parenting" or other. program offerings, call the Wom-encenter at (248) 471-7602. The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of 1-696 in Farmington Hills.

Spring is here, and Oakland County road construction projects are in full swing, including the following:

NOTE: Unless otherwise

following Oakland County roads. Roads are open unless noted. Alternative inoutes are advised in all instances.

NORTH HOLLY ROAD From: Lahring to the county line

Community: Holly Township Details: Road Commission of Oakland County is reducing the grade of the hill at Belford Road. North Holly Road will be closed from Lahring Road north to the county line. The detour for northbound traffic is North Holly to Grange Hall to Dixie Highway to Baldwin to North Holly. For southbound traffic, the detour is North Holly to

intersection of Novi Road (a county road). The work on Nine Mile is expected to affect traffic on Novi Road and delays are expected on both . roads. Completion is expected during the summer.

STATION ROAD

From: Newman to Coats Community: Oxford and Orion Townships Details: This stretch of Stanton will be closed through May 21 so that an underground pedestrian crossing beneath the road can be reconstructed. The recommended detour route is Newman Road, Indianwood Road and Coats Road. Completion is May 21.

FISH LAKE ROAD

From: At Grange Hall Road Community: Holly Township

Details: Adding center left turn lanes to both Fish Lake and Grange Hall's so that a traffic signal can be added to the intersection. Comple-

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> Novi Thursday, May 20 9:30 a.m. at the Novi-DMC 5W 121

> > 98-116



stated, detours are unknown or not planned. **Road** improvements could cause delays on the

Baldwin to Dixie Highway to Grange Hall to North Holly. Should be completed by May 28.

14 MILE ROAD

From: Stevenson Highway to Bellevue Community: Troy, Madison Heights, Clawson and Royal Oak Details: RCOC is reconstructing and resurfac

ing this section of road. Additionally, a right-turn lane is being added to southbound Rochester Road at 14 Mile Road. Should be completed by July 1.

WOODWARD

From: at 14 Mile Road Community: Royal Oak and Birmingham

Details: Storm water drains are being replaced along Woodward Avenue (a state high-way under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Transportation) near the intersection of 14 Mile Road (a county road to the west of Woodward and city street to the east). The work could cause delays on both 14 Mile (east and west of Woodward) and on Woodward. Completion date unknown.

BALDWIN ROAD

From: North of I-75

Community: Orion Township

Details: Water and sewer line installations are ongoing along Baldwin Road north of 1-75. At times construction crews will flag traffic through the area. Lane closures are possible. Completion by the end of May.

NINE MILE ROAD

From: In the vicinity of Novi Road

Community: Novi Details: The City of Novi is reconstructing and widening Nine Mile (a city street) near the

tion by the end of June.

GRISWOLD ROAD

From: At both 8 Mile and 10 Mile Roads Community: Lyon Township Details: The Griswold Road approaches to both 8 Mile and 10 Mile are being paved. Completion dates is unknown.

ADAMS ROAD

From: At Dutton Road Community: Rochester Hills/Oakland 'Town-

ship Details: Beginning Monday, May 17, RCOC will be resurfacing the intersection and length-ening the Adams Road center left turn lane. Completion by the end of June.

ALLEN ROAD

From: At M-15 Community: Brandon Township

Details: Realigning the intersection. Completion by the end of June.

MILFORD ROAD

From: At Holden Road

Community: Milford Township

Details: It is possible that within the next seven days work will begin on the project to add a center left turn lane to Milford Road at Holden. Completion by the end of June.

MILFORD ROAD

From: From I-96 south to a half mile south of Grand River.

Community: Lyon Township

Details: RCOC is reconstructing and resurfac-ing the section south of Grand River and resur-facing the section between Grand River and I-96. Completion by the end of June.

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Ferndale Monday, May 24 1 p.m. at Ferndale Library 222 E. 9 Mile Rd.



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Apply common sense when **buying lipstick**

Are you aware that lipstick is the number one impulse buying item in salons and stores? You just can't pass up that display, can you? You see a

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great color (or so you think), buy it, get it home, and it looks Morticia Addams. Foiled

againl Lipstick is inter-esting. I always tell clients if they are feeling a bit under the weather, roll on some mascara and a quick swipe of a (flat-tering) lipstick and

you will feel 100 percent better ..., because you look better. It's a quick fix for under \$10!

In the early 1900s, red lips were de rigeur. While it still works on many women, the lip palette has become very extensive, and thus more confusing. Let's discuss some of the most common problems.

Women who have a strong acid mantle in their lips have a tendency to turn the lips a darker shade of blue. Common sense prevails here. Buy an "earth" tone (yellow based), that way when your lips darken you won't look ghoulish. Also, be sure to always put a bit of makeup base on your lips prior to applying your lip color. This will set up a protective layer between your epidermis and the lipstick, and your chances for "lip. longevity" greatly improve

Flavors (yes, flavors) are now com ing in with some makeup lines. I have only one question — why? Cinnamon, and lord knows what else. True, a lipstick should not have a heavy fragrance base, but flavors? Talk about lipstick on your teeth - now one can have a pastrami sandwich on one's lips. I don't think so.

Be careful of "permanent" lip colors. They are usually drying and have a tendency to peel. Try applying your lipstick and gloss at the same time (and simultaneously). Then lick your lips. Do not blot with a tissue. Why remove what you have so carefully applied?

There is nothing déclassé about touching up your lips in a public area. Also, if you keep licking your lips when you think about it, the saliva will assist in "setting" your color and it will have the staying power you want.

Always apply your lip color with a lip brush. Not only will it give you leverage, but you can really get down to the depths of the lipstick tube and it will save you money.

Remember the first rule of art: lightness brings out, darkness hides. If you have an average-to-large mouth, feel free to use the brightest colors you want. If you have an average-to-thin mouth, be sure the lip color is not the focal point of your face. We have all seen women "of a certain age" who wear dark brown lipMaking the rounds: Dress for Success client Kelly Clines riffles through the racks at Sears at Oakland Mall in Troy in search of two outfits suitable for the workplace.

Dressing for success Women re-entering the workforce learn to suit up

By NICOLE STAFFORD SPECIAL EDITOR nstafford@oe.homecomm.net.

Making a difference in somebody's life - It's not a concept typically associated with riffling through clothing racks in search of an outfit. But sometimes, shopping can be a life-altering experience

"It's just maybe a sense of power and control over yourself and your destiny," said Kelly Clines, a client of Dress For Success. Clines experienced that phenomenon Monday after participating in a program sponsored by the New York-based Fashion Takes Action organization and Sears at Oakland Mall in Troy.

Clines, like other Dress for Success clients, fell on hard times and is re-entering the workforce.

To jump-start her success and the careers of four other Dress for Success clients, Fashion Takes Action p ired ea woman local fashion expert for a shopping expedition at Sears.

parts of the country and an installa-tion of attire recently selected by Detroit-area fashion experts will be on display through May 23 at the west entrance of Oakland Mall.

Clines, who obtained her real estate license in February and is embarking on a professional career for the first time, was paired with yours truly. "I was told many times that I did

not have the right clothes," said Clines of her first workplace. "And that does not help your self esteem.

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Dress for Success clients from other. They were absolutely right, but there wasn't a dime to get anything."

Since Sears agreed to donate two work-appropriate outfits, money mattered little. Nonetheless, Clines still seemed skeptical about her ability to start building a professional wardrobe.

"I have black pants and a black jacket," she said. "My problem is get-ting stuff that coordinates with what

Armed with that information, we searched for suits and apparel pieces

Transformation: Clines models her selection, an apricot-colored suit.

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to pair with black. Red was quickly nixed as a less favorite color. Purple and periwinkle were identified as complements to black that drew out Clines' eyes, but nothing was avail-able in that color in her size.

Progress halted, Clines quickly lost whatever little steam she had mustered.

A pink shirt briefly piqued her interest, as did a checked purple jack et that most certainly would not pair well with black, so Clines opted to try on a khaki jacket and pants and headed to the dressing rooms.

On a whim, I yanked an apricot colored jacket and pants and hung them on her dressing room door.

Minutes later, Clines emerged from the dressing room in the apric cot suit, beaming. "I love it," she said. "Everyone loves it."

Although the notion of building from black had been abandoned, Clines was able to find an off-white.





stick. Their mouths look like slashes Dreadful look. The fuller the brighter. The thinner the quieter. Period.

Lipliners are used to define the mouth. Beware the "camel hump' look. If you were born without an upper lip, blame your parents, but spare the world the McDonald's arches, please. Make sure that for everyday use the liner is a soft earth tone which can go with all colors ... except red. Then you would use a red lipliner.

When you are of "a certain age," one's lips start to shrink a bit and one's teeth tend to gain a yellowish cast. Again, use common sense. Use a blue-based lipstick (a pinky tone, a reddish one) to contrast against the sallowness and add a bit more vivacity to the lower quadrant of your face.

I hope you found these lip tips handy. Women always race through their lip makeup, and it looks it. Take the time and I guarantee you will see results.

I wanted to just take a moment, with your indulgence, to remember my father in print. My dad, Eddie Hirsch, passed away May 10. I wish you had known him and for those of you who did, you will understand my love filled appreciation of him. Thanks, Dad, for all the laughs.

Jeffrey Bruce is a beauty expert and a regular columnist for Malls & Main-streets. Look up his website at jeffreybrucecosmetics.com; e-mail him at jwbb@worldnet.attn.net; or call (1-800) 944-6588.

In addition to donating two outfits to each participating client, Sears is giving \$100,000 to Dress for Success, \$10,000 of which will go to the organization's Detroit chapter.

Sears is also sponsoring a Dress for Success clothing drive, May 17-21, and an informal seminar about selecting workplace attire at 7:30 p.m. May 20.

it documenting the transitions of

Making selections: Kelly Clines, who recently obtained her real estate In addition, a photography exhib- license, and yours truly search for an off-white blazer.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

SAFETY DAY

Westland Shopping Center in Westland presents "Safety Day" with displays, activities and demonstrations, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. MONDAY, MAY 17

ANDRE LAUQ'S COLLECTION

View the Fall 1999 collection of Andre Laug at Saks Fifth Avenue, The Somerset Collection in Troy, with the help of a designer representative through May 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor. WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

VERA WANG FOR FALL

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Saks Fifth Avenue, The Somerset Collection in Troy, presents the Fall 1999 Collection of Vera Wang through May 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

LAFAYETTE 148 SHOW

Roz & Sherm; 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills, presents a trunk show of Lafayette 148's Fall collection through May 22 during regular store hours. For information, call (248) 855-8874. SATURDAY, MAY 22

FLOWER MARKET DAY

Nursery vendors fill the streets of downtown Plymouth for the 1st Annual Plymouth Flower Market Day, 9 a.m.-5p.m. For information, call (734) 453-1540.

PUPPET SHOW

pets and "The Great Traveling Dinosaur Show," through May 23, Saturday shows start at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and Sunday shows run 1-4 p.m., Food Court stage;

BIKE SAFETY EVENT

Art Van Furniture partners with the League of Michigan Bicyclists to provide information about bicycle safety, blke selection and area biking trails, 12-3 p.m., all Art Van stores.

CORDUROY CHARACTER APPEARANCE

Meet and shake the paw of popular story character Corduroy and hear stories about the bear at Borders Books and Music in Farmington Hills, 11 a.m. SUNDAY, MAY 23

MEN'S FASHION SEMINAR

Experts offer the latest tips on casual dressing for men at Hudson's at 2 p.m. at The Somerset Gollec-tion in Troy and at 4 p.m. at Oakland Mall in Troy, Men's Department.

Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts the Heiken Pup-

short-sleeved jacket and long flowing skirt she could wear not only with black but apricot, too.

"It makes you feel that you're ready to tackle the world," said

Clines of her selections.

A day later, Clines was donning her apricot suit and optimistic about closing a deal later that evening.

"Everybody thinks I look real nice in it," she said. "I even went to a couple of places to show it off."

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Contrast: Cartier's latest watch creation, the Panthére Ruban, marks the first time the company has combined polished steel and mother-of-pearl. Reminiscent of classic jewelry, the watch comes in three designs with either a pink, gray or white motherof-pearl face,\$2,300, Cartier, The Somerset Collection, Troy.



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Hair flyways: Jeweled hair accessories in the form of butterflies, flowers, lady bugs and other treasures from nature are all the rage this year. Not to mention, such pretty clips keep those sumptuous locks in place. Eve Reid's jeweled hair accessories run \$32 to \$36, Saks Fifth Avenue, The Somerset Collection, Troy.

There can 1 find?

This feature helps readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone num-ber. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it.

For the caller who needed the tele-phone number for the Beauty Bou-

Yardley's English Lavender cologne can be found at Meijer stores. For Kim, a Tiara HobNail pitcher and tumblers in "Frosted Antique White" can be found at the Antique Emporium (booth four) on Dixie Highway in Drayton Plains. White Wizard cleaner is available in the Real Goods catalog, (800) 762-7825 and can be purchased at

Revion's Moondrops lipstick in "Mocha Polka" is sold at Baker's drug store on 12 Mile Road in Berkley.

School yearbook.

flag in the shape of a sideways triangle

and a washable quartrine sofa at a

Moisture Renew makeup in "Ivory Beige" or another light tone. Julia is looking for a blue Mill-stream gravy boat. Geri is looking for the address of Wearever Alu-minum's customer service replace-

ment center, which was located in Chillicothe, Ohio,

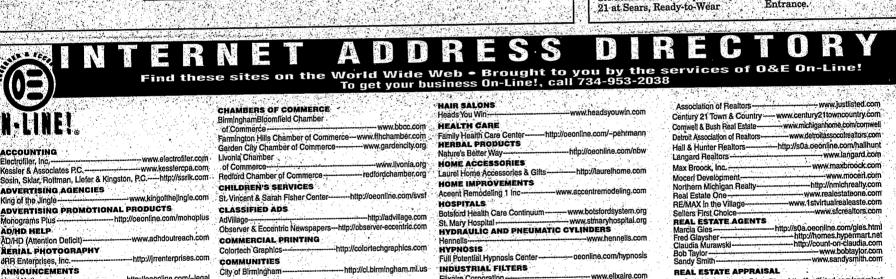
Dress for Success events

Dressing for Success seminar: Clothing label Norton McNaughton holds an informal fashion presentation and seminar about selecting workplace attire, 7:30 p.m., May 20 at Sears, Oak-

land Mall in Troy, second floor meeting room. Clothing drive: Work-appropri-ate attire will be accepted May 17-

21 at Sears, Ready-to-Wear

Department. first floor. Individuals who make a donation will receive a \$10 coupon towards a Norton McNaughton purchase redeemable during the Dressing for Success seminar. Exhibit: A display of photographs of Dress for Success clients from other parts of the country and an installation of outfits chosen by local fashion experts runs through May 23, Oakland Mall, West



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Ruth is looking for a store that sells. Sander's birthday cakes.

Mrs. Hamilton is trying to find a Scalectric model cars on tracks. Margaret would like to find a copy

Broil & Grill seasoning, which Anthony's Market in Livonia formerly carried. One reader is looking for a 1950s Bulova gold-plated watch, and it doesn't matter if the watch operates.

Evelyn is looking for a 1952 Dear-born Fordson High School yearbook.

book, Carol needs a 1969 Michigan license plate. Mike is searching for Clarenceville school yearbooks from 1968 and 1969.

from 1968 and 1969. Nancy is looking for a thumb-suck-ing cure for children, an cintment or aid of some kind. Maureen wants Victoria's Secret "silkening" body lotion in "Tender Musk."

Marilyn is looking for a video tape of the movie "Clifford," starring Martin Short and Charles Grodin.

Joan is looking for a paperback cookbook that is either called "Mr. Hopes" or "Mr. Popes." Karen would like to buy a pink Corvette Bad for that

Bed for toddlers. Marie would like a copy of the movie "Elvis & Me." Joanne wants a 1943 Fordson

High School yearbook and memo-rabilia from the 1964 World's Fair in New York, especially items from the Ford exhibit.

Julie is looking for Fox's wholemeal bran crackers, an English bis-cuit. Sherrie is searching for a late 1940s or early 1950s Goldilock's cookie jar made by Regal.

-Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

WHAT WE FOUND:

tique catalog, it is (440) 826-3008.

762-7525 and can be purchased at Damman Hardware on 13 mile and Southfield roads.Miscellaneous. pieces of Viva Italia dishes are available at T.J. Maxx stores.

and at other small drug stores. We also found a 1942 Central High

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Nancy is looking for a Detroit Tigers 1984 World Series banner.

Pamela needs maternity clothes bargain price.

Barbara is searching for Almay

Elaine is looking for Moondrops lipstick in "Little Red Red."

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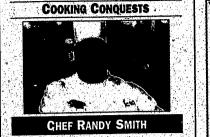


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Spring for morels and soft shell crab

pring is the season for soft shell crab and morel mushrooms. These are special foods because they're in season only for a few short weeks in May and early June.

Soft shell crabs

In the United States, the blue crab is the species most commonly eaten in its soft-shell state.

These crabs are caught along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, and in the spring, they shed their hard shell. The hard shell will grow back in about a month, which is why the sea-son for this delicacy is so brief. Always sold whole, soft shell crabs

are noted for their sweet meat. It is important to remember that all live crabs should be used on the day they're purchased. Refrigerate them until just before cooking.

Morels

Morel mushrooms are similar to truffles, and can be found in Michigan for about two weeks in May. The morel is recognized by its honeycombed, cone shape cap, with colors ranging from rich tan to very dark brown. The flavor is described as smoky, earthy and nutty. The darker the coloration, the stronger the flavor.

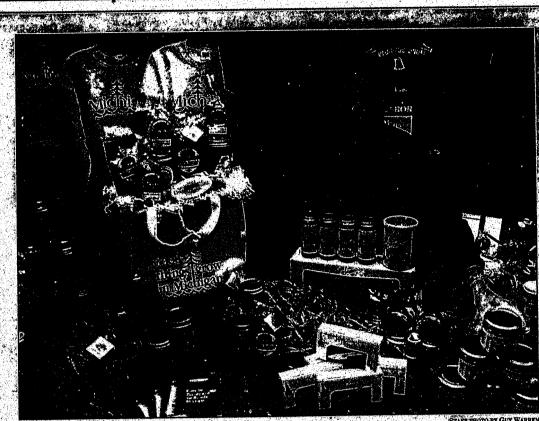
Imported canned morels can be pur-chased year-round at gourmet food stores, as can dried morels, which have an even more intense, smoky flavor.

When selecting morel mushrooms look for those with a firm yet spongy texture

SAUTÉ CORN MEAL CRUSTED SOFT SHELL CRAB W/ HERB BUTTER Serves 4

8 large soft shell crabs Canola oll for browning crabs Breading. 1 cup commeal 1/2 cup all purpose flour 1 tablespoon Calun spice 1/2 teaspoon salt **Breading wash** 1/4 cup all purpose flour: 1 egg 1/2 cup milk Herb butter sauce 1/2 pound soft butter 1 finely chopped shallot 1/2 teaspoon garlic 1/4 cup finely chopped herbs (any combination of basil, thyme, chervil, dill, oregano, parsley, and chives) 1 tablespoon lemon juice

1/8 teaspoon white pepper 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire



Michigan goodles: Debbie Carpenter, manager of Michigania, is surrounded by a bounty of Michigan-made food products.

Great Lakes, cherries andmore

Michigan:

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER

Pump up those taste buds and get ready for a gastronomical celebra-tion of Michigan Week beginning May 16.

These days, Michigan food products are so much more than Traverse City cherries and Mackinac Island fudge. They're pastas and primavera sauces, jams and jellies, salsas and syrups, tangy cheeses and wonderful mustards like Mrs. Dog's Disappearing Mustard.

But still, cherries rule, even in hamburgers. "Plevalean," a delightful marriage of tart cherries and beef, was patented by Ray Pleva of Cedar, Mich., in 1995. Known as the "cherry burger," the frozen patties are available at most major super-

markets for about \$6 for a 1-pound, 9 1/2 oz. box.

The store also stocks a variety of Michigan cherry products, Prevalean; Pinconning cheese, and smoked fish. Beef and turkey pasties are freshly delivered by truck from

the Standish area. "They come with gravy, and they're half the size of a pie," said Barbara.

Two items leave the store as fast as they come in, said Barbara: homemade thimbleberry jam from the Upper Peninsula (expensive at \$14.99 but to die for!) and Copper Harbor Hot Salsa, "It won first place

in a AAA salsa con-test. I lived in California eight years, and I had a lot of salsa. This beat them all out."

Michigan Made Jane Kuhns, owner

Oldies but goodies

Vissic Foods - started as a dairy company in 1915 and moved into the pickle business after the Depression. In 1942, they produced their first pickle product, Viasic Polish Pickles, Today, Viasic makes 120 products, including 80 different kinds of pickles.

Better Made Potato Chips - Tounded In 1930, remains at same Detroit loca-tion on Gratiot near I-94. Besides chips, the company makes a variety of pop-corn and cheese curls. "When you're driving down the freeway at about 6:05 a.m. you can smell the chips," said Chris Moceri, company vice president. Alexander & Hornung – a family: owned sausage making company since 1945, continues to produce hot dogs. bologna, knockwirst and hams at the comer of Gratiot and Harper in Detroit. An upscale product, Alexander & Hornung can be found in many independen markets. "We still smoke sausage with our same smoke houses," said company presi-

dent Bernie Polen.

Awrey Bakerles - opened its first small store on Threman Ave. In Detroit In 1910: However, Grandma Fletcher Awrey was baking breads and fried cakes long before then. Today. Awrey ships all over the United States and makes cakes for all the Baskin Robbins stores. The company is now located on Farm-

Ington Road in Livonia. Their "Long John" coffee cake remains a customer favorite, said Betty Jean Awrey, president:

Morley Candy - started as a lce cream parlor on Gratlot and laste



Morley family. It makes

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Taste of Michigan

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Alto Adige is located in northeast Italy. It borders Switzerland on the northwest and Austria to the north in the foothill region of the Alps . known as the Dolomites. Also called the Sudtirol, this is a mountainlovers and wine-lovers paradise. Steep hillside vineyards are contrasted against majestic snow-coy-ered mountain heights. The wines are vibrant and filled with compelling flavors.

Wine is the heart of the Alto Adige.

Elena Walch wines, from Tramin in the Alto Adige, are new to the Michigan market. Recently, we met with Werner Walch who shares own ership of the vineyards and winery with his wife Elena.

An Italian secret

Wine has been produced on these lands since 1869 when Werner's great-grandfather first began cultivating the steep hillsides to plant grapes. For over 125 years, these wines were an Italian secret, known only as exports to Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

Over the last decade-and-a-half, Italy has been swept by a non-tradif tional grape varietal revolution.

Alto Adige was no exception. In the early years, the local grape schiava made a popular, easy-drinking, light red wine. Today, with the introduc-tion of classic grape varieties such as chardonnay, pinot grigio, gewurztraminer, sauvignon blanc, pinot noir and cabernet sauvignon,

regions like the Alto Adige have put on a new face. That's about the time Elena Walch

came into the business. A former architect, she left her career behind to become a very active woman in the wine world. She used her skills to decorate Castel Ringberg, a prop-erty of the Walch family built in 1620. This year, Gambero Rosso,

the leading Italian wine guide, ranked Elena Walch Estates among the best with one wine elevated to the most prestigious and highest award "Tre Bichieri" translated as three glasses In the Alto Adige, cool nights, not



sauce Salt to taste

To make breading: Combine cornmeal, flour, Cajun spice and salt in a bowl: Set aside.

To make breading wash: Combine egg and milk in a separate bowl. Set aside with flour.

To make herb butter sauce: Cut. softened butter into 1-inch cubes. Place in mixing bowl with shallots and garlic.

Whip until light and fluffy. Add herbs and remaining ingredients. Salt to taste. Set aside, but do not refrigerate.

To prepare crabs: Clean crabs by removing tail, lift side of shell and remove lungs, then with scissors, remove the face. Place crab into reserved flour then remove and place into egg and milk mixture. Finish by placing crabs in corn meal breading. Lightly press all sides of crab into cornmeal. Remove and place on tray. Repeat for all crabs.

Place large sauté pan over medium heat, add canola oil. Add crabs and sauté 2 minutes or until golden

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Cheers for Beer

Recipe to share

Michigan meat products also include beef jerky. The Northern Michigan Beef Jerky Co. in St. Clair Michigan Beer Jerky Co. in St. Char Shores, a Michigan food products-specialty store, features 16 kinds of. the low-fat, high-protein snack – buffalo, venison, elk, four kinds of turkey and six kinds of beef. It's all cured with Michigan maple syrup and contains no fillers.

Jerky fans love it, said John Cipri-ani, who owns the store with his wife, Barbara, "It's not the rip-yourteeth-out stuff. This type is nice and soft. We get more women in here than men. This type of jerky, the

of Michigan downtown Plymouth, can hardly keep Benjamin Twiggs pancake



man

mix with dried cherries on the shelf. Paired with Cherry Republic's cherry syrup, it's a hit. Kuhns stocks several jams and jellies from American Spoon Foods and Rocky Top Farms, but her real prize is the hard-to-find thimbleberry jam with a plain, white label: E. Ucman, Allovez, Mich, "People from the

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Keweenaw Peninsula go crazy when

Michigan-made food stores

Northern Michigan Beef Jerky Co. Inc. - 27815 Harper, St. Clair Shores, (1/2 block north of 11 Mile on Harper, across from Nino Salvagglo's International Marketplace). (810) 773-3101. Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m Monday Saturday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

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100 different types of chocolate, including sports celebrity bars, like the Kris Draper and the Darren McCarty, It also makes Sanders can-dies and ice cream toppings in the origi-

nal Sanders vats. Morley Candy conducts tours through-out the year. Call 1-(800)-682-2760 for. information.

Melody Farms-Stroh's Ice Cream combines the traditions of two families in producing ice cream. Melody Farms, founded in 1950, purchased Stroh's in February of this year. They continue to produce Stroh's ice cream in the Detroit based company's original vats. Those vats date back to the Depression era of 1919, when Stroh's decided to use their vats to produce ice cream rather than closing down their brewery. Vernors Ginger Ale - would never have become a beloved Detroit beverage if it wasn't for the Civil War. Before he was called off to the war, James Vernor, a Detroit pharmacist, stored his secret soda pop mixture in an oak cask in his pharmacy. When he returned four years later, the aging process had trans-formed the brew into a zippy, zesty gin-

ger ale. ger ale. Vernors is no longer the Detroit river-front business that drew locals and tourists alike in the 1940s. It has changed hands many times since the Vernors family first sold it in 1966. Today, the brand continues under the ownership of Cadbury Schweppes.

Ion Meriot \$14.50, but in general, for under \$20, you can get alternative reds with lots more flavor. Try: 1998 Rosemount Grenache-Shiraz \$8 1997 Alexander Valley Vineyard Syrah \$17; and Montevina Terra d'Oro Sangiovese \$16.

With price of chardonnay creeping up, we tried a number under \$20 and the following came out on top: 1997 Monterra Chardonnay \$8 (really good for this price); 1998 Clos du Bols Sonoma County Chardonnay \$14; 1997 Hogue Chardonnay \$14; 1997 Jekel Gravelstone Chardonnay \$15 and 1997 Simi Chardonnav \$19 (tastes like an over \$20 wine).



Family tradition: Werner and Elena Walch of Elena Walch Winery in front of artisancarved wine casks at their Castel Ringberg estate in the Alto Adige, Italy.

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Enjoy a taste of Michigan

See related stary on Taste front. Recipes from the Michigan Cafe at Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn.

PINCONNING CHEESE SOUP

1/2 sticks margarine Scups onion, diced 1/2 cup celery, diced 1/2 cup carrots, diced 1 1/2 cups flour 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg 1/4 teaspoon white pepper 1/2 quarts water 3 chicken bouillon cubes 1/2 pint half and half 1 pound Pinconning cheese,

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they see this," she said Her customers also love the pretzel-loving Beer Barrel Mustard from Kalamazoo and all the Country Home Creations dips -Chili Con Queso, Horseradish and Bacon, Lemon Cooler and Ambrosia.

And if you're fond of chocolate mints, Kuhn carries an assort-ment of Hanover's candies from St. Johns, the self-proclaimed mint capital of the world. The mints are stamped with an imprint of the state and individually wrapped in foil.

"We sell a lot of these to

shredded Sauté vegetables in margarine

until tender, Add flour. Cook for 5 minutes. Add water and bouillon. Simmer for 20 minutes. Add cream, nutmeg and pepper. Stir in cheese at the end of cooking. Serves 6-8.

GREAT LAKES WHITEFISH BOAT 2-3 pounds whitefish, skinned

with pin bones removed, cut into 5 ounce portions 2 sheets puff pastry dough Sauce for topping fish 1 pint sour cream 1/4 cup fresh dill, chopped

brides," said Kuhn.

Michigania

1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon white pepper

- 1/4 teaspoon fresh garlic
- 1 teaspoon horseradish 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- Egg Wash 1 egg
- 1/4 cup milk

Place 5 ounce portion of whitefish in buttered individual casserole dish. Season with salt and pepper, brush with butter.

Cut puff pastry to fit top of casserole dishes, using casserole

dish as a template Beat egg and milk together to

make egg wash. Brush puff pagtry tops with egg wash.

Bake puff pastry tops on cookie sheet and fish in casserole dishes at same at 400°F for 10-14 minutes.

To make sauce for topping fish: Combine sour cream, dill, salt, white pepper, garlic, horseradish, lemon juice and Parmesan cheese in a bowl, Set aside.

Spoon 1-1/2 ounces of the sauce onto the fish, and top with prebaked puff pastry. Serves 6-8

peach, cherry and blueberry. Yacky, a busy mother of two young children, appreciates the tit's convenience. Everything comes in one package — crust, fruit and filling. The product is available at most Meijer super-

products continue to enter the marketplace all the time. Visit on grocery store shelves.

the engine that powers this quickly prepared dish from hohum to Asian delight in less than 30 minutes.

The rest of the recipe's ingredients are easily assembled, so shopping is a breeze, too.

-Sweet-and-sour sauce is

A serving has a modest 10 grams of fat to its 33 grams of protein.

Registered dietitian Michele Peters included the recipe in the Express Lane Dinners feature she wrote for the May-June issue of Mr. Food's Easy Cooking magazine.

Her serving suggestion: Accompany the chicken with rice or vermicelli pasta, and for dessert pick up a yellow cake with coconut icing from your supermarket's bakery.

THAI LEMONY CHICKEN STRIPS

1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons vegetable oil

1/4 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, sliced into thin strips 3/4 teaspoon salt

Salt and white pepper to taste

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brown. Turn and repeat on other side. Pat excess oil off with

Pour room temperature herb

ASPARAGUS AND MOREL SALAD

WITH CHARDONNAY THYME

VINAIGRETTE

1 pound fresh Michigan

1/2 pound fresh Michigan

1/2 pound mixed spring greens 1 medium Vidalia onion, sliced

Small amount of olive oil to

CHARDONNAY THYME

VINAIGRETTE

4 sprigs of fresh thyme, no

1/4 cup Chardonnay

1/4 cup olive oil

1 pint red pear tomatoes .

butter on top and serve.

paper towel.

Serves 4

asparagus

sauté morels.

stems

morels

For the salad

To make dressing: Place all ingredients, except oils, in blender, blend until smooth. Add oils slowly while blending to form an emul-

sion. Taste and adjust seasoning, To make salad: Cut off bottom 2 inches of asparagus and discard. Blanch remaining tips in boiling water with salt, remove and cool in ice water.

Cut, asparagus 1-inchr long on a bias cut. Place in large stainless steel bowl. Clean and cut morels in half from top to bottom then soak in cold, lightly salted water for 5 minutes.

Quickly saute morels in small amount of olive oil. Remove and place in bowl with asparagus.

Cut pear tomatoes in half, add to bowl: Cut onion and add to bowl, along with spring greens. Toss all ingredients with about 1/2 cup of vinaigrette. Serve.

Chef Randy Smith is the Executive Chef at Big Rock Chop & Brew House in Birmingham, Look for his next Cooking Conquests column on July 18.

Lemony chicken ready in 30 minutes

1/4 teaspoon black pepper 4 cucumbers (about 1 1/4 pounds), peeled

1 onion, sliced

1/2 cup sweet-and-sour sauce

1/4 cup chopped fresh mint

In a large skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil over medium-high heat, Sprinkle chicken with salt and black pepper. Add half of the chicken to the skillet and cook 4 minutes, turning once; until lightly browned. Transfer the chicken to a plate. Repeat with remaining chicken.

Using a vegetable peeler, slice cucumbers lengthwise into thin ribbons, or with a knife, cut them into very thin rounds. In the same skillet, heat remaining 2 teaspoons oil over medium-high heat Add onion and cook 2 to 3 minutes, or until slightly softened. Add the chicken, cucumbers and sauce. Cook 3 to 4 minutes, or until heated through, stirring, constantly. Stir in mint. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: about 265 cal., 10 g fat, 86 mg chol., 665 mg sodium, 10 g total carbo., 2 g fiber, 33 g pro.

Maryland crab cakes with salad are a low-fat treat

manager Debbie Carpenter.

One of the newest products at

Michigania in Birmingham, a shop specializing in Michigan-

made products, is Michigan

Asparagus Quacomole. It is dis-tributed by the Michigan

Asparagus Advisory Board and

"We cannot keep it in. People look at it and go, 'Eeek,' but if they try it they come back and

buy it by the dozen. We've shipped it to Texas. We've

shipped it everywhere," said

comes in mild and hot.

found elsewhere in Italy, make the region ideal for white wines. But in the warmer microclimates of the region, red grapes such as merlot, pinot noir and cabernet sauvignon, ripen with Bright red fruit aromas and flavors. Steep hillsides with devigorating soil keep yields low and concentrates flavors in each grape berry.

Perfect summertime pours

Elena Walch wines, because of their deep fruit core, are per-fect summertime pours. If chardonnay versions that come. you're looking for some new

wine tastes, we can't think of anything better to recommend than the following: 1997 Elena Walch Pinot

Bianco \$10 has the lively expressive fruits of pears and, apples. Fruity, dry and very balanced, it makes a perfect aperitif sipper or will pair well with light fish.

■1997 Elena Walch Chardonnay \$12 is grown in the family's village of Tramin. Gorgeous fruit bowl aromas and depthful/ new heights of greatness. flavor intensity make it a pleasacross too concentrated on a hot

This is a delicious wine to day. serve with grilled chicken, pasta salad, seafood salad or grilled

whitefish. ■1997 Elena Walch Pinot Grigio \$12 has dominant pear aromas and is crisper than either the Pinot Bianco or Chardonnay, It's high-toned fruit finish and creamy texture make it a match for any seafood preparation. This bottling takes this all-too-often boring varietal to

1997 Elena Walch Gewurztraminer \$14 is positively the best bottling of this tonguetwisting variety we've tasted in a long time. It's dry like the Alsace style of gewurztraminer, but without the plodding finish and high alcohol. It is hallmarked by ripe fruit, lychee nut notes, spicy finish and refresh-ing acidity. It makes a great accompaniment to all sorts of Oriental dishes, especially those kicked up with lots of hot pep-

pers ■1996 Elena Walch Merlot \$12 has sprightly, bright cherry aromas and flavors. We've criticized a significant number of Italian merlots for thin middles and awkward finish. The Elena Walch is a winner and a bargain at this price. We detected vanilla hints in

this wine and suspected some new French oak. "No new oak," said Walch. "Vanilla character is distinct in merlot grown in our region of the Alto Adige.

To that we say, Bravel

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I have used it as a basting sauce for barbecue chicken on the grill, You just warm it up a bit and it spreads just nice. Michigania ships Michigan-made products, including Vernors Ginger Ale and Sanders Hot Fudge, all over the country.

Denise Yacky, public information officer for the Michigan Department of Agriculture, said particularly delicious new Michigan product is Peterson

people Farms "pie kit," available in Customers also love the Benjamin. Twiggs Three Pepper Lemon and Apple marinade, said

Carpenter, "It's great poured over cream cheese with crackers: markets.

specialty food stores in your neighborhood or read labels. when you shop at your favorite supermarket: You'll be surprised at just how much of Michigan is

Zest of 1/2 lemon 1/2 tablespoon Dijon mustard New Michigan-made food

1/4 cup corn oll 2 tablespoons cider vinegar 1 tablespoon lemon juice



AP — These Maryland Crab Cakes are a treat — especially since the recipe is a low-fat version with nothing to weigh on the conscience and spoil the pleasure. A Mesclun, Orange and Walnut Salad is a nice accompaniment.

The recipes are from "Weight Watchers New Complete Cookbook" (Macmillan, \$25), This is a revised and updated version of an earlier cookbook from the organization which describes its program as "a diet that's high in complex carbohydrates, moderate in protein and low in fat."

This volume, in practical ringbinder format with well-designed layout, is packed with information that includes general cooking advice as well as tips for weight watchers. And there are about 500 recipes, each tagged with a "points" reference for peo-ple who want to follow the program's weight-loss plan.

Lump crab meat called for in the crab cakes is justifiably expensive, a recipe editor's note points out — taking apart a crab is a picky business. "To save money, you can use surimi, a processed fish product with a texture similar to crab meat. But shop around first: some brands are much tastier than others."

MARYLAND CRAB CAKES

1 pound cooked crab meat,

picked through for shell and cartilage 3/4 cup bread crumbs 6 scallions, minced

1/4 cup low-fat (1 percent)

milk 3 tablespoons reduced calorie mayonnaise

2 tablespoons minced parsley

1/2 teaspoon salt

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1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper

3 tablespoons all-purpose

flour

1 tablespoon reduced calorle

margarine

2 1/2 cups mixed green lettuce leaves

In a large bowl, combine the crab meat, bread crumbs, scallions, milk, mayonnaise, parsley, salt and pepper. With moistened hands, form into 8 small round cakes; cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 1 hour.

Place the flour on a sheet of wax paper; lightly coat each cake on both sides. In a large nonstick skillet, melt the margarine. Cook the crab cakes until golden brown and crispy, 4 to 5 minutes on each side. Line a platter with the greens; top with the crab cakes. Makes 4

Nutrition facts per serving: 260

servings.

orange, onion and walnuts. Drizzle with the dressing; toss to coat. Serve at once. Makes 4 servings. Note: Mesclun is a mixture of small, tender young lettuce leaves and greens; it may include varieties such as red and green oak leaf lettuce, as well as curly endive, lamb's lettuce,

arugula and radicchio.

Nutrition facts per serving: 109 cal., 7 g total fat, 1 g satu-rated fat, 0 mg chol., 144 mg sodium, 11 g total carbo., 2 g dietary fiber, 3 g pro.

MESCLUN, ORANGE AND WALNUT SALAD 2 tablespoons orange juice 2 teaspoons walnut oil 1/4 teaspoon salt Pinch cayenne pepper 6 cups mesclun (see note) 1 navel orange, peeled and sectioned

cal., 8 g total fat, 1 g saturated fat, 114 mg chol., 849 mg sodi-um, 18 g total carbo., 2 g dietary fiber, 26 g pro.

1/2 red onion, thinly sliced 1/4 cup walnuts, chopped

To prepare the dressing, in a small bowl whisk the orange juice,

oil, salt and cayenne. In a large

salad bowl, combine the mesclun,

and toasted

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CONVERSATIONS FRANK PROVENZANO

New literary mag explores the **Detroit** experience

ver since he strung together his first alliteration, poet/journalist Glen Mannisto has railed against preconceptions and simplistic type casting.

Apparently, there's one label that he doesn't care to refute. "I'm an old Cass Corridor guy," he said, between sips of a coffee while sitting outside a cafe on a Royal Oak side street.

A humble self-appraisal shouldn't be mistaken for modest ambition. The guy with a poet's touch and philosopher's vigor has launched "trait," a literary quarterly on region-al arts and culture that reflects the ideals - excluding rampant hedonism, of course - of the "Cass Corridor."

Reviving brain cells

The reference to the Cass Corridor is to a late 1960s, early 1970s community of co-ops and social theories put to practice. The social movement known as the "Cass Corridor" was located near the Wayne State campus, where avant-garde poets, painters and musicians lived the utopian mantra of the times Ask anyone in

their 40s and 50s about the Cass

Corridor before,

during and after

the Detroit riots

If their brain cells

containing memo-ries of that time

can be revived,

they're likely to

respond with a

sense of rever-

ence. They might

even recall the

passion of what it

meant to be defi-

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ant. And they'll no doubt have a nostalgic feeling of what it meant to explore the possibilities of life. That was before commercialism

became the dominant religion, and the monotonous landscape of subur-ban sprawl replaced the "urban experience."

It's enough to say that it was a different time and place. For some, Cass Corridor was sort of

combination of San Francisco's Haight Asbury experimentation set in a culturally fertile Greenwich Village-

like setting. But for Mannisto, Cass Corridor was the best example of "pure com-munity" in recent Detroit history.

"It was a community not based on economics, but on interests and con-

cern for people," he said. It's that sense of community, along

Simple Secrets Walker Evans

reveals the 'common man' in his photography

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER Ichomin@ce.homecomm.net

Except for one self-portrait taken in France in 1927, Walker Evans left himself out of his photographs.

From images of poor Southern farmers to people on New York subways in the late 1930s, Evans captures the boredom, weariness and indifference of people going about their daily life. He revolutionized documentary photography by not interjecting

himself into the image. Evans recorded the mundane, the not so pretty, the "common man." Fascinated with subjects he referred to as "aesthetically rejected" including signs, junk yards, gas stations, shop windows and farmers, Evans objectively documented their sim-

plicity until his death in 1975. Evans lets us in on his "Simple Secrets" in the newest exhibition at

private moments with subjects.

From à man aslèep on a South

boilers, thought to be taken in

Walker Evans Simple Secrets What: An exhibition of 88 photographs from the collection of Mari-an and Benjamin A., Hill.

When: Through Sunday, June 27, Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednes-days Fridays, until 5 p.m. Saturdays Sun lays.

Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Call (313) 833-7900. Admission: Recom-mended donation is \$4 adults, \$1 children,

to see the exhibit installed in the Founders Society mem-bers free, newly renovated Albert and Peggy

Documenting history: Walker Evans captured life around a general store in Cuba 1933. The



PHOTOS COURTEST DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS Societal differences: Walker Evans photographed this couple pan handling with tin cups on Halsted Street in Chicago in 1946.



de Salle Gallery, which has been closed for the last two

Chronology

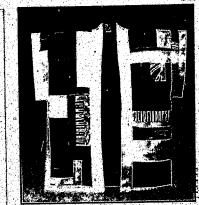
The first images visitors see are taken from Evans early abstract period. After studying literature at the Sorbonne in Paris in 1926, he moved toward European avant-garde types of photography.

Images are hung chronologically. In the early 1930s, Evans began to photograph straight on architecture. Evans began to photograph straight on architecture. These photographs netted Evans his first solo exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Some of the most moving images are those that Evans took while working in Pennsylvania, Ohio and the South for the Farm Security Administration during the Depres-

There are also photographs he took of African sculpture for a landmark exhibition by the Museum of Modern Art. Images from "The Crime of Cuba," published two weeks after the fall of dictator Gerardo Machado, speak volumes about the life of people standing in a bread line in 1933 Havana.

Walker Evans in the history of photography is one of the seminal figures in the 20th century," said Barr, site curator for the exhibit in Detroit, "He left this vision of what America was. When I look at this I really do see

GIENN TRIEST



Wearable art: This silk-painted, jacket is by Celia Block of West Bloomfield.

Arts festival plays on Greektown setting BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Dave Roberts isn't shy about saying the Greektown Arts Festival is the best street festival in Detroit." and he plans to keep it that way. The ninth annual event is "bigger and better than ever" and offers more art, a children's stage and historic tours of Greektown.

and noon to e p.m. Suit day, May 23. Where: On Monroe between St. Antoine and Brush. For more informa-tion, call (877), Greek-"We're able to entertain them betwe're anie to entertain them bet-ter with fewer bands, but longer sets and a real good mix of jazz, blues and gospel, said Roberts, And name Clark 15 pm. Sate, Bezuben at Mor ree A children's stage blues and gospel, there's a larger number of artists. We have a lot to offer the communi-ty as far as enter-tainment and edutainment and edu-

Greektown

Greektown Arts Festival What: 125+ artists exhibit in this juried show presented by the Greektown Merchants Association in coopera-tion with the Michigan Guid of Artists and Arti-bans produces of the

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cation. It's a great place to have a good time, eat some good food." Roberts isn't worried about the 1-75

closure downtown deterring people from visiting the 9th Greektown Arts Festival. "I don't think the closing has created

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Art of multiples: Michael McCullough of Farmington Hills carved this woodblock print of a loon.

Evans caught the contrast the Detroit Institute of Arts. Organized by the High Museum of Art in Atlanta from the collection of Maribetween the fashions of the women an and Benjamin A. Hill, the exhistanding in front of S. bition reveals the photographer's Klein's Depart Street sidewalk in New York during the Great Depression to junked ment store and the window mannequins

Detroit in 1946, the 88 images tell a story of life in America in the 1920s, 30s and 40s. Nancy Barr, DIA assistant graphic arts curator, is anxious for people vears.

with a gritty sensibility that is reflected in the first issue of "trait."

Set sail

Like those behind many publications. Mannisto and publisher Carmen Hickok set out to develop an identity for their magazine.

They didn't have to look far. In spirit and deed, Mannisto's life and work can be considered the microcosm.

While many artists either leave Detroit, or eventually compromise time for their art for practical realities, Mannisto hasn't relented. His poetry has appeared in anthologies,

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Roundtable to discuss arts education

You're invited to "Opening the Book," - a roundtable discussion about arts cur-riculum in our local school districts, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at the South-field Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield.

Panelists will answer questions from the audience, and address their concerns about arts education and curriculum in the school districts the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers cover. There is no charge to attend.

Call Frank Provenzano, (248) 901-2557, Keely Wygonik (734) 953-2105, or Linda Chomin (734) 953-2145 if you have any questions.

image was among 31 published two weeks after the fall of dictator Gerardo Machado in the book "The Crime of Cuba."

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MUSIC

Musician builds bridges with jazz suite

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

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Through music, pianist Jeff Haas com-municates pain and hope. "HaGesher Chai — The Bridge Lives," to be performed Sun-day, May 23, at the Charles Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit, is a piece about "building bridges between cultures, generations and identifies."

Band members — Alex Trajano of Troy on drums, multi-instrumentalist Rob Smith, alto-clarinetist Marvin Kahn of Southfield, and Marcus Belgrave on trum-

Southfield, and Marcus Belgrave on trum-pet, range in age from 29 to 82. "My hope is that as people hear it, they will take some responsibility to build bridges on their own," said Haas. "I believe that fear is learned. Arts are a non-threatening way of teaching love and understanding." The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan

Detroit commissioned Haas in the fall of 1997 to write the 75-minute, 10-movement jazz suite to commemorate the centennial celebration of the Jewish community of greater Detroit with support from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

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Building bridges: The Jeff Haas Trio & Friends, Marcus Belgrave, trumpet (left to right), Jeff Haas, piano, Alex Trajano, drums, Rob Smith, saxophone, Marvin Kahn, alto clarinet and Chuck Hall, bass.

"It's a cool project," said Haas who stopped by the Observer & Eccentric Livonia office on his way to rehearsal. In addition to writing the piece, Haas and his Trio have presented over 20 jazz clinics to students in grades kindergarten to 12 throughout the state of Michigan.

They will present two jazz clinics on Thursday at the Museum of African American History in Detroit.

Haas, the son of German Jewish immigrants, never knew his grandparents. They died in concentration camps during World War II. "Music is a way for me to connect emo-

tionally with my ancestors," said Haas. "L'Dor VaDor — Generation to Generation," which Haas recorded in 1996, combined traditional Hebrew prayer and folk

melodies with jazz. In "HaGesher Chai — The Bridge Lives," which Haas hopes to record, he blends jazz and Jewish melodies.

The music is only half of what the project is about. Explaining it to school children throughout the state, and helping them build bridges with each other and their community is an important part of Haas' work. It takes him all over the state, into communities where there are no Jews or African Americans.

Joined by Belgrave and the other mem-

Please see JAZZ, B6

of diversity What: The Jeff Haas Trio and Friends, featuring Marcus Belgrave, will perform "HaGesher Chai — The Bridge Lives," a new Jazz suite. When: 4 p.m. Sun., May 23 Where: Charles H. Wright Auditorium, Museum of African American History, 215 F. Warren, Datroit sulte. African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5.chile dren age 17 and younger, call (313) 494-5800, Ext. D Highlight: The Jeff Haas Trio and Friends will conduct two jazz clinics at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thurs., May 20. The 11 a.m. clinic is intend.

Musical celebration

the Li am, clinic is intended ed for the general student population and will provide age appropriate discussion, using musical instruments to illustrate jazz basics. The 1 p.m. clinic is designed for music students and will focus more on the history and development of "HaGesher Chal — The Bridge Lives,* Bridge Lives," There is still room for more students in the clinics, call Toya Hankins, (313), 494-5835 for information.

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Best fest: Charles Gerding created this sculpture just in time for the ⁿGreektown o'Arts Festival. 8: ĭt



Greektown from page B3

too many headaches," said jackets, vests, dresses, jumpers, Roberts. "If people use the post-scarves, shawls and sarongs ed detours they shouldn't have any problems.

Along with the entertainment, and 125 artists showing a vari-ety of media, the festival will feature tours of the area's historic churches and buildings by yne State University instructor Stewart McMillin,

"We always felt part of our mission is to provide educational opportunities," said Roberts. 'We do have a lot of history right here in the neighborhood, a lot of great things going on."-

New this year is a children's stage with magic and Punch and Judy puppetry by the Amazing Clark. Located next to the stage is the ever popular Imagination Station catering to kids who want to create art.

Greektown's food is the one reason West Bloomfield artist Celia Block keeps returning to the festival year after year) As a young girl, Block remembers dinners at the Old Parthenon.

"I'm a Detroit girl, and I love Greektown. It draws such a cross section of the Detroit area, and I love eating at the New Pärthenon Restaurant

This is Block's fifth year exhibiting in the Greektown festival, Known for her silk paint-ed clothing, Block will bring

scarves, shawls and sarongs with her to the festival.

"It's an artistic collage of bright colors accented with black and natural," said Block who teaches silk painting in her studio. "As time goes by my silk painting evolves because I love to experiment."

The Greektown Arts Festival is a favorite of Farmington Hills artist Michael McCullough as well. McCullough, who exhibit-ed in 20 art fairs last year, finds the affair an award-winner. This is the third year he will show his black and white, and color woodcut prints.

"Greektown's the most rewarding," said McCullough, who grew up in Redford and graduated from Livonia's Churchill High School. "People are the most colorful and eclectic.

McCullough travels from Grand Rapids to Mackinac City doing art fairs this summer and fall with new works that include "Homage to Heidelberg," "The Gardener" and "Flower Lady." Locally, he'll show prints in Plymouth's and Birmingham's Art in the Park, and the Detroit Festival of the Arts in September. His work is also on exhibit in galleries in Ludington and Chicago.

Secrets from page B3

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America without rose-colored glasses. Some of the works were unpublished and this is the first time people will get to see his work

American images

Evans never interpreted what he saw especially when he worked for the Farm Security Administration portraying the poor rural South. Evans was one of more than two dozen photographers, including Dorothea Lange, Gordon Parks and Ben Shahn, employed by the government office formerly known as the Resettlement Administration, to justify appropriations President Franklin Delano Roosevelt made to assist sharecroppers and tenant farmers.

"I can see where people would-n't think that was worthy of pho-tographing," said Barr. "But it was America, what was Ameri-can and what America meant without a lot of sentimentality, very honest, straight forward depictions. Walker Evans didn't want to exploit the people espe-cially when he worked with the Farm Security Administration

and literary magazines:

artists, has also been faced with

the dilemma of having to make a

living to support his art. He's worked as a teacher, car-

penter, and construction worker. From the early 1970s to 1980,

Manniso was captain of a river-

boat mail carrier that delivered

He wrote poetry as he waited for

the next freighter to appear on

he had saved enough money, he published his first literary maga-zine, entitled "Straits." Drop

each "s" and you get the idea of depth and history behind the

The inaugural issue of "trait,

features several of the area's

foremost culture commentators,

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Showcase for talent

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to freighters on the Great Lakes.

'He's a seminal photographer as far as photographing people in their environments.'

Tom Halsted Halsted Gallery

and because of differences with (director Roy) Stryker he quit." In 1938, Evans took to riding

the subways of New York City, photographing bored, tired, commuters, some lost in thought, others asleep. Evans shot the images with a camera concealed in his coat, which presented its own problems. Evans later said, he felt like "a penitent spy and apologetic voyeur." The works were eventually published in Harper's Bazaar in 1962.

Local connection

Conversations from page B3

Tom Halsted used to look forward to chatting with Evans when he ran into him while rid-ing the buses in New York City. He agrees with Barr about

carrying Evans' work in his Birmingham gallery since he opened it in 1969. Evans' rural architecture and scenes of people living in the South and New York, stand out most in his memory. One of image of kids playing street basketball is in Halsted's personal collection. "He's a seminal photographer as far as photographing people in their environments," said Hal-

Evans' impact on 20th century

photography. Halsted has been

sted. "He related to all people." Evans spent nearly half his career at Fortune magazine as

the only staff photographer ever hired by owner Henry Luce, Relatively unrecognized during his career, there was a huge resurgence of interest in Evans in the 1960s when "Let Us Now Praise Famous Men" with author James Agee, and "American Photographs" were reissued. In 1965, Evans left the maga-

zine to accept a teaching position at Yale University.

In the 1930s, his Louisiana factory and house, and a lunch counter showing men in suits,

ties and straw hats eating a quick bite in New York, provide an authentic look at what life was like back then. Evanst Clothes lines and Smoke Stacks" image reveals a time when dryers had not become a common household object to lessen a "homemaker's" tasks. On Chicago's Halsted Street in the post-World War II era, a panhandling couple with tin cups stand in front of a store's display of wedding gowns. Among the least known of his works are Evans' Florida photographs published in "The Mangrove Coast: The Story of the West Coast of Florida." In sharp contrast to an unoccupied mansion in Sarasota owned by the Ringling family of Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey Circus. is a nearby trailer park where snowbirds" flocked in the 1940s,

A few years before his death, Evans began shooting Polaroids. The color portraits of signs and graffiti from the "70s are located separately in a dimly-lit space because of their fragility.

conversation, every so often, a

train rushes by on the nearby

We have a huge literary community, and 'trait' But he, just like many other brings those writers to the public.

Glen Mannisto

tracks. Listening to the mesmerizing sound of the steel wheels churning over the tracks, the traits editor old, idealistic Cass Corridor guy pauses to appreciate the sound of time passing by. A poet's sensibilities are

always at work. It's been a long journey for Mannisto. But from struggling poet to mail carrier to editor, there's been one constant. The idealism born in the days of rebellion three decades' ago may be tempered, but it's hardly diminished.

The rushing train sure has a reassuring sound.

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of the American Studies program at Wayne State, playwright Bill Harris, art critic Michael Hall, and historian Dora Apel.

They've written articles that are 'accessible' without spoonfeeding the readers," said Mannisto. Indeed, the collection of arti-

cles is a showcase of the area's finest literary talent. "We have a huge literary com-munity, and "trait" brings those writers to the public."

Not an easy task in the age of

the proverbial sound bite, and catchy journalese.

when most prospective advertisers look at reader demographics and circulation before considering the quality of the content. Nonetheless, in the idealistic tradition of the Cass Corridor,

Passing train

As if to mark transitions in the

Between sips of coffee, Man-nisto notes that his most published poem, "We Knew It," was a philosophical opus about his days living in the Cass Corridor.

Mannisto and Hickok are committed to publishing "trait" for the next two years. Defiant? What'd you expect.

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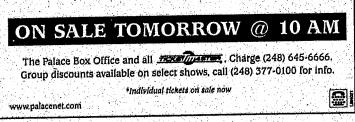
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Westland native created 'Star Wars' special effects

BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG SPECIAL WRITER

It was unanimous at the: recent critics screening in New York City that the visual effects in "Star Wars: Episode I: The Phantom Menace" are aweinspiring. The movie, which aficionados have waited for with bated breath, owes its look to Doug Chiang, a former student at the William Ford Career Technical Center in Westland.

John Prüsak, an instructor of media production at the Ford Technical Center, 'couldn't be prouder of his former student.

"I had Doug back in 1982," said Prusak. "He was accepted to the University of California Los Angeles, but didn't have enough (artwork) in his portfolio, so he stayed here for a year to build up his portfolio, His experience here enabled him to go to UCLA."

Prusak has taught at the William D. Ford Career Techni-cal Center for 17 years. His media production course covers photography, film, video production and animation.

Chiang has worked on such films as the last two "Back to the Future" movies, "Terminator 2: Judgment Day," "Ghost," "Death

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FOUNDATION OF ARTS TO HOLD WINE AUCTION

On Thursday, May 20, the Fanclub Foundation for the Arts will hosts its 5th annual "Starry Nights Spring Cocktail Gala" at the Townsend Hotel. This year's event - a wine auction - will begin at 7:30 p.m.

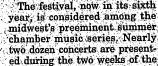
This year, a long list of celebrities have donated their own special bottle of wine. Among the auctioned items will be donations by Gov. John Engler, Diana Lewis of WXYZ, Channel 7, and Ruth Spencer of WDIV, Channel 4.

Tickets are \$35 per person. The Townsend Hotel is located at 100 Townsend Street, downtown Birmingham. For information, call (248)

557-2510:

Proceeds from the fund-raiser go to the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Summer Arts Program, Henry Ford Academy at Greenfield Village, Highland park High School Art Department, Hilberry Theatre Understudy Group, Michigan Opera Theatre's Community Outreach Program, Michigan Performing Arts Youtheatre, Orchard Children's Services After-School Arts Program, Walled Lake Central High School National Arts Honor Society, and the Young Audiences of Michigan.

CHAMBER MUSIC FEST PREVIEW The Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival will sponsor a eturdav par May 22 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. The party will include silent and live auctions, a performance



light dinner.

by pianist Ruth Laredo and a

ed during the two weeks of the festival, to be held June 12-26. Concert venues are located in Bloomfield Hills, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Grosse Pointe and East Lansing. The BBAC is located at 1516

Cranbrook Road, just north of 14 Mile Road, Birmingham. For information, (248) 362-6171.

NAT'L ASTRONOMY DAY ON MAY

22 Cranbrook Institute of Science has an entire day of activities to recognize National Astronomy Day this Saturday. Special exhibits are planed in the planetarium,, including demonstrations on how the telescope works and how to identify various constellations.

The observatory is open from 1-10 p.m. The Institute is located at

1221 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. For information, (248) 645-

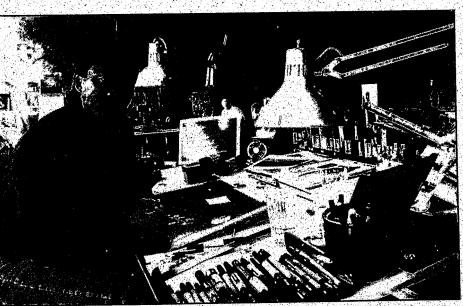
FORMER B'HAM RESIDENT AWARDED NEA GRANT

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Former Birmingham resident Russell Thorburn has been awarded a grant from the National Foundation for the Arts. He is one of 32 poets nationwide to earn an NEA grant.

Thorburn, who attended Holy Name and graduated from Sea-holm High Class of 1970, currently lives in Marquette.

Thorburn's poems have been



Artist: Doug Chiang, a former Westland resident, at the drawing board.

Becomes Her," "The Mask" and "Forrest Gump."

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BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

atre.

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5:30 p.m. Sundays (\$24.50), call

"Forbidden Hollywood," in an

open-ended run at the Century

Theatre, is another fiendishly

clever send-up from Gerard

Alessandrini, creator and writer

of "Forbidden Broadway:" In 1992, "Broadway" ran for 32 weeks at the adjoining Gem The-

Whitney Allen, Mark-David

Kaplan, Gina Kreiezmar and Lance Roberts can unpack their

bags and prepare for a similar

stay; they perform some 40 songs and skits with pinpoint

He won an Academy Award for "Death Becomes Her." He won a Best Special Effects in 1993 for BAFTA (British Association of

Film and Television Arts) Film Award for Best Special Effects at the British Academy Awards in. 1995 for "Forrest Gump:" Chiang, an Industrial Light &

Magic employee, was at the top of "Star Wars" creator George Lucas' list for director of concept design for "Episode I," said Prusak. Lucas was supervising post-production work on "Jurassic Park" circa 1992-93 at ILM, his world-renowned visual effects company. He saw the scene where the T-Rex was thas-ing actor Jeff Goldblum and was captivated by its realism. Two weeks later, he created a "Star Wars" art department.

Chiang completed the majority of the storyboards and oversaw the visual effects for the entire movie. He created the look for the STAPS, small vehicles used by the Battle Droids. There are over 2,000 digitally

created effects for the movie, the spaceships sporting Chiang's design. The movie also boasts what critics are calling the first "truly realistic" completely computer-generated character named Jar Jar Binks, portrayed by actor Ahmed Best.

Best played and voiced Jar Jar Binks, but is visually replaced

on-screen by an alien with bulbous frog eyes and donkey ears. "Episode I" debuts on May 19 on ,500 screens across the nation.

Chiang said he was thrilled to be the art director. It was his dream to work on "Star Wars." He was in middle school when it came out and it excited the imaginations of many kids of that era.

"I knew from the beginning when I saw his work, he'd do inspiring things," said Prusak. He is an inspiration for students and for me to see him work at this level. I'll definitely be in the theater when the movie opens on May 19. It's a real kick for me to see these things from a former student.

"He deserves all the credit he gets; he's very talented. "Star Wars" is a natural step for him and he can go much further." 363 in C

For more information on on. Doug Chiang's art work and, more about the film phe-nomenon, the official Star Wars, Web site is www.starwars.com

For a review of "Star Wars I:" The Phantom Menace," see Thursday's Observer & Eccentric Entertainment section.

'Forbidden Hollywood,' fiendishly clever

"Forbidden Hollywood," con-tinues through Sunday, June 27 accuracy, and with costume changes that seem to defy the at the Century Theatre in the. laws of time and space. From Bogart to Barbra and Gem / Century building, 333 Mädison Aye., Detroit. Perfor-Bernigni...from "Gone With the Wind" to "Ghost" and "Gump"... mances 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$29.50), 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (\$29.50), 8:30 p.m. Forbidden Hollywood" cele

and

brates -and skewers - 60 years of filmdom. Alessandrini updates his script frequently, and penned new material after the recent Oscar telecast. Fortunate for us, as Kaplan's manic Roberto Bernigni, leaping from the audience onto chairs and into laps, is the biggest laugh-getter of the evening ("I wanna sleep with

each and every one of you!"). The content consists mostly of song parodies that lampoon (more like harpoon) the stars, as opposed to "Mad Magazine" style twists on the films themselves. Which is fine. In fact, it's often roll-in-the-aisles hilarious.

The show demonstrates, howver, that screen versions of Broadway shows like "Hello, Dolly," "Cabaret," "The Sound of Dolly," "Cabaret," Music" and "My Fair Lady" pro-

vide funnier fodder for this sort of thing than original screenplays. As a result, many of the best bits reach back quite a ways, while take-offs on today stars like Kate Winslet and Matt Damon don't pack as much punch.

Julie Andrews, Liza Minnelli, Ann-Margret and Barbra Streisand are mercilessly-and mirthfully-destroyed before your eyes. Whitney Allen has Andrews dead to rights in a "Sound of Music II" sequel. Her hair-flying, pedal-pushing Ann-Margret ("Bye Bye Thirty") is terrific. We wait most of the evening for Gina Kreiezmar Minnelli look-alike to begin with - to do Liza in, and do her she does. Instead of "Goodbye Mein Lieber Herr," she sings "Goodbye my film career..."

Kreiezmar's Sharon Stone is another highlight although it's the song more than the impression that scores a bullseye. To the tune of "Rawhide, "Sharon, Sharon, Sharon/ Men are always starin'/ 'Cause I'm always barin'/ My hide...."

The cast makes the most of the jail cell-sized stage, one-third of which is commandeered by the piano: Roberts is positively wicked as Whoopi Goldberg. both as the Oscar host and as the Oscar winner from "Ghost." His Hattie McDaniel (GWTW's "Mammy") is priceless. We would have liked to see Roberts and Kaplan in a "Lethal-Weapon" spoof; maybe in they next update.

The show winds down with a caustic comment on today's, romance films, sung to "As Time Goes By" "Now when two lovers woo/They go to bed on cue/On that you can rely...Woman needs man/But man's no longer straight/That no one can deny." John Freedson, who directed (and appeared in) the Detroit run of "Forbidden Broadway," directs "Hollywood" with a gift. for pace and an understanding of when to do impressions and when to do caricatures. Musical director Catherine Stornetta sets a remarkable tempo throughout, and deserves to be the last one off the stage.





published in man zines. He also teaches in the annual conference for Michigan collegiate writers sponsored by the Cranbrook Writers' Guild.



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Great Lakes thriller-chiller captures people and country

Iron Lake By William Kent Krueger (Pocket Books, \$6.99)

thriller-chiller begins, it is mid-December, and an especially fierce blizzard is barreling down on Great Lakes country. Aurora, a small town in VICTORIA northern Min-DIAZ nesota,

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directly within its path. As we shall soon see, the storm is not only a reminder of the abiding power of Mother ature; it is a harbinger of things to come.

In and around Aurora, unnatural deaths and mysterious disappearances begin to occur at an alarming rate. What, exactly, is going on? Did the cantankerous, cancer-riddled Judge Parrant really take his own life or did somebody else do him in? Who wiped out the reclusive Harlan Lytton, after his vicious dog, Jack the Ripper, was shot? Maybe most disturbing of all, where is his son, Paul, a 14-year old Eagle Scout, who vanished after completing his paper route at Judge Parrent's secluded mansion out on North Point Road?

Krueger, a former logger, construction worker and journalist researcher, displays here a real talent for storytelling. In this highly visual tale, with his sure-handed, mostly unadorned prose, he's also a first-rate scenemaker, making this fictional visit to Great Lakes country even more delightful for those of us already familiar with the territory.

But it is ultimately really Krueger's finely etched, fleshedout characters that bring this

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RETREAT FOR WRITERS

300 West Merrill, Birmingham **Oranbrook's annual Retreat for**

(248) 647-1700. Polish dancers salute Chopin

about World War II, at the Library,

The Polish Alliance Dancers of Dearborn and General Pulaski Polish Language School will Polish processional dance. present their 36th annual Chopin piano solos: Renata recital, "Memories of Poland" Bankowski will play the Polonaise in A Flat Major, and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5 the Players Guild of Dearborn. will An attergiov immediately following the per-formance. The Players Guild is at 21730 Madison, near the south corner of Monroe and Outer Drive, in Dearborn. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and children under 13, call (313) 581-3181. The show will feature a trib-ute to Chopin, the Polish composer, on the 150th anniversary of his passing. The senior girls, and junior and intermediate

regional crime novel to life and propel the story forward. By the time readers have con-cluded this "village mystery,"

they may feel they've experi-enced some face-to-face meetings with a number of Aurora's 3,752 citizens.

Begin with Aurora sheriff, Corcoran "Cork" O'Connor, whose heritage is part Native-American and part Irish, and who lives in an almost constant state of conflict. Though not officially the sheriff anymore, he's driven to dig up the truth and so can't really let go of his old job: Though his marriage is on the rocks and he's involved in a serious affair, he seems determined to hold onto his wife and children. Though he's not religious he seems to hope to still find answers in prayer and religion. Even the tumbledown Quonset hut he calls home seems to reflect his divided nature. He lives at the rear of the hut; the front he operates as a no-frills

hamburger joint. Corcoran's estranged wife, Jo, is a crackerjack attorney on the side of the Anishinaabe, who finds herself conflicted in the end. His lover, Molly, a goodlooking, red-haired waitress has faced down her share of demons and then some. The new sheriff, Wally Schanno, is painfully affected by the illness of his wife. Arletta, And Russell Blackwater, the manager of the local casino who has cast aside the beaded vests of his earlier days for gray suits and wingtip shows, seems particularly adept at getting under Corcoran's skin, always reminding him of his split heritage

Colorful minor players add to the dense texture of the story. Corcoran's adolescent daughter, Jenny, a Sylvia Plath groupie, is

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"full of radical energy." His sister-in-law, Rose, though she appears only briefly, makes an indelible impression as a maternal spinster who has "adopted"Corcoran's family as her own. Even the ill-fated judge, who is dead before the first chapter concludes, is brought to vivid life by Krueger. With this work of fiction, debut novelist Krueger weaves a story of many contrasting threads. "Iron Lake" touches on the age-old struggle between Native American justice and the law established by the white settlers of this Great Lakes community. An anti-government militia called the Minnesota Civilian Brigade plays a part, also, along with some down-and-dirty, under-the-table gambling operations.

Krueger obviously knows the Great Lakes area in early win-ter, with its "painful cold ... brittle new snow ... breathless clari-ty of ... sky." He also is obviously familiar with small towns and rural communities, where doors are left unlocked, and secrets are hard to keep. More important (for us) he's able to take us there

with his well-chosen words. As do many mysteries, "Iron Lake" contains some unlikely occurrences (for starters, the crime rate is astonishing), and Krueger's final scenes feel a bit padded and lacking the tight suspense found elsewhere in the story. But the strengths of "Iron Lake" far outweigh any weakness, and will prompt discerning mystery fans to look for his sec-ond novel, "Boundary Waters," now in hardcover.

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PAPERBACKS 'N' THINGS Shelly Thacker will sign her newest book "Into the Sunset" 1 3 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the store, in the Oak Plaza, 8044

Wayne Road; Westland (734) 522-8018. BORDERS (DEARBORN) Shaw Dallal signs "Scattered Like Seeds," 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 18

E. Lynn Harris signs "Abide With Me," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at the store, 5601 Mercury Drive, Dearborn (313)271-4441.

groups, will dance to Chopin's Poland. Polonez, a stately 19th century

The group is affiliated with Polish National Alliance Lodge 2525.

Members of the Polish Alliance dancers of Dearborn include: Carolina and Marta

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bers of the Trio, Haas and the musicians discuss the use of music in promoting a better understanding of cultural diversitv.

"I think the clinics are as important as the performances, said Haas. "The clinics are an hour long. We start by playing a piece of jazz to introduce the basic elements of jazz. If the kids are little, I start by asking thera if they like spending time with their grandparents. Then I explain that I never had a chance to know my grandparents. I try to connect with my grandparents by playing music in their honor."

When he talks to older kids. Haas goes into more detail

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The students will also perform dances from the Polish regions of Lublin, Rzeszow, Gorale, Rozbark/ Pszczyna, and Krakow.

Two students will perform

A non-profit group, the Polish Alliance Dancers teach and perform the national and regional folk dances of Poland. Empha-sis is placed on the traditional choreography and costumes from the various regions of

Growing up in the 1960s, Haas lived near Marygrove Col-

lege in a multi-ethnic communi-

ty. Yet, everyday on his way to school he had to pass by the

John Birch Society headquar-ters and was called names. His parents told him to find another

way to school, yet some days, Haas would "Test the Waters."

That's the name of one of the

movements in his jazz suite. It

weaves in and out of clashing and harmonizing, "It's a person-al and universal look at the

nature of people getting along

From Detroit to Petoskey,

Haas and his Trio are "building

and not getting along," he said.

about the Holocaust.

Sadek, and Joanna Siewierski of Canton; Andrea Dudek of Livonia; Renata Bankowski of Redford, and Kasia Lisiecki, Patrick and Thomas Murray, and Lindsay Zagata of Westland.

Polanie, an adult Polish dance troupe, whose members include alumni of the Polish Alliance Dancers of Dearborn, will be guest performers at the recital.

bridges" with children.

Flo Paterni, a strings teacher at MacDowell Elementary School in Detroit wrote, "I enjoyed watching the way my students responded to your clin-ic. The part of the program where you explained how each member of your ensemble played a specific and integral part of the 'whole'."

Michelle Conklin, director the Crooked Tree Arts Council in Petoskey wrote, "This was an experience of 'firsts' for many members of our community. First time many of our children experienced jazz; first time many of our young students experienced a true multi-cultur-al experience."



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LINKS TO THE GAME

MICHAEL PATRICK SHIELS

than you think

Brett Marshall came to Michigan

from his home state of Kansas in 1993 to become Executive Director of

the Golf Association of Michigan.

Since his arrival, he's been given the latitude and support of his board to enact programs that enabled the GAM to double, its membership, which has gone from 53,000 in 1993 to 87,000 in 1999.

If you're like many Michigan golfers you'll say, "Wow, good for him. Those are some pretty exciting figures, but, what is the GAM?" Marshall smiles when asked to

Wolves fall to Captains on late rally

BY BRAD KADRICH PORTS EDITOR kadrich@oe.homecomm.net

The last time Clarkston played Waterford Kettering, it wasn't pretty. The return match was much better looking, but still not satisfactory. Clarkston took a 4-2 lead

Little-known GAM is more prevalent

third decision of the season to Kettering, this one a 7-4 loss to the defending state

champions. Andrea Hillsey's two-run single in the top of the sixth was the key blow, and the Captains took advantage of one Clarkston miscue to score four unearned runs to maintain their hold on first

ston coach Al Land was upbeat about his team's

Despite the loss, Clark- Center fielder Melanie Arnold led off with a single, her second hit of the game, and was bunted to second on Lindsay Simko's sacrifice. Starting pitcher Candace Morgan, who pitched another strong game, singled up the middle to score Arnold and break a 2-2 tie. Morgan eventually scored when Ket-tering misplayed a fly ball

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Fife/Lowney camp

Dan Fife and Ann Lowney Boys Basketball Camp is set for July 6-9 from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$80 and the camp is limited to the

first 85 boys who sign up. The camp will be run by Clarkston. High School boys varsity coach Dan Fife and girls varsity coach Ann Lowney. The coaches will focus on fundamentals from

shooting to defense. The schedule include stretching, skill instruction, skill work, team drills and games. To regis-ter, send a check to Fife made payable to The Dan Fife Basketball Camp, Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston, MI 48346.

One-on-one camp

A new-and improved version of Ann Lowney's girls' basketball camp is set to go at Clarkston High School.

One-on-One Basketball Camp, an improved version of "Dare to Dream," allows younger girls to attend, runs five days instead of four and goes four hours per day rather than three. Lowney, the varsity girls coach at Clarkston and a former player and coach at Oakland University, runs the camp, set for three sessions a day Aug. 2-6. Session I — for girls girls

grades 1-3, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$45.

grades 4-6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$100. E Session II - for girls in

■ Session III — for girls grades 7-9, from 4 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$100.

The coach-to-camper ratio is 8to-1. All sessions are limited to the first 45 girls who sign up. Make checks payable to Ann Lowney and send them to Prep Sports Consultants, PO Box 315, Clarkston, MI 48347.

Eagles claim soccer title

BY DANIEL STICKRADT STAFF WRITER dstickradt@oe.homecomm.net

Playing as a unit has been the key ingredient for success this spring for Clarkston Springfield Christian's girls soccer team and it's the reason the Eagles have claimed some championship hardware.

Springfield put the finishing touches on its inaugural Fundament Baptist Athletic Conference girls soccer title outright Friday with a 6-0 triumph over visit-

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Allow me to summarize the remainder of his primer. If you have an official USGA handicap index, you received it through the GAM and are a GAM member.

ic or private golf courses, you've done so partly because of the GAM's sup-port of Michigan State University's elite turf grass research program.

If you have played in any amateur competitions or tournaments, you have done so because they are administered by the GAM. If you're a junior, senior, or any age in between, male or female, of any skill level, you've at least had the opportunity to compete against other amateurs because the GAM insures that you can by organizing these events.

The difficulty of every golf course in Michigan is judged by a USGA course rating and slope rating, which is determined by the GAM. Golf courses are also measured by the GAM, which is why you will very often see the GAM plaque marking the yardage on the center of the tee at your favorite course.

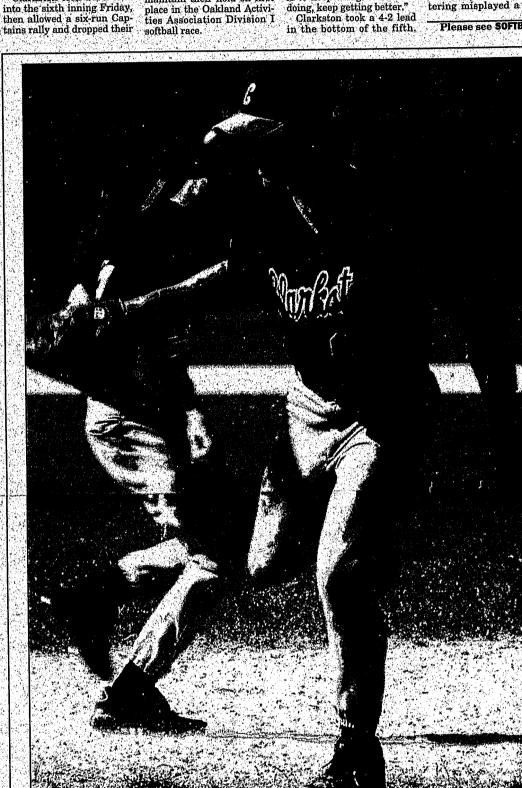
"The most important goal we have is to preserve and protect the tradi-tions and integrity of the game of golf," Marshall insists.

Marshall has made it his mission to help educate golf course operators and assist them in making golf enjoyable for anyone who wants to play. Throughout the year, the GAM pro-vides seminars that offer ideas and information designed to aid the private and public golf course operators manage their facilities. Turf grass

explain, again, exactly what it is that happens in the Farmington Hills offices that serve as state headquarters of the GAM. "The Golf Association of Michigan is the governing body of amateur golf in Michigan," Marshall patiently begins:

If you belong to a private club, you are a member of the GAM. If you've

"All in all, I was pleased with how we played them," Land said. "The kids recognized that we've improved since the first time we played (Kettering), Our goal is to keep doing what we're



maintenance rules зхр handicapping formulas, slow play, and clubhouse renovation planning are some of the issues recently addressed. Even the Y2K problem and how it could affect golf course management was tackled by the GAM this year.

It was the GAM that helped everyone from greenskeepers to individual players understand the value of outlawing metal spikes in favor of rubber "soft spikes."

"In the span of three years, 90% of Michigan's courses had made the decision to implement a spikeless policy, and golfers learned to comply. The rapid switch to soft spikes was the most amazing adjustment to the golf that I've seen in my lifetime," Marshall exclaims. Perhaps, too the most visible example of the effect an. organization like the GAM can have in protecting the game by educating the public.

There is no doubt that Marshall loves the game of golf, as he gets very animated merely when talking about the sport.

"As a boy, I can remember playing 91 holes in one day," Marshall laugh As busy as he is managing the GAM, Marshall is now lucky if he plays 91 holes in one month.

"Before I got into golf administration, I was a journalist, so I understand the importance of communication and public awareness," Marshall explains. "It's important for GAM

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STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CA You're out: Clarkston first baseman Jeff Oliver made this play at first base, but it wasn't enough as the Wolves made four errors while dropping a crucial Oakland Activities Association Division I baseball game 7-4 to Troy.

Bone of contention

Loss lessens Wolves' chances at crown

BY BRAD KADRICH SPORTS EDITOR bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net

And then there were none. Or at least, very few. The Clarkston Wolves went into

Friday's Oakland Activities Association Division I baseball clash with first-place Troy as the only team with. much hope left of catching the Colts. But Troy took advantage of four. Clarkston errors and dashed those

hopes, posting a 7-4 win over the Wolves which left the Colts alone in first place at 8-1 and the Wolves scrambling to get ready for the districts.

The Colts took an early 2-0 lead on a two-run home run, but Clarkston bounced right back in their half of the inning. After Bret Gove drew a walk, junior pitcher Chris Mitchell ripped a triple down the left-field line. When the Colts tried to cut him

(Mitchell) went 3-for-3 and five of the seven runs were unearned.'

Phil Price -Clarkston baseball coach

down at third and the throw got away, Mitchell got up and scored the tving run.

The teams traded scoreless second innings, but the Colts essentially put the game away with a four-run third, which featured four Clarkston errors. The big blow came off the bat of Jesse Fishtahler, who ripped a bases-loaded triple to put Troy up 5-2.

"We just made too many errors," Clarkston coach Phil Price said. "We gave them seven outs that inning."

The Wolves (16-6 overall, 4-4 OAA I) had a chance to get something going in their half of the fourth, but

base-running mistakes cost them opportunities. Mitchell singled, then got picked off first base. Spencer Hynes followed with a single but he, too, was picked off first.

I got those guys picked off," said Price who, like most head coaches, handles the third-base coaching duties. "I ran us out of that inning." Troy scored its final run in the fifth, but the Wolves showed life in their half, scoring twice. Mike Simko reached first on a fielder's choice, and John Drallos and Eric Jenks followed ith doubles to score both runs. But that was as close as the Wolves

would get. Mitchell looked shaky at the start, according to Price, but settled down. "I didn't think Chris came out all that strong, but after the first inning

he did a great job," Price said. "But he went 3-for-3, and five of the seven runs were unearned."

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Dennis Hopkins -Eagles coach

ing the team's ninth win and eighth shutout of the season.

"I think playing as a unit is why we have done so well," said Springfield third-year coach Dennis Hopkins. "Even in games like this where the defense doesn't touch the ball much, they still remain aggressive and they do a good job of sending the ball up to the halfbacks."

Sophomore Holley Vanaman and junior Suzanne Rydman split the shutout for Springfield (9-4-1, 4-0-0); combining for two saves.

On the attack, forward Sarah Beard-slee and senior midfielder Missy Bowen each collected the hattrick with an assist apiece.

Vanaman, who spent most of the game in the midfield, also collected an assist for the Eagles.

Springfield is idle until Thursday, when they host Laingsburg Christian at 5 p.m. in the opening round of the Michigan Association of Christian School regionals.

"We've played a tough schedule but against schools close to our size we've done really well," said Hopkins. Besides Oxford Christian, the only others schools that scored on us were (Davison) Faith Baptist, Oakland Christian and Holly High School. We are playing very well. I hope those tougher games will help us out in the tournament."

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Springfield captures 1st FBAC diamond crown

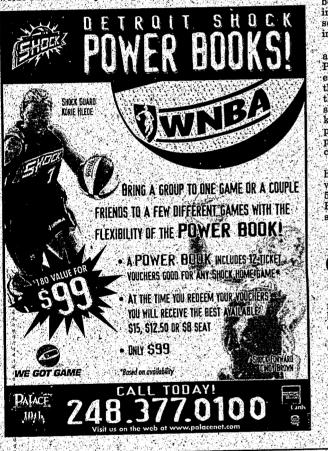
BY DANIEL STICKRADT STAFF WRITER dstickradt@oe.homecomm.net

In 1991, the Minnesota Twins accomplished one of the rarest feats in all of professional sports going last to first. The Twins chalked up the worst record in Major League

Baseball in the summer of 1990 before turning the tables and winning the coveted '91 World Series crown Although it's not of the same

magnitude, the Clarkston Springfield Christian baseball team recently posted a similar feat

After winning just one game in



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the spring of 1998, the Eagles claimed the inaugural Funda-mental Baptist Athletic Conference baseball title this week sweeping both Troy Bethany Christian and Oxford Christian on the road.

On Tuesday, Springfield (13-2, 7-2) mercied Bethany 11-0 and 10-0 in four innings apiece. before coming back and sweep-ing Oxford 5-0 and 18-1 — the second win coming in a threeinning nightcap.

"It's a pretty nice feeling;" admitted Springfield manager. Pat Wagner of the school's first-ever baseball league title. "I thought in the back of the mind that we could shoot for a .700 season but you never really know until you go through and play a season of games, I'm proud of how these guys have

come along." Against Oxford, junior right-hander Adam Armstrong got the win in the opener to improve to 5-1 while freshman right-hander Ben Munce (5-1) earned the deciion in the second game. really into winning. That's a far Pitching is the main reason for cry from last year." sion in the second game.

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"I think our pitching staff has done a great job," praised Wagn-er, "Our additional pitching has really gave us a booth. Last year we really didn't have and varsity pitching experience. This year, we've had four guys throwing strikes '

Munce has led the way from the rubber with Armstrong, junior right-hander Greg Irish and senior right-handed reliever Tony Gonzales aiding the way. At the plate, junior outfielder Jon Vanaman has become a force at the plate while junior catcher Matt Lonteen is developing into a heady signal-caller and a fine defensive player.

"In terms of hitting, Jon Vanaman has been really steady hitting line drives for singles and some extra base hits," he said. "And Matt Lonteen is becoming a very well-rounded player.

"I think as a whole this team has come a long ways. This year they are really into baseball,

Oxford, Holly split pair

Although there was a little magic in the bag for Oxford's baseball team, there was only enough for one game.

The Wildcats received a douse of magic from the bat of sopho-Willie Breyer, who conmore nected for a two-run in the bottom half of the seventh Thursday as Oxford topped visiting Holly 6-4, but there was nothing left as the Wildcats (10-13, 4-5) fell prey to Holly 21-4 in the nightcap. "We came back pretty strong in the first game after being down 3-0 in the first inning," said Oxford manager Art Marcell. "Breyer's homer was a big one for us. But that was the last thing we could do right against

(Holly.) Senior left-hander Brett McCatty went the distance in the opener, striking out nine Holly batters to record the win.

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members to realize that whether they are part of a private club or a public golfer, they receive exactly the same benefit from being a GAM member." To help make people aware of

GAM benefits available to them, GAM penents avanable to them, including a very successful junior golf program, Marshall developed a user-friendly GAM Website. He also founded "Michi-gan Links Magazine," a two year-old member publication that is edited by GAM Communications Director Tonia Branch and delivered to over 40,000 households statewide.

"The growth of the GAM membership allows us to reach even more golfers who want to learn about, understand, and enjoy, golf," Marshall illustrates. "We want to create more 'core golfers' who will play more often and perpetuate the traditions of golf, therefore insuring its' future. The Michigan Golf Foundation, which is the GAM's fundraising arm, is now mobi-lized, and Marshall knows the

future of Michigan golf is bright. "I'm very fortunate to work for

a strong and caring volunteer Board of Directors made up of Board of Directors made up of some of the most highly respect-ed people in our community," Marshall beams. "The doctors, the lawyers, the bankers, and the businesspeople on that board have all benefited from golf, and they are deadly interested in such they're deeply interested in give back to the game."

If you are an amateur Michigan golfer, just remember the next time you put the peg in the ground that the GAM is your organization, and that your ability to tee it up is enhanced by their existence. If you still want to know more or have trouble understanding the function of the GAM, I think it's time that. you joined.

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by Mary Warchuck. But the Captains got a couple of breaks to rally in the top of the sixth. Allison Keebaugh drew a one-out walk and Carrie Sugden dropped a blooper between Clarkston shortstop Mandie Harrison and Simko, who was playing third base. Stacie Wilson then hit a grounder that Clarkston misplayed, load-

ing the bases Haley Slade then bounced out to Morgan, which should have. been the third out, but instead scored Keebaugh. Hillsey then ripped a two-run single to put Kettering on top. The Captains added a run in the seventh.

There were three plays in that inning that I thought we could have made," Land said. "Those cost us, and they were mental mistakes more than physical mistakes."

Morgan gave up a two-run first to Kettering, then settled down, blanking the Captains on

two hits over the next four innings. As it was, she finished with an eight-hitter and struck out three. She forced the Captains into nine weak pop-ups.

The Clarkston defense played well except for one or two plays. Second baseman Jenny Winn made a nice running catch of a pop-up being carried by the wind in the fourth, and Simko hustled after a popped-up bunt attempt by Devon Hillstrom in the fifth. Slade ripped a shot off Morgan's ankle in the sixth, but Morgan stayed with it and threw her out on a bang-bang play.

The lightning-quick Arnold scored the Wolves' first run in the first, bunting her way on, moving to second on a sacrifice by Simko, to third on Morgan's grounder, and scoring on a wild pitch. Warchuck scored the other run in the second after she walked. A sacrifice by Winn and a single by Corinne McIntyre got the run home.

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LONG JUMP - Kevin Breen (Clarkston) 20-1: Dustin Coleman (Clarkston) 19-9; Chris Daniels (Oxford) 19-5; Jason Calvin (Lake Orion) 19-5; Dan Torres (Lake Orion) 18-10.75; Nick Potocki (Oxford) 18-5; Mike Sullivan (Oxford) 18-3; Robert Conley (Clarkston) 17-5.

HIGH JUMP - Raphael Fauza (Clarkston) 6-2; Adam Gebus (Clarkston) 6-0; Rob Ellerman (Oxford) 6-0; Dave Chavera (Clarkston) 5-10; Brad Miller (Lake Orion) 5-10; Chris Daniels (Oxford) 5-8

100 METERS - Kevin Alban (Oxford) 11.4; Mark Churchill (Lake Orion) 11.4; Shane Bennett (Clarkston) 11.6; Tom Rocheleau (Lake Orion) 11.6; Dan Torre (Lake Orion) 11.6; Chris Daniels (Oxford) 11.6; Mike Renda (Clarkston) 11.7; Joe Nagel (Oxford) 11.8; Robert Conley. (Clarkston) 11.9; Bill Kalush (Clarkston 11.9

200 METERS - Mark Churchill (Lake Orion) 22.9; Kevin Breen (Clarkston) 23.5; Nick Potocki (Oxford) 23.6; Kevin Alban (Oxford) 23.7; Chris Daniels (Oxford) 24.0; Mike Ronda (Clarkston) 24.1; Adam Gebus (Clarkston) 24.1; Nick Gonzales (Clarkston) 24.3; Andy Raab (Oxford) 24.5

400 METERS - Klinton Powell (Clarkston) 50.3; Jordan Desilets (Lake Orion) 52.0; Mark Carlson (Clarkston) 52.6; Rob Ellerman (Oxford) 52.9; Ryan Hickmott (Oxford) 54,2; Jacob Swearingen (Lake Orion) 55.3; Jaime Garcia (Lake Orion) 55.7; Andy Raab (Oxford) 56.0; Greg Maloney (Lake Orion) 56.1; Bill Law (Lake Orion) 56.3; John Wyckstandt (Oxford) 56.4.

800 METERS - Kevin Breen (Clarkston) 1:58.7; David Sage (Clarkston) 1:59.5; Jordan Desilets (Lake Orion) 2:00.0: Brett Quantz (Clarkston) 2:00.9; Matt Haver (Clarkston) 2:02.4; Eric Lohr (Lake Orion) 2:03.4; Andrew Fons (Lake Orion) 2:04.2; Jacob Swearingen (Lake Orion) 2:04.7; Jon Chenet (Clarkston) 2:05.0; Mike Banachowski (Oxford) 2:07.0; Mark Rice (Lake Orion) 2:07.7; Ryan Thomas (Clarkston) 2:08.0; Chris

ston) 4:24.0; Jordan Desilets (Lake Orion) 4:25.0; Eric Lohr (Lake Orion) 4:32.0; Mark Rice (Lake Orion) 4:35.0; Dan (Lake Orion) 4:48.0; Chris Weber (Clarkston) 4:49.0; Eric Harvester (Oxford)

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Quantz (Clarkston) 4:59.5. 3,200 METERS - Jordan Desilets (Lake Orion) 9:81.0; David Sage (Clarkston) 9:34.8; Eric Lohr (Lake Orion) 10:04.0; Matt Haver (Clarkston) 10:09.8; Pete Minton (Lake Orion) 10:16.0; Spencer Aston (Lake Orion) 10:26.0; John Stein (Oxford) 10;43.0; Dan Nelder (Oxford) 10;45.0; Eric Harvester (Oxford)

10:49.3; Chris Weber (Clarkston) 10:53.0; Adam Frezza (Lake Orion) 10:58.0. 110 HURDLES - Nick Holland (Clarkston) 15.5; James Johnson (Lake Orion) 15.8; Cody Senkyr (Clarkston) 16.0; David Spezia (Oxford) 16.0; Matt Evans (Clarkston) 17.3; Paul Tinetti n) 17.3

300 HURDLES - Cody Senkyr (Clarkston) 42.0; Nick Holland (Clarkston) 43.1; Paul Tinetfi (Clarkston) 43.0; Michael DeRuiter (Lake Orion) 44.6; Pat Davis (Clarkston) 44.9; Matt Evans (Clarkston) 44.9; Scott Davidson (Oxford) 44.9: Mark Carlson (Clarkston) 45.0.

400-METER RELAY - Lake Orion 45.6; Oxford 46.3; Clarkston 46.9; Lake Orion 'B' 49.8.

800-METER RELAY - Lake Orion 1:34.8; Clarkston 1:35.9; Oxford 1:37.1; Lake Orion 'B' 1:43.9.

1,600-METER RELAY - Clarkston 3:26.2; Oxford 3:36.3; Lake Orion 3:37,1; Lake Orion 'B' 3:58.

8.200-METER RELAY - Clarkston 8:03.6; Lake Orion 8:36.0; Lake Orion B 8:43.3; Oxford 9:13.6; Lake Orion 'C' 9:23.0.

GIRLS TRACK

SHOT PUT -Liz McKinnon (Oxford) 38-0.25; Katie Jerge (Clarkston) 31-8; Laurie Mudd (Oxford) 30-9.5; Meghan Whipp (Clarkston) 28-9.5; Lindsay Hawley (Clarkston) 28-3; Becky Friesen (Clarkston) 26-10; Lori Appolson (Lake Orion) 26-6:25; Kate Treanor (Oxford) 26-0.5: Louie-Jean Spindler (Lake Orion) 25-

11.5. DISCUS --- Liz McKinnon (Oxford) 108-2; Katie Jerge (Clarkston) 101-10; Constance Webb (Clarkston) 92-3; Laurie Mudd (Oxford) 90-8; Becky Friessen (Clarkston) 88-10; Kate Treanor (Oxford) 81-1; Lindsay Hawley (Clarkston) 80-11;Louie-Jean Spindler (Lake Orion) 77-7: Alayna Manos (Lake Orion) 75-5.5; Ellen Cushing (Clarkston) 72-3. LONG JUMP - Rachel Uchman (Clarkston) 16-6; Kelly Gleeson (Lake Orion) 15-6; Allison Spinweber (Clarkston) 15-0.5; Lyndsay Vincent (Clarkston) 14-11: Jessie Ressler (Clarkston) 14-3; Julia Ludeman (Oxford) 14-1; Alyssa Bergkoetter (Clarkston) 13-4; Lorio (Oxford) 13-4; Megan Scott (Lake Orion

13-1.5. HIGH JUMP - Ashley Patten (Lake Orion) 5-2; Brittani Brewer (Clarkston) 5boneau (Lake Orion) 4-8; Jenni Wray

100 METERS - Kathryn Wonderly (Oxford) 13.7; Andrea O'Dea (Clarkston)

(Oxford) 27.4; Rachel Uchman (Clark ston) 28.0; Andi Thomas (Lake Orion) 28.0; Lindsay Brandt (Clarkston) 28.5; Nicole Brown (Lake Orion) 28.6; Carrie Browning (Lake Orion) 29.0; Lyndsay Vincent (Clarkston) 29,2; Jenni Wray (Oxford) 29.3.

400 METERS - Ashley Patten (Lake Orion) 59.9; Rachel Uchman (Clarkston) 1:00.8: Jennifer Rooding (Clarkston)

1:03.2; Somer George (Lake Orion) 1:04.3; Jenny Ferrell (Oxford) 1:04.8; Lindsay Brandt (Clarkston) 1:04.9; Nicole Fisher (Clarkston) 1:05.7; Katie McKinnon (Oxford) 1:07.0; Courtney Bates (Clarkston) 1:07.7; Stephanie Gillespie (Lake Orion) 1:08.0.

800 METERS - Jennifer Rooding (Clarkston) 2:24.7; Nicole Fisher (Clarkston) 2:27.3; Karen LeRoy (Oxford) 2;28.0; Megan McTaggart (Oxford) 2:34.0; Lissa Lukens (Clarkston) 2:35.5; Tovah Bazely (Clarkston) 2:38.8; Leah Walker. (Jake Orion) 2:38.9; Carla Delvecchio (Clarkston) 2:40.7; Beth Cordes (Lake Orion) 2:41.3; April Rooding (Clarkston) 2;44,0; Kristen Erkfritz (Clarkston) 2:44,5; Sarah Stolk (Clarkston) 2:45.4, 1,600 METERS - Karen LeRoy (Oxford) 5:16.9; Lissa Lukens (Clarkston) 5:25.8; Nicole Fisher (Clarkston) 5:29.6; Julia Cummins (Lake Orion) 5:36.9; Carla Delvecchio (Clarkston) 5:51.0; Megan McTaggart (Oxford) 5:51.0;

Christina Rooding (Clarkston) 5:57.3; Kristen Orris (Clarkston) 6:01.0; Hilary Judd (Oxford) 6:03.0. 3 200 METERS - Karen LeRoy (Oxford) 11:34.0; Carla Delvecchio (Clark-

ston) 12:27.8; Lissa Lukens (Clarkston) 12:31.5; Cindy Kus (Lake Orlon) 12:39.2; Lisa Gauthier (Clarkston) 12:40.2; Katie Bills (Clarkston) 12:47.1; April Rooding (Clarkston) 13:06.7: Carley Kingstron (Lake Orion) 13:15:2; Maureen McIntyre (Clarkston) 13:22.9; Meghan Pocs (Clarkston) 13:31.8

100 HURDLES - Jenni Wray (Oxford) 16.3; Amanda Chicalas (Clarkston) 16.4; Ashley Patten (Lake Orion) 16.6: Brittani Brewer (Clarkston) 16.7; elissa Ehrecke (Lake Orion) 17.6: Megan Scott (Lake Orion) 17.7; Sarah Kwaitkowski (Oxford) 17.8; Julia Luderman (Oxford) 18.2; Andi Warner (Clarkston) 19:5.

300 HURDLES - Amanda Chicalas (Clarkston) 47.5; Ashley Patten (Lake Örion) 49.4; Brittani Brewer (Clarkston) 49.8; Megan Scott (Lake Orion) 50.2; Melissa Ehrecke (Lake Orion) 51.0; Cheri Charboneau (Lake Orion) 52.3; Sarah Kwaitkowski (Oxford) 53.6; Payge

Salquist (Oxford) 54.6. 400-METER RELAY --- Lake Orion 53.1; Oxford 55.2; Clarkston 56.2; Clarkston 'Fr.' 1:08.0

800-METER RELAY --- Clarkston 1:53,1; Lake Orion 1:54,1; Oxford 1:59.6;

1,600-METER RELAY - Clarkston 4:15,7; Lake Orion 4:16.2; Oxford 4:28.7;

10:08.4; Oxford 10:42.0; Clarkston 'B' 10:54.2: Lake Orion 11:43.5. (Track coaches from Clarkston, Lake

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Fralic picks Golden Grizzlies He thrilled basketball fans at

Troy High the past four years and now he hopes to do the same for Oakland University. Troy senior Tim Fralick, after

months and months of deliberating options, decided Monday to attend Oakland University in the fall as a prefered walk-on with hopes of eventually being awarded a full scholarship.

"It's a dream I've always had of playing Division I ball," said the 6-foot-2 Fralick, who not only exceled on the basketball court, but also enjoyed a stellar prep career as a receiver on Troy's football team. "I didn't want to go too far from home and Oakland University is now playing a Division I schedule, in the Mid-Continent Conference and building a fine basketball

program. Fraick, who selected OU over Wayne State, Michigan Tech and Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.),

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said indications are he will be red-shirted his first season, buf with hard work and determination holds hopes of landing a scholarship the following year.

"I've played some pick-up games with guys on the (OU) team and they all seem like nice guys," Fralick said. "I think it's a

Fralick's father, Gary, boys basketball coach at Troy, echoed

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Fralick is coming off a senior campaign at Troy in which he

averaged 20.6 points, 5.5 rebounds and 5.5 assists per game, A 51.6 percent success rate helped him net 1,260 career points.

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. MEN'S BASKETBALL: OU's Myke Thom has been selected Second Team for the 1999 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars Award. Thom was one of 37 athletes - and the lone Mid-Continent Conference men's basketball player - honored nationwide in first, second and third teams.

"This is a wonderful, presti-gious award for Myke," OU head coach Greg Kampe said. "Myke is a candidate for the Rhodes Scholarship and any awards like this have got to help him in . reaching that goal." Thom, a biology major with a

3.65 grade-point average in OU's Honors College, started all 27 games this past season.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Below are the prep varsity schedules for the schools in the Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford areas. Changes can be made by calling (248) 693-4900.

Monday, May 17 BASEBALL — Clarkston at Rochester (4 p.m.). SOFTBALL — Clarkston at Royal Oak Kimball (DH) (4:15 p.m.); Ortonville-Brandon at Lake

Orion (DH) (4 p.m.). GIRLS SOCCER — Ortonville-Brandon at Clarkston (7 p.m.); Oxford Christian at Troy Bethany Christian (4:30 p.m.); Otisville-LakeVille at Oxford (FML Tournament) (7:15 p.m.).

BOYS/GIRLS TRACK - Mt. Morris at Oxford (4 p.m.); Tuesday, May 18

- Oxford Christian at MACS State BASEBALL Tournament (TBA); Clarkston Springfield Chris-tian at Vassar Juniata Christian (DH) (3 p.m); Oxford at Waterford Mott (4 p.m.)

SOFTBALL - Clarkston at Lapeer West (DH)

GIRLS SOCCER - Clarkston at Bloomfield Hills Lahser (7 p.m.); Lake Orion at West Bloomfield (7 p.m.)

BOYS TRACK - Lake Orion at Ortonville-Brandon (4 p.m.). GIRLS TRACK — Lake Orion, Birmingham

Marian at Farmington Hills Mercy (4 p.m.). GIRLS GOLF — Oxford at Romeo Tournament

(TBA). Wednesday, May 19

BASEBALL — Berkley at Clarkston (4 p.m.); Lake Orion at Rocheter Adams (DH) (4 p.m.).

SOFTBALL --- Clarkston at Ortonville-Brandon (4 p.m.); Rochester Adams at Lake Orion (4 p.m.). GIRLS SOCCER - Oxford at Flint Metro League Tournament (TBA).

Thursday, May 20 BASEBALL - Ortonville-Brandon at Clarkston (4 p.m.); Oxford at Otisville-LakeVille (DH) (4

p.m.), SOFTBALL --- Oxford at Otisville-LakeVille (DH) (4 p.m.); Troy at Lake Orion (DH) (4 p.m.). GIRLS SOCCER — Clarkston at Waterford

Mott (7 p.m.); Lake Orion at South Lyon (TBA). 😋 Friday, May 21

BASEBALL — Clarkston Springfield Christian at MACS State Tournament (TBA). SOFTBALL --- Clarkston at Rochester Adams

GIRLS SOCCER - Oxford Christian at Pontie" ac Notre Dame Prep (5:30 p.m.); Oxford at Flint Metro League Tournament (TBA); Lake Orion at

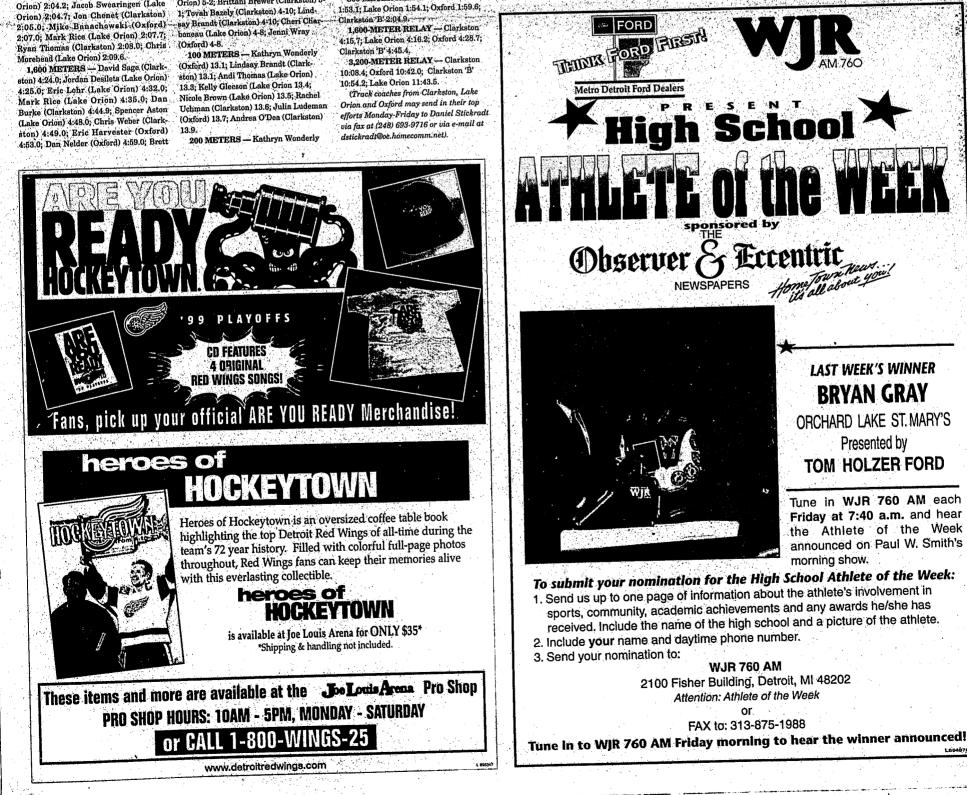
Waterford Kettering (7 p.m.). BOYS TENNIS — Clarkston, Lake Orion at Class A Regional (TBA).

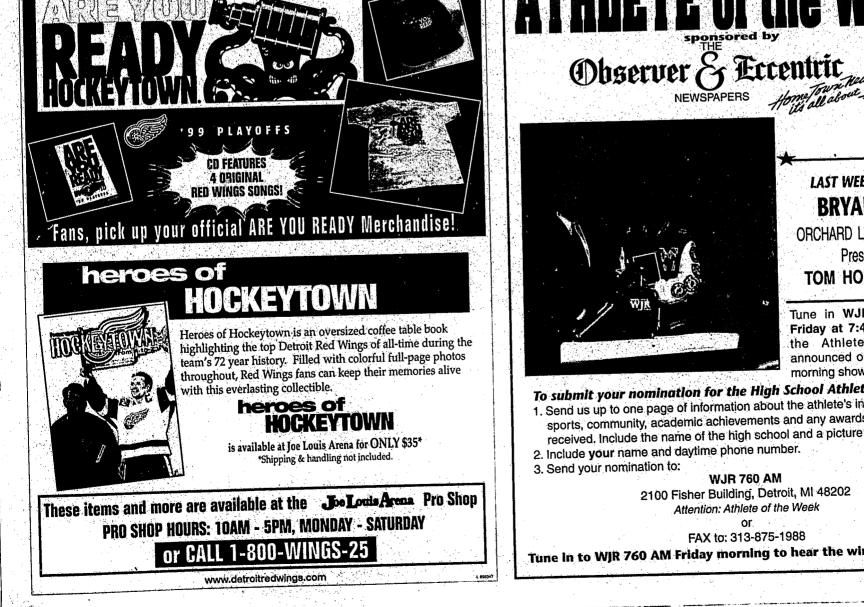
GIRLS GOLF - Lake Orion, Oxford at Class A Regional.

Saturday, May 22 SOFTBALL - Oxford at Grand Blanc Tourna ment (TBA); Lake Orion at Troy Athens Tourna ment (TBA

GIRLS SOCCER - Oxford Christian at MACS State Tournament (TBA).

BOYS/GIRLS TRACK - Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford at Port Huron Northern Class A Regional (9 a.m.).





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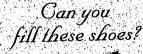
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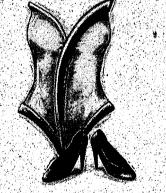
"He's going to finally pursue his Division I dream," the elder Fràlick said. "He has a lot of confidence and a decent amount of ability to play the game. They shoot the three and like to run

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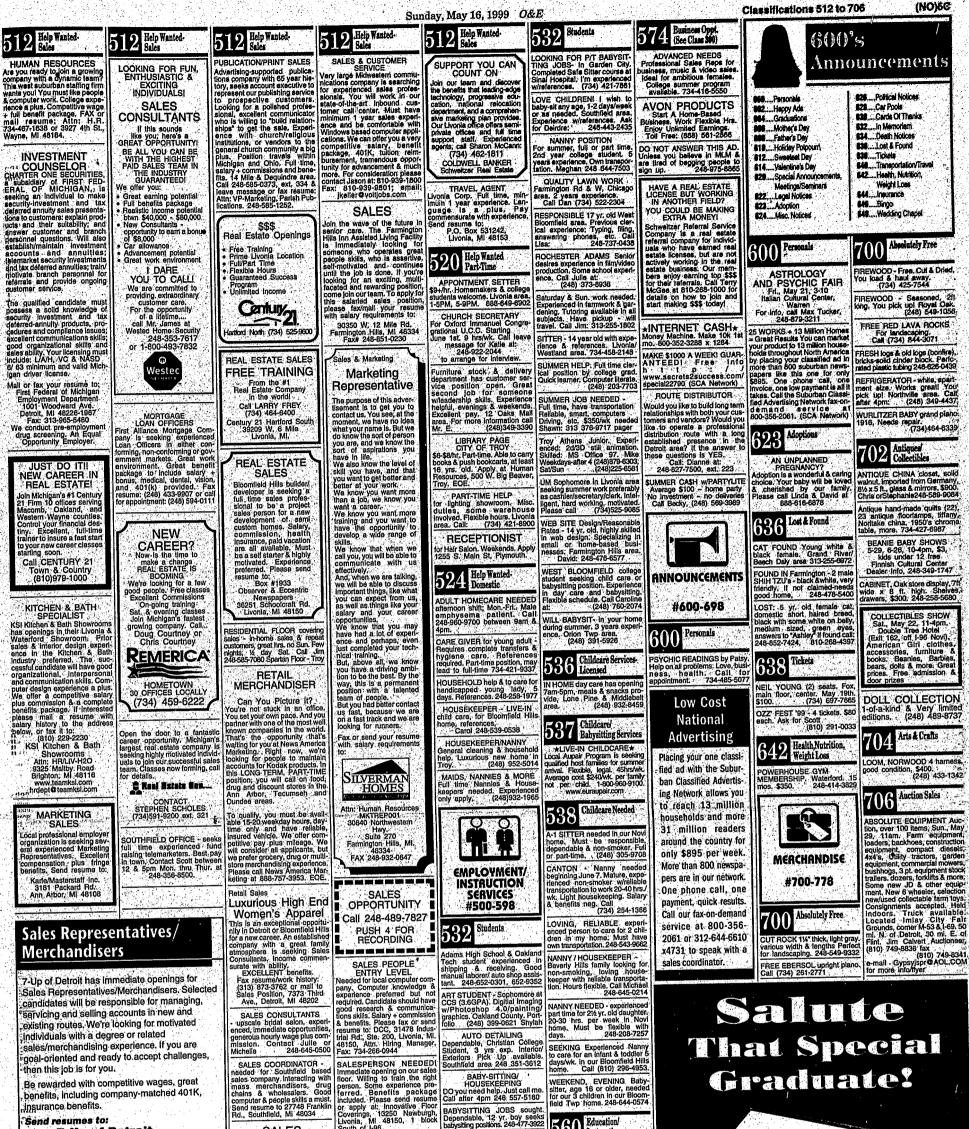
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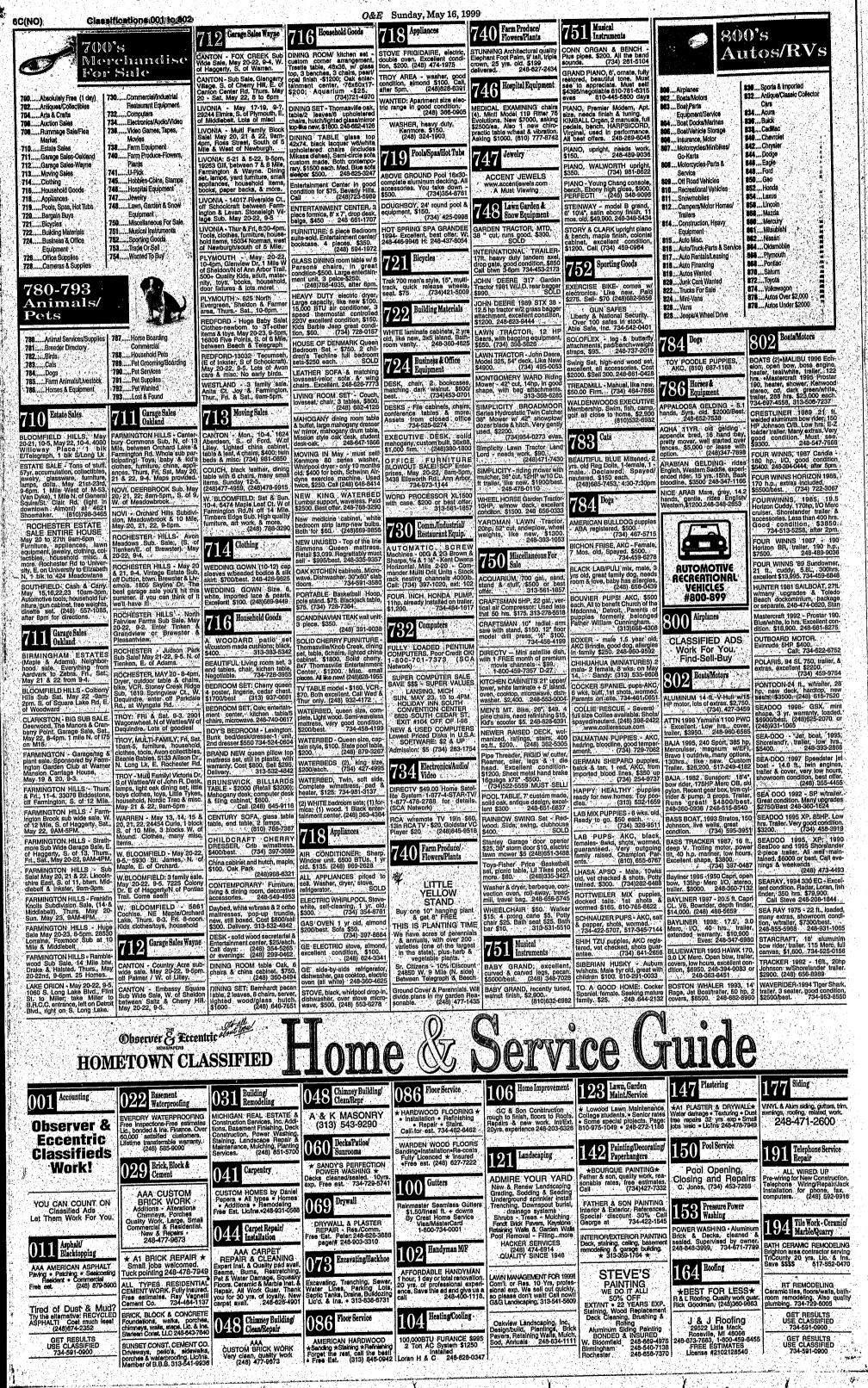
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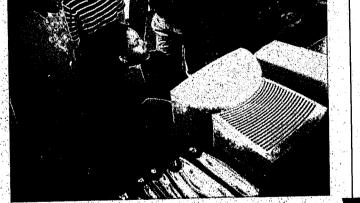
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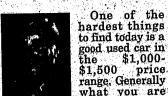
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what you are going to find Art Cervi going to find turns out to be rust buckets with 150,000 plus miles on with 150,000 plus miles on them. Years ago you might have done it. Today, with new cars selling for \$25,000++ people are keeping them longer and virtu-ally driving the wheels off. This makes it extremely diffi-cult for parents with college-age children. Every one of us works

children. Every one of us wants to feel comfortable knowing they have dependable and safe transportation. In-state colleges are a little more affordable than out-state. Michigan, Michigan State, Central, Eastern, West-

Let's Talk Cars ern, and Ferris to name a few, are all close enough for the 'kids" to come home weekends if they so desire. No parent that I know of wants a car breaking down as they travel to or from school. Yet at the same time, with college costs what they are, we have a tendency to look for some good, reliable, cheap transportation. In very few cases can you get both. One of the best ways I've found is

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through private sales...knowing a neighbor who's owned a vehicle for years, especially older couples and now they don't need that extra car...or a widow or widower who no longer cares to drive and doesn't need a car. Usually these are fairly low-milers for their age and will be in "decent" shape...except for the door dings and dents from the

the occasional creases in the sides from driving into and backing out of the garage. We all know a few of the really narrow ones. Yes, they really made one car garages

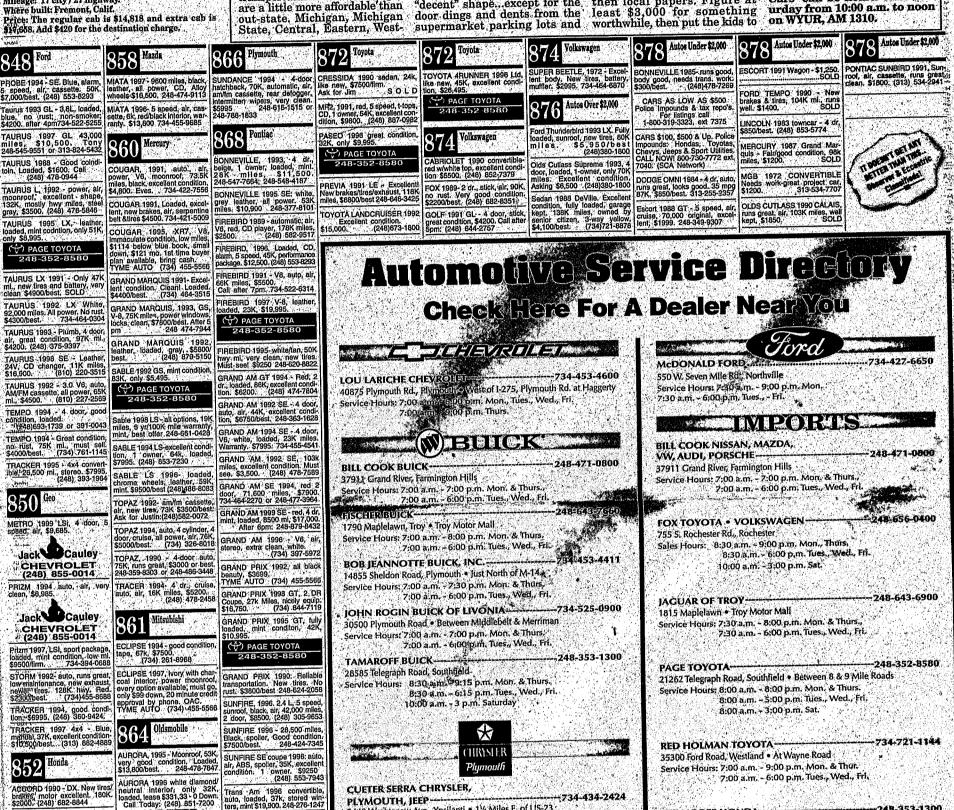
As a general rule I have also found that being a neighbor or a friend of a friend of a friend, the owners are more apt to give you a real break on the price. A lot of folks will check with a dealer as to the car's worth, and in most cases it won't be worth much, then base their price accordingly. Many times they'd rather have that nice girl or guy down the street have the car rather than it it up to the dealer,

When people ask me I will tell them to try that route first, then local papers. Figure at least \$3,000 for something worthwhile, then put the kids to

work freshening it up with T.L.C. As always, have it tuned up, lubed, and an oil change, that way it becomes your beginning calendar. Keep a log in the glove box. It impresses people when you can document the car...ownership, mileage, maintenance, etc. The best part of all is that you will own it. The only is that you will own it. In only expense should just be up-keep. My eldest son drove a '72 Capri all through his years at Michi-gan, he just about ran the wheels off. Being a midwest car, it rusted out eventually. To this day we still have the engine, trans, interior parts, along with beautiful burgundy seats and door panels. I never throw any-

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By Anne Fracassa Avanti NewsFeatures Now this was fun. The 1999 Toyota Tacoma

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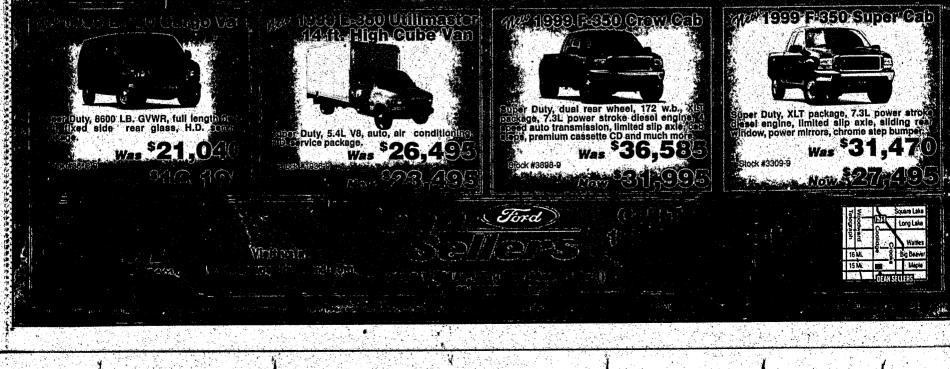








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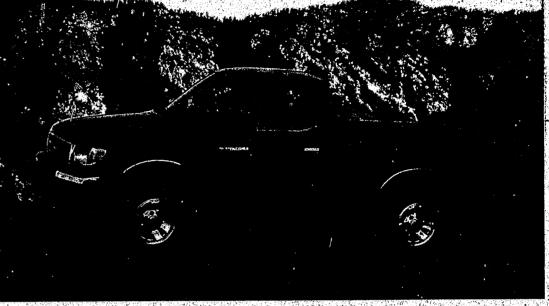
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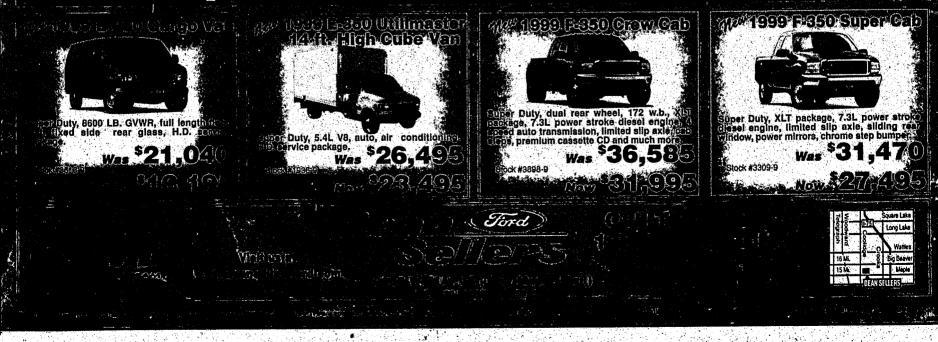






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Keep the "Provincial Postulate" in mind

I hate meetings, par-ticularly those occur-ring quarterly or annually. Endless hours of jawing in bacol conference hotel conference rooms rarely move a company closer to its goals. Planning sessions, reviews, updates and autopsies are faux work. HAYES You can still say

"Honey, I had a hard day," but putting in time is distinct

Big-event meetings are also great venues for political posturing. Enter the gladiator, clad in Dockers and armed with nothing but the sword of urbanity. Thrust, parry and be noticed. Then Caesar speaks: "Look at Joe over there. He knows how to use the right fork and tell a clever joke. Now, there's a guy with potential." Thumbs up for Joe.

Some people fail to make use of available resources. Laziness is real. Evil is real. People make choices to do good or bad, to work or play, to invest or indulge. When quiet time was over, forty

hands were in the air. All the arguments against this absurdity were put forth. The speaker listened in silence. Finally he explained himself. His position was simple: Given an individual's fund of knowledge, value system and ability to antici-pate the consequences of behavior -within the context of those capabilities and limitations - everyone is

doing the best he or she can. I mulled this over for days and I'm still mulling it over. Is it obvious or insightful? Stupid or brilliant? I don't know, but it occurs to me often. I call it the Provincial Postulate.

You don't have to agree with the Postulate totally (I don't) to get something out of it. I use it to help tolerate the views, actions and preferences of others. Why don't some people invest in themselves? Why are some people mean? How can some people fail to see opportuni-Why do some of us continue to ties? make bad career and life decisions? When did virtue fall out of fashion? Why don't you see it my way?

Last week I met with a number of people working in a situation that, in my world, could only be called terrible. Many had not had a day off since January and twelve-hour shifts were mandatory. The physi-cal environment was OK for manufacturing, but morale was slipping badly. And it wasn't like these folks were knocking down megabucks for their dedication. Toward the end, when one guy started complaining, I spoke up. "Then why do it?" I asked. "There is

a good job market out there. Surely,

you could find something with more reasonable hours, probably for bet-ter money. Or for that matter, why don't you quit, get a job at a fast food place for a couple of years, and spend the rest of the time learning how to be a plumber or a CAD oper-ator?" The Provincial Postulate. In this man's world, these options did not compute.

Well, this is a good, steady job," he said. "I might not like it, but I can go home and give my wife some money if she wants it, Even though I'm never there to enjoy it, the money is important to the family. Naw, I couldn't go back to school. I have to get money for the family." Maybe he had a point. Maybe his position was admirable. But I found it depressing that this good man had resigned himself to such a difficult lifestyle without even investigating his options. In his world, it was the right thing to do.

Q. Sending out resumes is getting old. I'm anxious to get into some interviewing. How can I move into the next phase of the job search. quickly?

Å. There are three primary meth-ods of getting a job. The two most. obvious, employment advertising and third parties (agencies), account for less than half of all positions that are landed in any given year. Unfortunately, many people think these are the only ways of identifying new opportunities and, consequently, ignore the largest segment of the job marketthe "hidden" market.

In fact, some jobs never make it to the newspaper. Most are never listed with recruiters. Rather, people find jobs through the friend of a first cousin whose ex-wife heard about an opening in her hairdress-er's husband's company. It's called

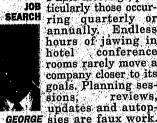
networking and it requires no special skill.

To network, identify friends, old associates, neighbors, relatives and business acquaintances who might be willing to offer you some advice. Contact these folks and tell them you are interested in finding a new position. Get their opinions about your background, an appropriate salary, and any concerns they have with your proposed career move, Find out why they know about your target industry or discipline. Most importantly, ask them for the names of other people you could talk with to learn even more. Continue to meet with others-prefer ably strangers-who can serve as ad hoc consultants to your job came paign and keep an eye open for you Eventually, one of your new acquaintances will report back to you with news of an opening. Does it work every time? Nope. You will still need to respond to ads and use recruiters. Does it work fast? Nope It usually takes a number of week to line up enough networking meet ings to reach critical mass. Howev er, many job seekers report a dra matic improvement in the number and quality of interviews once their networking seeds begin to sprout. #118

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One of my former employers loved meetings (and obsequious wretches like Joe). In fact, many of the firm's managers made a living going from one meeting to another. We had a giant meeting every year to review the progress of the firm and announce promotions (Joe, the sycophant, went straight to the top). There was always a lot of speechifying and bad philosophy. It was boring. But once, just once, I heard something that brought me

out of my seat. The speaker said: "I'm going to make a statement and I want you to think about it for a few minutes. Don't respond immediately. Here it is: Everyone is doing the best he can." Silence. People began fidgeting in their chairs. Some were turn-ing red with outrage. "What about the slackers?' they were thinking.

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Some more experience-based do's and don'ts



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Readers, recruiters and HR CAREER staff responded to my recent col-MOVES umm on "Do's and Don'ts of interviewing" with some more experi-ence-based do's and don'ts.

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Do's-Make and maintain eye contact with the interviewer. Nod your head in acknowledgment of understanding. Ask questions when you don't understand. Ask open-ended questions (i.e. can't be answered with a yes/no response) because these get the interviewer talking. Remember

that you are interviewing the company to find out if you want the job. Remember that you control the interview; the interviewers only know what you tell them. When asked about weal nesses, turn negatives into positives by saying: "I'm working on improving my _ -by

Don'ts-Eyeglasses with light-sensitive lenses should not be worn. Never chew gum or your fingernails. Don't accept a beverage-you run the risk of

spillage and you may not be able to find a conve-nient place to set the cup.

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If the interview is an over-a-meal meeting, never select the most expensive thing on the menu or "finger food" or pasta (licking your fingers or getting sauce or noodles on you doesn't win points). As for a beverage, no alcohol. Stick to soft drinks or water.

And there's nothing worse than not knowing your way around a place setting or proper etiquette. James believes he lost a job that involved a lot of wine-and-dine client contact because he used the wrong fork for a salad and started eating it before everyone was served. Petty? Maybe. But dining out was a big part of the job. Then there was the candidate who requested a "doggie bag" to take home leftovers. Bad move.

Don't make compliments and comments relating to the interviewer. Chuck, a HR staffer at Ford Motor, knows of two candidates who didn't get hired because of the personal nature of what they said. A male candidate complimented a female interviewer on her suit. It sent the wrong message. Then there was the married-mother-of-two who noticed a pic-

ture of a young woman on an older male manager's desk. She innocently commented, "Your daughter is very pretty." He said, "That's my wife." OOPS!

On another topic, Teri was told that in addition to a drug test and a criminal background check, the prospective employer required a credit check. She considers this an invasion of privacy because the position for which she's applying has nothing to do with the financial aspects of the business. While Teri might not like it, there's nothing illegal about requiring a credit check. Some employers do this to avoid administrative costs of dealing with garnishment. Others look at credit history as an indication of a person's ability to manage basic responsibility.

Don made a big mistake by getting his engineer ing degree without doing co-op assignments. He took more classes instead. He's having a tough time finding a job despite great grades because he has no experience. If co-op assignments are part of a cur-riculum they're there for a reason. The on-the-job experience is valuable. The contacts one makes during the co-op experience are priceless. It's easier to open doors if you know the names behind them and

the types of work they do. But all is not lost for Don. Contract employment for technical fields is booming. Contract firms offer competitive wages and benefits and give someone with just academic creden-tials to get some dirt under his/her fingernails.

That said, Jack is tired of contract work. He wants a "permanent" job. Jack doesn't realize that: there's no such thing as a permanent job. He may find a job with a company that isn't a contract employer, but that job isn't permanent. Also, in terms of staying on the cutting edge of his profession, working for one employer may limit his profes-sional development. Working for a contract organization is bound to expose the contract employee to what's new.

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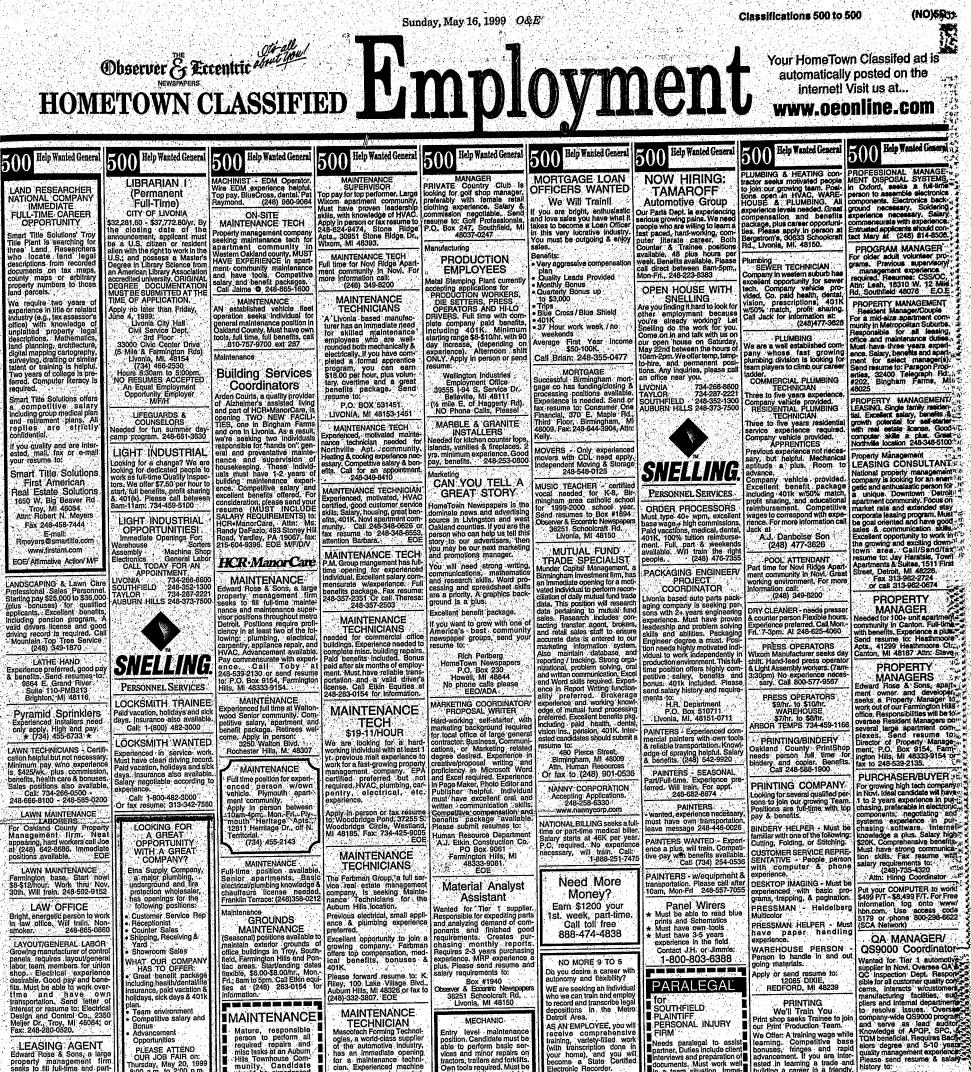
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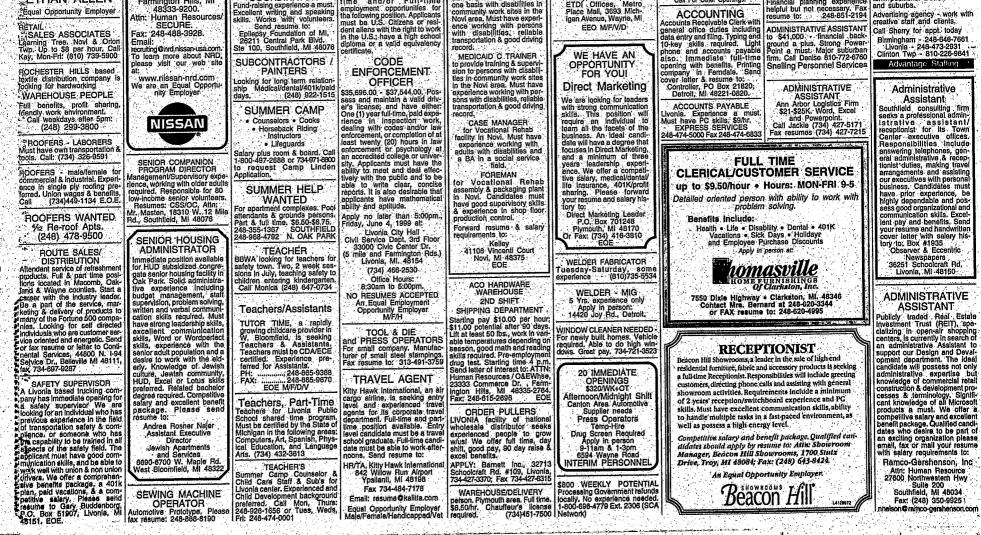
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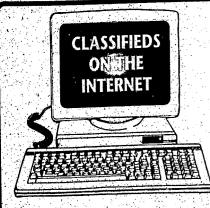
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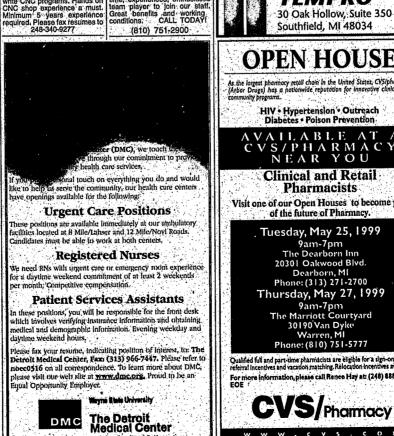
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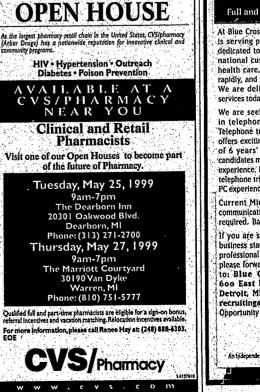
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ASK THE EXPERT Fertilizer leads to thatch

Q: My lawn has a massive thatch problem. I use plenty of fertilizer to encourage new grass growth, and my lawn gets plenty of water. I also bag my grass clippings. So why is my grass thin, and the thatch thick?

A: Thatch accumulation is encouraged by heavy doses of fertilizer. Thatch is a dense matting of plant matter that accumulates at ground level. Where thatch is dense, grass populations thin out. Thatch harbors and encourages insects and shields the root structure from moisture and nutrients. It also renders chemical treatment of subsurface pests ineffecfive

Practically all southern grasses, plus bluegrass, ryegrass and the fineleaf fescues need mechanical dethatching yearly. Most problem lawns have compacted soil. Turf grasses need an aerated soil to thrive, while most weeds favor compacted soil. Soil aeration machines cut plugs from the top layer of soil, leaving holes that help alleviate compaction.

The best natural aerators are earthworms and ants, which ironically, are the first victims of pesticides and quick-release fertilizers.

The thousands of tunnels they create keep the soil loose and provide direct downward pathways for moisture and nutrients. Earthworms consume thatch and convert it to plant food. The earthen castings left by earthworms are up to seven times richer in nitrogen than normal soil.

As for microbes, they are indispensable, as they render nitrogen from a wide range of organic substances. They are what series to active soil from inert dirt.

You should also use a mulching mower with a sharp blade to return nutrients to the soil. Contrary to popular belief, grass clippings do not contribute to thatch buildup – the clippings are 90-percent water and they degrade quickly.

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Single-family condos include golf course, lake

Development at Morgan Lake Golf Classic in Independence Township, single-family condominiums, truly involves the Semaan Family.

Albert Semaan, the father, developed the site which includes an 18-hole golf course (opening soon) and a private, nomotor lake.

Sons Clark and Robert have formed Robert Clark Homes to build the residences in partnership with Vito A. Pampalona and Tom Saracino of Vito Anthony Homes.

Daughters Venice Lennard and Terry Sprankle are tending to sales at the community, on Maybee west of Baldwin a short jog off 1.75. The Ridge, the initial phase of 45, homes at Morgan Lake Golf Classic, is

about half sold out. "One thing we get over and over is. we are a family business, we care about them (customers)," Sprankle said. "They feel special. Anything they want, we can get done for them."

"We left enough nature in here to look like up north," said Albert Semaan. "The whole property is like that - a lot of ups and downs, a lot of nature."

"You're next to everything but in an area that's very secluded," Clark Semaan said.

"We're right off the freeway, five minutes away." Lennard said. "You're close to anywhere. I have one family in here where she works in the Flint-Grand Blanc area and her husband works at the Chrysler Tech Center."

Great Lakes Crossing, the Palace of Auburn Hills, Bald Mountain State Recreation Area, Oakland University and other popular destinations are nearby.

"We're trying to do something pretty unique here," said Robert Semaan. "We're doing custom homes like at Goodison Place (Pampalona), taking them down to about 3,000 square feet and keeping the quality."

Five floor plans are offered at the Ridge. They start in price at \$359,900 for a story-and-a-half of 2,687 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths or a two story of 2,866 square feet with

four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths at the lower end. The highest is \$449,900 for a storyand-a-half of 3,400 square feet with four bedrooms, loft and 3-1/2 baths. Those prices assume you buy a base price lot. Standard features in all plans. include a three-car garage with side entry, fireplace; separate tub and shower in the master suite, first-floor laundry and basement.

All plans include a high energy-efficient furnace, oven, cooktop, microwave and dishwasher; and 10 recessed lights. Air conditioning (\$3,000), jet tub (\$2,400) and skylights (\$1,200 apiece)

are optional. Primary exterior materials are brick

and wood siding. Some base lots are available, but building sites along the golf course have premiums of \$50,000-\$60,000.

The model, the Plantation, is a storyand-a-half of 2,810 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

The home showcases a covered porch, two-story foyer with the staircase off to the side and a plant shelf over the hall closet.

The plan also features a library with a cathedral ceiling, great room with sloped ceiling, dining area and kitchen/ nook with island. The first-floor master has an angled, two-sink vanity, a pair of walk-in closets and a compart-

Two bedrooms and a variation of a jack-and-jill bath are upstairs. Base price is \$369,900. The model – with upgrades including finished walkout basement, landscaping and golf course lot – carries a price of \$580,000.

The Ridge at Morgan Lake Golf Classic is served by the Independence Township well water system and sewers. It's within the Clarkston school district boundaries. There will be sidewalks and a bike path.

The property tax rate is currently \$29.22 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$370,000 home there would pay about \$5,400 the first year. The monthly association fee to maintain common areas and remove trash is \$36.

Diane and Dan Yestrepsky bought a home at Morgan Lake for themselves and sons, Bryan and Adam.

"We were looking for place with an out-in-country feel, but with my work downtown (Detroit), the ride somewhat bearable," Dan said. "I found a wooded lot on a golf course with a view of Morgan Lake. What more could you want?".



The couple enjoy the volume ceilings, openness of the floor plan and the firstfloor master, Dan said.

"We did some customizing," he added. "They did everything we asked. Follow-up stuff is taken care of."

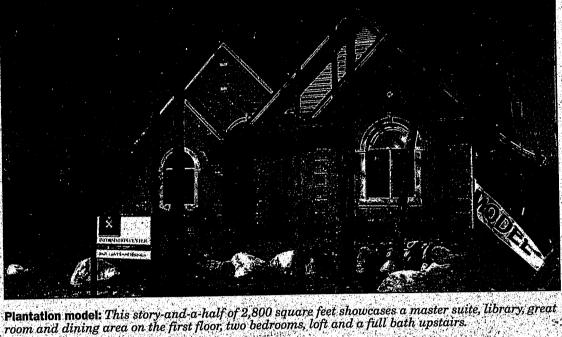
When all five phases are completed, Morgan Lake Golf Classic will have 252 residences spread over 286 acres.

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The "yellow house" on Southfield is a definite intown charmer. It is set on a double lot affording the privacy that an extra deep lot can provide. The four bed-room, three and a half bath home has received many updates including the kitchen, baths, carpeting, windows, newer roof shingles, and new master suite. The Master Suite features high ceilings, a master bath with separate tub and shower, a walk-in closet, and French doors opening to the deck, step-down brick patio, and beautifully landscaped back yard. The kitchen also

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opens to the deck and patio which is surrounded by border gardens, perennials, and enhanced by a cedar privacy fence. A spacious living room, dining room, and den complete the downstairs. Upstairs you'll find three more bedrooms and two baths. There's a two car garage with extra storage to suit the needs of the family who will be able to fit in a nice large home. Hardwood floors add to the charm of the "yellow house" which has approximately 3,000 sq. ft. All this and you're right in Birmingham, easily able to walk to schools, parks, theaters, shopping and restaurants.

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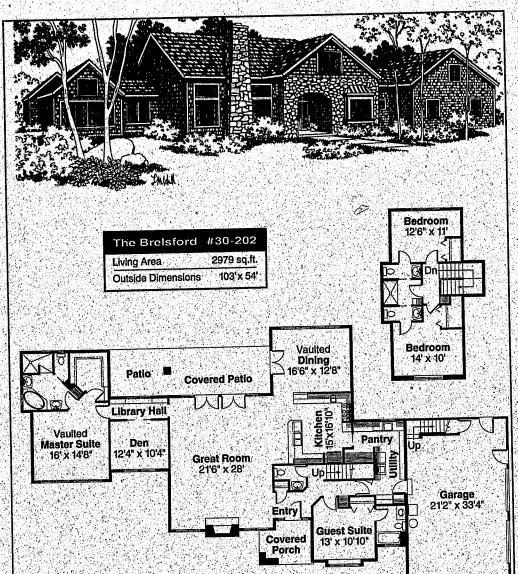
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Rustic-looking house offers plenty of space



Shingles and stone give a handsomely rustic look to the Brelsford, a rambling twostory home with almost 3,000 square feet of living space. This plan is well-suited to families that enjoy entertain-ing, or simply like having space to spread out.

At its core is a huge great room with a 12-foot ceiling and'a window-flanked fireplace. Two sets of double doors at the rear provide access to a partially covered patio.

The kitchen is totally open to this expansive area, but slightly recessed. A long raised eating bar keeps the clutter of food preparation out of sight. Standing at the kitchen sink, you are at the center of everything. You can look out into the great room, or turn your head to gaze out windows or check on activities in the vaulted dining room.

Counters and cupboards wrap around four sides of the roomy kitchen, and extend into a butler's pantry with an additional sink. Open shelves fill one long wall of a utility room with space for a freezer or second refrigerator at the far end, next to the built-in desk:

A powder room and guest suite are just inside the front door. Flowering and/or foliage plants will flourish on the window shelf in the guest suite's rectangular bay, and this room has its own private bathroom

Wide windows brighten the Brelsford's vaulted master

suite, connected to the great room by a library hall and den. Luxuries include a walkin closet and a private bathroom with two pedestal lavs, spa tub, and walk-in shower. Upstairs bedrooms share a

novel and practical three-section bathroom.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$20 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr.,. Eugene, Ore. 97402. Please specify the Brelsford 30-202 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring over 250 home plans is available for \$12. For more information call (800) 634-0123.

Stain preserves deck

It can be very disappointing to spend time and effort refinishing your outdoor deck one year, only to have it looking old and weather-beaten the next. Mother Nature can take a toll

The key to making any deck or siding stain last longer is selecting a high quality finish and good preparation," says Pat Coughlin, product manager at The Flood Co. "Preparation clears the wood of dirt, mill glaze on the lumber, old waxy finishes and even natural chemicals in the wood that prevent stains from adhering, causing them to fail too soon

A good finish must be able to penetrate into the wood

lasting bond that won't peel or flake after being baked in the gun, rained upon and exposed to temperature changes Sometimes it is difficult to

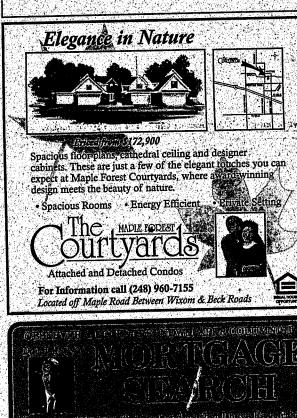
see whether wood pores are open and ready to accept a finish. That's why it is important to use a wood preparation product as a first step before staining the deck. These products are designed to open wood pores and enhance the penetration of wood finishes, achieving maximum uniformity, adhesion and promoting longer-lasting results. Simply apply the product, let it soak in the wood, scrub and rinse. The wood is then fresh and

ready to be stained. Another tip for longer-lastpores in order to create a long- ing results is to select a stain

or finish that contains pigment. The more pigment, the longer the stain will last. Solid-color stains will last longer than semi-transparent stains, and semi-transparent will last longer than clears.

Check guarantees. The amount of transparency you choose in your stain depends on the look you want to achieve. While solid-color stains will hide all the wood grain, semi-transparent stains will allow the beauty of the grain to show through.

"Make sure the stain you choose is specifically designed for use on decks," adds Coughlin. Siding stains often do not have the durability to withstand foot traffic and sliding furniture



Sunroom brings nature indoors

Families are turning off their televisions and turning into natiire – thanks to the proliferation of sunrooms in America.

Often, they are a standard feature on today's new houses, and more than a half million people add sunrooms to existing homes each year, reports Qualified Remodeler magazine.

"Sunrooms are winning wide appeal because they put families back in touch with nature, which is much more entertaining and educational – than any television show could be," said Rick Jones, President of Patio Enclosures, Inc., a custom manufacturer of sunrooms. "They allow families to spend more quality time together, and can be an



excellent educational resource," Jones said

And sunrooms keep people in-touch with the outdoors no matter the season. Protection from the weather is just one reason that sunrooms are an excellent home addition Value. It is estimated that a sunroom has a 70-percent return on investment nationwide, and 90 percent in the Midwest where weath-

er is less cooperative. Families are finding lots of unique ways to utilize their sunrooms as "family entertainment centers," says Jones. Here are some of the more popular:

Dining under the stars. There's nothing quite as relaxing, or romantic, as a quiet din-ner without the television — under a moon-light sky.

Afternoon picnics on rainy days. Who cares if it's raining - you've got a sunroom. While you won't exactly be outside, you'll feel like you are. And the best part is - no ants!

Overnight "camping" trips. Don't worry if you don't have time for an overnight camping trip with the kids. Dust off those air mattresses and set up camp in your sunroom. And you won't have any hassles with tents Depending on your enclosure, this activity can even be enjoyed during the winter months. Enjoy some star gazing, or awake early to catch a sunrise.

Family meetings. Sometime the noisy kitchen table iust important family talk. Many families find that the unique environment of the sunroom

and the peaceful view of nature makes the environment inside feel special and separate from the rest of the house making it a good

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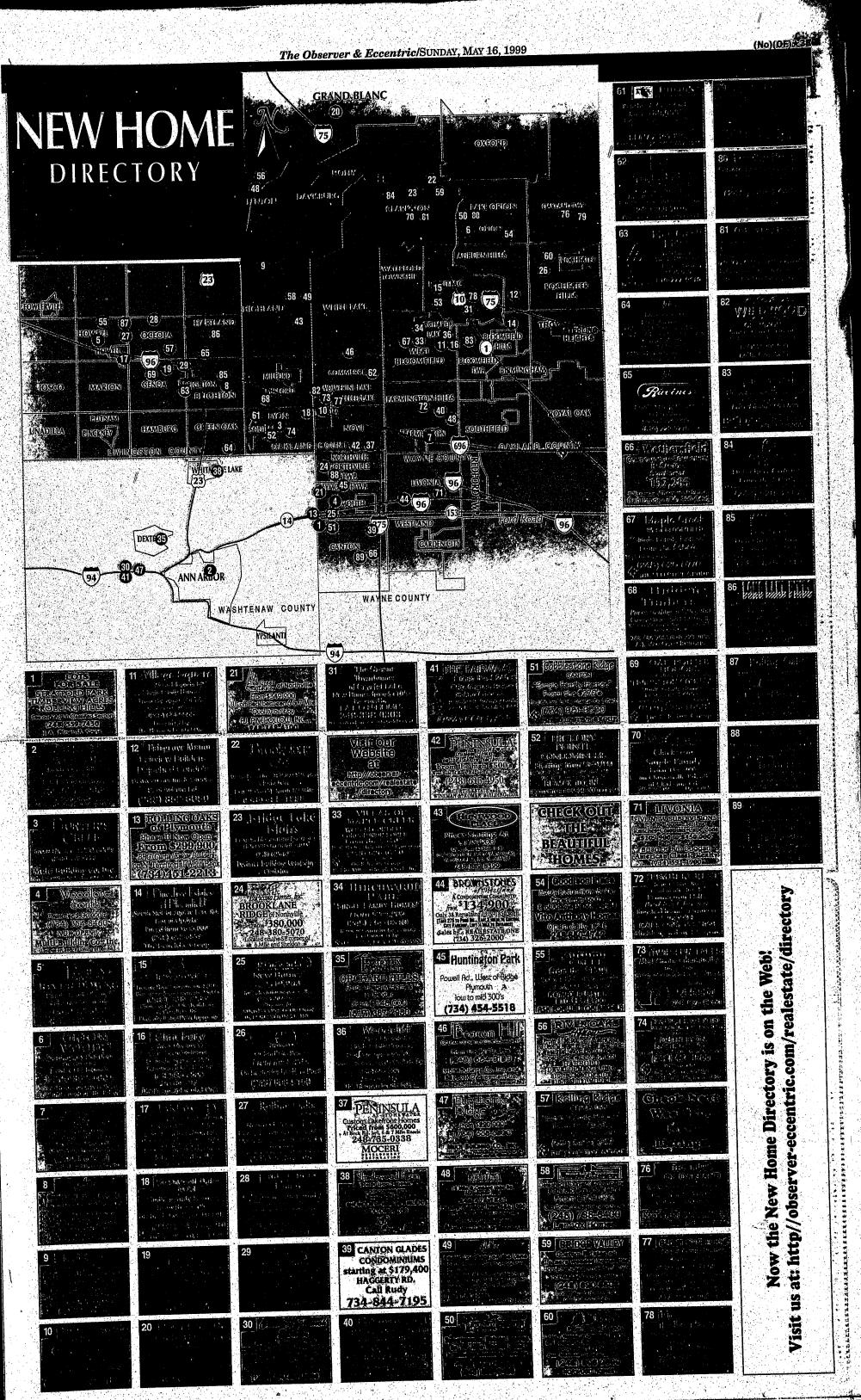
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PERSONAL TASTES

Does the house satisfy your family's day-to-day needs for bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen facilities and living area? Is the area convenient for school, work, shopping and recreation? Will it accommodate your furnishings? Does it just feel right? Remember, it should be a place you look forward to living in.

INVESTMENT POTENTIAL

Although you want to purchase a property that meets your needs, you also must be looking over your shoulder to the person who will buy the house from you. How will this house appeal to potential buyers in the future? Will its location be in demand for a long time to come? Does the house have an architectural design and floor plan that will not go out of style? Will needed improvements cause this house to be priced too high when compared with neighboring homes? Does it appear that the local school system will continue to attract as many or more buyers in the future? Are there any planned real estate developments nearby that may be a detriment to this property's resale value?

ADVICE: When buying your next house, try to find a property that suits your personal needs while also maximizing your potential resale price. The best person to help you accomplish your next purchase is your local Realtor.



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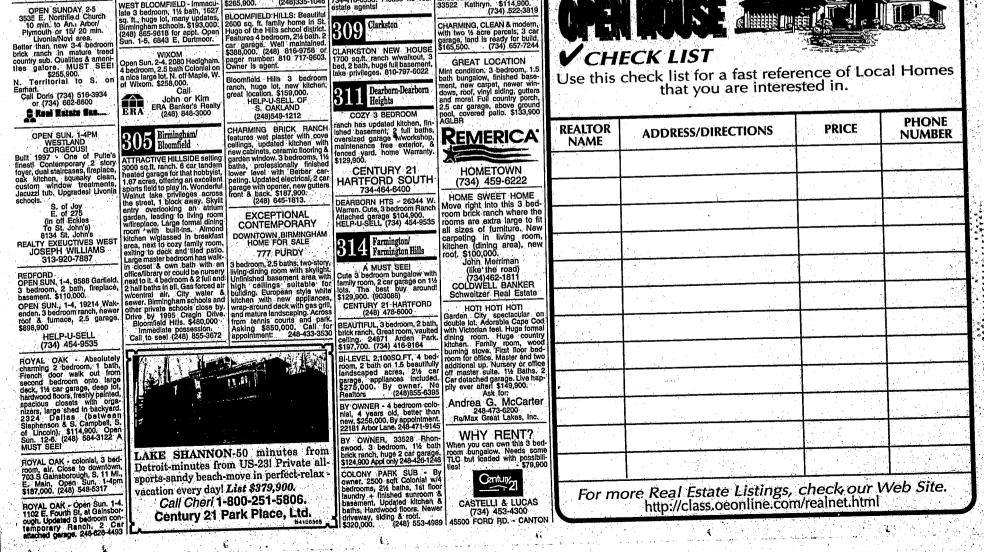
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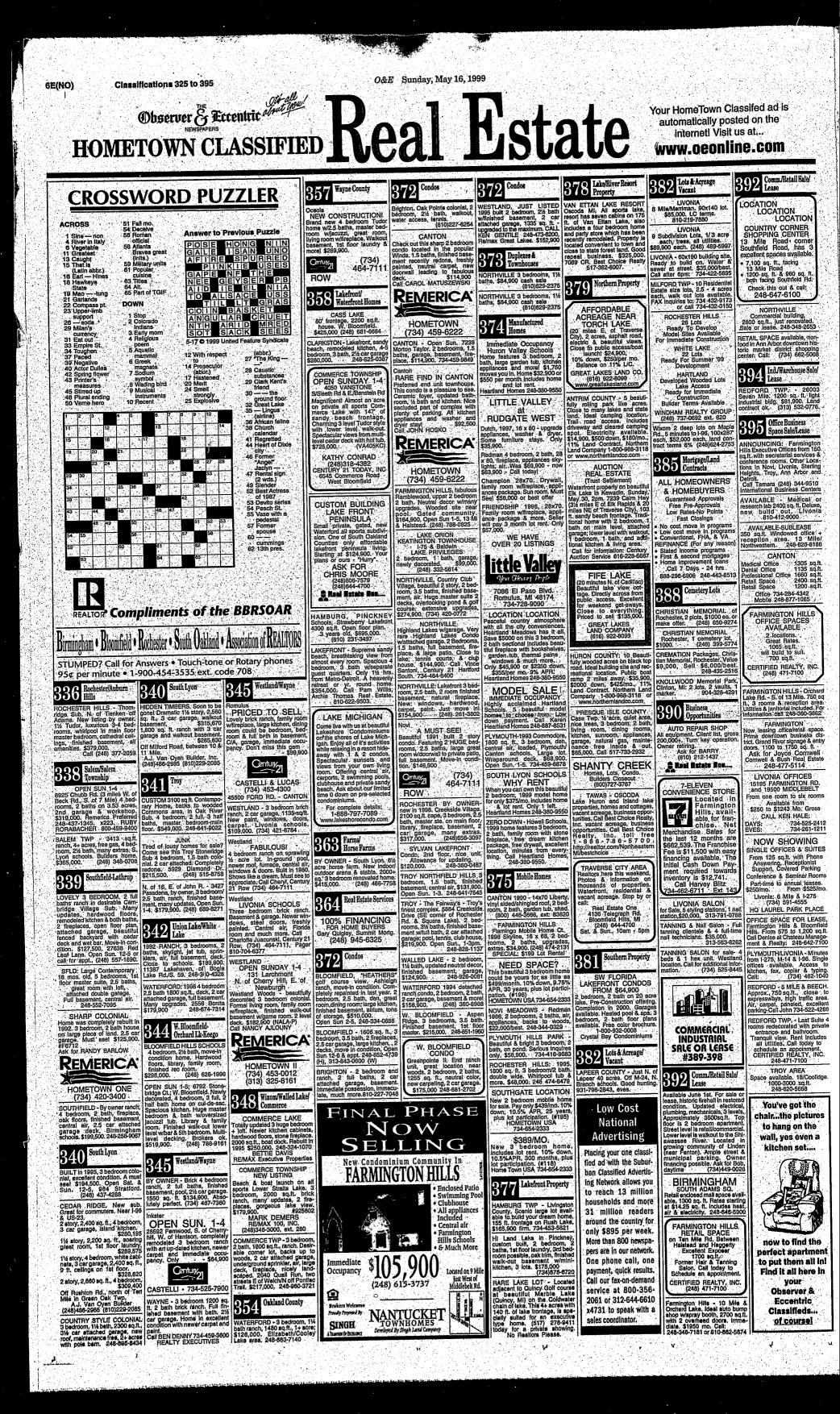
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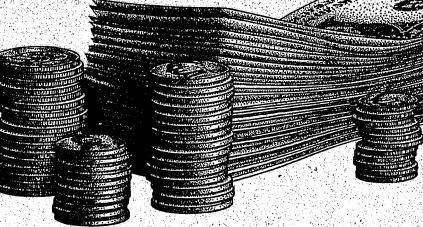
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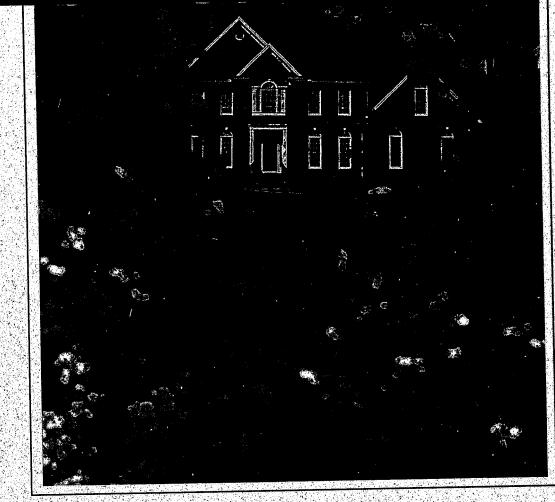
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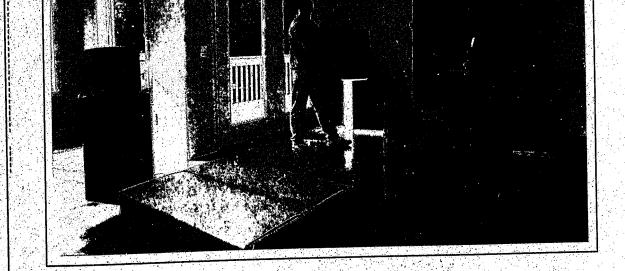
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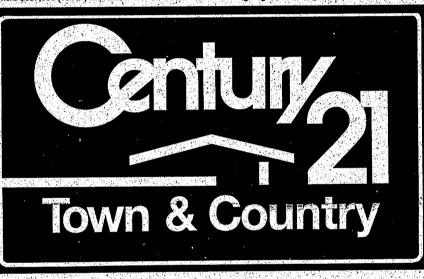
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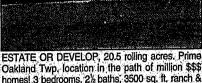
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