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Many of us already know that the word Michigan comes from the Native American word "Michigama," meaning big lake. The name was first used in 1805 to describe what was then a territory. Michigan's 83 counties have names that reflect not only the state's Native American heritage, but also its French, British, and early American heritage as well.

Lenawee County, for example, comes from the Shawnee word "Lenawai," meaning "man," and Manitowish is based on a Native American word for "river at whose mouth there are islands." Presque Isle is the French phrase for peninsula, which literally translated means "almost an island."

The Michigan Legislature assigned names to many counties. In 1892, eight counties were named for President Andrew Jackson and his cabinet: Jackson, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Eaton, Ingham and Van Buren. And in 1840, the Legislature changed the names of 16 counties, choosing to name five of them after counties in Ireland. They were Antrim, Clare, Emmet, Roscommon and Wexford.

Wayne County, the Michigan Territory's first, was named in 1815 for American general "Mad" Anthony Wayne (how he earned his nickname is cause for further research). And Oakland County, organized in 1821, was named for numerous "oak openings" in the area. An oak opening was described as "a majestic orchard of oaks and hickories varied by small prairies, grassy lawns and clear lakes."

Next week: How one man invented many names for our counties.
Vintage Clarkston is written by Kim Huttenlocher, vice president of the Clarkston Community Historical Society.



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Springfield development well on its way



■ With Davisburg Fountain Communities, developer Tim Birtsas aims to bring business and residential entities together without altering the small town atmosphere of Davisburg.

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Three years since the buzz began regarding a development that would change the face of Davisburg, ground has been broken.

Tim Birtsas, president of RBI Limited, first spoke of the three-phase development — Fountain Hills/Fountain Square/Fountain Village — in 1996, describing it as a residential/business center. The development is located off of Davisburg and Andersonville roads

in Springfield Township.

Birtsas was granted Planned Unit Development status by the Springfield Township Board last year for the 44-acre site, which will include both residential and commercial buildings.

The first phase of the development, Fountain Hills, includes a site condominium project for 10 single-family homes. Half of those lots are already sold. The first two lots will begin construction this week, Birtsas said. Landscaping will be the next step for Fountain Hills, located near Davisburg Ele-

mentary School.

Fountain Square, a 16,000-square-foot business section, holds space for a post office and restaurant. Two office sites have been sold to an accountant, Gary Voelker, and a dentist, Brant Pittsley.

Pittsley has been in his current office at the Davisburg Medical Center for 20 years and said he's excited about acquiring the new space.

"It's important for me to be right in town," he said. "I felt very fortunate I

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Trying out art: Pine Knob Elementary student Katie Houston tries to mimic the abstract movements of Carlton Van Pырz as he portrays the artist Picasso.

'Picasso People'

Program encourages
unique understanding of artist



An observer: Anthony Anderson enjoys watching the presentation of 'Picasso People.'

The art of the 20th century Spanish artist Pablo Picasso came to life last week for students at Pine Knob, Springfield Plains and North Sashabaw Elementary schools.

All grades attended the assembly program "Picasso People," by Carlton Van Pырz of Mime Internationale in New York.

Pine Knob and North Sashabaw Elementary schools' art teacher, Carolyn Armitage, said the children were captivated by the educational presentation that celebrated creativity. Van Pырz used a combination of narration, puppetry, dance, music, masks and mime to bring the children into the colorful, abstract world of Picasso.

"It went really, really well," she said.

The students didn't go into the program unprepared. Teachers followed a guide sent in advance to incorporate elements of Picasso's art into their classroom curriculums. They had slides of art incorporated into the assembly to use in their teaching.

"It was interesting when I was showing the slides of Picasso's art to my students. The kids, even the youngest ones, understood very clearly what Picasso was doing during his cubist art period. They caught on to several things immediately," Armitage said. This included their identifying that his cubist art resembled a puzzle, stretched out and put back together.

Armitage said she recommends the program to other schools. "It was captivating," she added.



He's the one: Carlton Van Pырz educates students about Pablo Picasso with a multi-media educational program.



Changing faces: Carlton Van Pырz uses masks taken directly from Picasso's paintings to inform students about the artist and his non-traditional artistic styles.

Tireless staffer singled out for honors from school district

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

On the face of it, Debi Mitchell's five-year workplace record looks a lot like that of any other successful manager in a typical American office. She's done it all:

- Put in more time than the Bird Man of Alcatraz.
- Handed out more tissue than Barbara Walters.
- Answered more questions than Bill Clinton's press secretary.

- Delivered more pep talks than Richard Simmons.

- Participated in more group hugs than Robin Williams.

- Listened to more confessions than Sally Jessy Raphael.

Yep. All pretty standard office fare.

But here's the kicker: Mitchell doesn't manage an office of — ahem — highly sophisticated adults. She oversees kindergartners and first-graders as a teacher's aide at Clarkston's North

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Classroom kudos: Debi Mitchell, who won awards for her assistance in the classroom, helps Crystal Lowery with school work at Sashabaw Elementary.

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was able to be included. I think the project will have a positive effect on Davisburg. The growth here has been nice, not too fast. It's definitely a big, new thing."

While Pittsley hasn't pinned down a time he'd like to relocate, he has hired an architect and contractor and begun schematic plans for the facility, though, he said, "we definitely need the space."

The historic Davis homestead and barn, located on the Fountain Hills property, have been sold and protected, said Birtsas. After choosing a buyer and placing guidelines on the sale, Birtsas said he's pleased with the way it's turned out.

Thirty detached condominiums slated for Fountain Village are still on their way to being built. Birtsas said they are starting to take purchase agreements for the condominiums. The land is bordered by lush forest and wetlands, a perfect backdrop for homes, Birtsas said.

"We're just starting to put roads in," said Birtsas. "We expect to have roads put in by the end of June."

The base cost for a condominium will range from \$195,890 to \$268,900. The entire project will have a Victorian style and

Working the day away: Digging has begun at the Davisburg Fountain Communities, a residential and business development that will alter the look of Davisburg.



include five decorative outdoor fountains. To add to the natural beauty, parks and botanical gardens will be added to the development.

"It's very pedestrian-friendly," said Birtsas of his Davisburg development. A 5-foot-wide asphalt path winds through the entire development.

Through all the construction and change, Birtsas said the community will keep its hometown atmosphere alive.

"I think Davisburg will always have that small-town feel," he said.

Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole agreed.

"I don't think it's going to particularly change the character of

Davisburg at all," she said. "Davisburg and Springfield Township will always have that small-town feel. I don't see it as having a big impact. It will hopefully provide some services to the rest of Springfield."

The development will fulfill a need in Springfield Township to make services more accessible and home life a little easier. Residents of the development will be able to own their own homes without bearing the responsibility of maintenance. Birtsas recognizes condominium development as a growing trend in North Oakland County.

"We're just taking it a step further — from Clarkston to Springfield Township," he said.



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On its way: Fountain Square, one part of Tim Birtsas' Davisburg project, will include space for retail, a restaurant, post office and a dentist's office.

The Davisburg development will allow residents to live on their own, but be able to walk to church, shopping, school or a restaurant.

The restaurant, which Birtsas envisions to be "family style," will be located in the Fountain Square phase of development, near a

retail center and across from the post office and office space. It has been the source of much discussion around Davisburg.

"The restaurant was viewed by the township board as one of the benefits," said Strole.

Area business owners — like Ruth Andrews and Lynn Meacham — are also anticipating the completion of the Davisburg development, especially the restaurant and other retail stores. Andrews and Meacham own Country Traditions in downtown Davisburg.

"Davisburg needs to be a destination," said Andrews. "I don't ever want it to be a big town. But you have to meet the needs."

She said people often pop into their store and ask where they might get a bite to eat. The closest restaurants are in Clarkston and Holly, more than a short drive away.

As for other retail businesses associated with the Davisburg Fountain Communities project, Meacham said, they aren't concerned about losing business.

Their store can adapt to the needs of the community. As a business owner, Meacham said the area needs more visitors, more weekend shoppers.

"A place to eat is a major, major thing," she said.

Andrews said they are looking forward to the future of Davisburg when Birtsas' development is completed.

"It's just going to make (Davisburg) that much more attractive," said Birtsas.

Throughout the process of obtaining the planned unit development specifications from the township, he said he did not encounter much apprehension.

"Everyone believed there was a need for detached condos because they are so popular," he said. "I think it's going to help put retail back in Springfield Township. The key is listening to the needs of the community. It seems like Springfield Township is the place where people want to be."

For more information, call the Davisburg Fountain Community hotline at (248) 625-4801.



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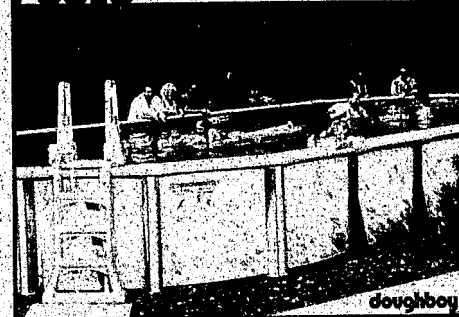
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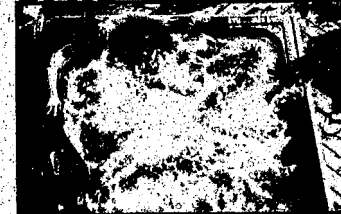
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String concert to feature Clarkston students

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Twelve sets of eyes are glued to the conductor. As he strikes the down beat with his baton, the musicians begin warming up on their string instruments. Their posture is perfect — no backs touching the furniture. There's no talking, laughing or squirming.

These musicians are taking this rehearsal very seriously. There are, after all, only a few more days before they perform in public.

The pairs of eyes belong to sixth-grade students at Sashabaw Middle School. They are only some of the 50 Sashabaw and Clarkston sixth- and seventh-grade students giving a concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, in the Clarkston High School auditorium.

The performance is the first time that two grade levels of string instrument performers will play together, according to conductor Douglas Doty, whose real title is instrumental music teacher.

The Clarkston Community Schools string instrument program got off the ground just last school year with the sixth grade students. This year the program encompasses both sixth and seventh graders. Next year will have all three middle school grades involved and in another three years, the program will be offered in grades six through 12.

"The Clarkston school board funded



The music man: Instrumental music teacher Doug Doty is the driving spirit for the two Clarkston middle schools' string-instrument programs.

the string program for six years. That gives us time to get it into the six upper grades. Then the board will re-evaluate it," Doty explained.

Until then, Doty is forging ahead, teaching youngsters to play violins, violas, cellos and the string bass. He's certainly qualified. He's taught school band

for 29 years, majoring in cello and saxophone at Northern Michigan University.

"These kids at Sashabaw Middle and Clarkston Middle are so enthusiastic about the string program," he said. "Music is an elective so they are playing these instruments because they want to."

Andrew Hunter, 12, moved to the



Getting ready: Bass player Rachael St. Peter and several other middle school string instrument players are preparing for their concert at Clarkston High School at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2.



Stringing along: Ashley Hipsher concentrates as she plays her violin at Sashabaw Middle School.

but because so many students chose to play the violin, she decided to switch instruments. She said it's fun to play the bass.

The middle school instrumentalists will perform several pieces at the concert. These include concert and popular music selections, including "Do-Re-Me" by Rogers and Hammerstein and "The Russian Sailors' Dance" by Gliere.

A combination of string instrument students and middle school band musicians will perform the final three selections together as a symphony orchestra. They'll perform the "Theme from The New York Symphony" by Dvorak, the finale from Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" and the main theme from "Star Wars" by John Williams.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships May 20-23.

Springfield police

Thefts
On May 21, an 8 millimeter camera and ladies handbag were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Dawn.

Independence police

Suspicious circumstances
On May 23, a gas-range top was reported missing from the Bridge Valley subdivision when workers returned to install it in a home.

Found property
On May 17, a cell phone and radar detector were found on Oak Hill Road, according to reports.

Thefts
On May 20, amplifiers, stereo equipment and compact discs were reported stolen from a vehicle on Dora Lane.

On May 21, a paddle boat was reported stolen from a residence on Sashabaw Road.

On May 21, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle on Timber Ridge Trail.

On May 21, a fishing boat and trailer were reported stolen from a Dixie Highway location.

Car accident
On May 21, a vehicle driven by a 37-year-old Waterford man allegedly rear-ended a vehicle driven by a 24-year-old Clarkston man while traveling on Dixie Highway.

The Waterford man was found to be operating a vehicle with a suspended license. He was cited by police for reckless driving and having open intoxicants in the

vehicle.

Upon rear-ending the vehicle in front of him, the Waterford man lost control of his own car and ran off the road onto the grass near the Waterford Racquetball Club and struck a business sign.

Vandalism

On May 21, mailboxes were reported damaged on Hadley Road.

Assault and battery and malicious destruction of property

On May 22, police confiscated an aluminum bat and a knife after an incident at a Dixie Highway parking lot.

A car driven by a 19-year-old Clarkston woman was dented and damaged after the passenger of another vehicle, driven by a 19-year-old Holly man, allegedly struck it with a baseball bat. According to Deputy Chuck Young of the Independence Township substation for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, approximately \$1,100 in damage was done to her vehicle.

A 15-year-old Holly student, who was the passenger in the Holly man's vehicle, is lodged at Children's Village and has been charged with malicious destruction of property over \$1,000 and less than \$20,000.

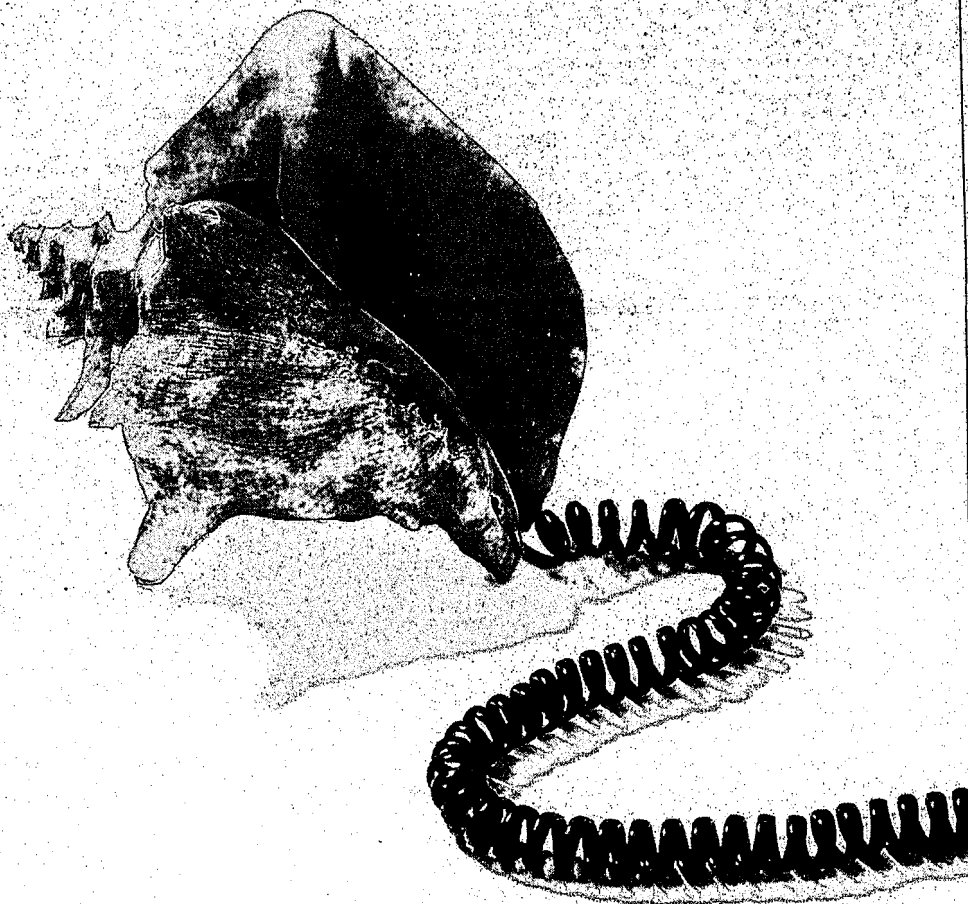
The Holly man has been charged with assault and battery for allegedly attacking the Clarkston woman.

Independence fire

Between May 20-23, firefighters responded to 19 calls.

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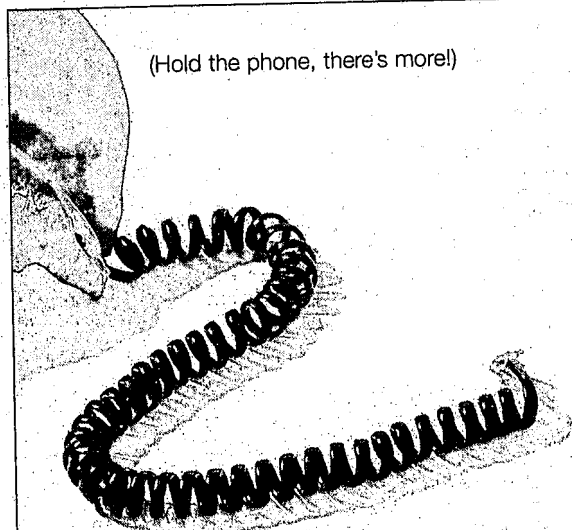
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New phone company to offer local service

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Residents of Independence Township will be able to choose soon between two phone companies for their local service, thanks to a decision by the township board of trustees.

The board last week approved an application by McLeodUSA to obtain right-of-way disruption and use and occupancy permits. These will allow the communications company, formerly known as Phone Michigan, to install fiber optic cables on already-existing Detroit Edition utility poles along Dixie Highway, Deer Lake Road and a portion of White Lake Road.

"What they are trying to do is be among the first to try to provide an alternative local phone service to our residents," said township supervisor Dale Sturart. He said he recommended the

board approve the permits.

Gary R. Jones, McLeodUSA manager of government relations, said once the work is completed and the phone system is available, it will be the first time in 100 years that local residents will have a chance to select what company they want to provide their local telephone service.

There are several steps the company has to undertake before that becomes a reality, however.

"We lay out a route where our fiber optic cabling should go. We drive the route, get the application processed with the local municipality, then we go to Detroit Edition," Jones began.

"The company looks at every pole we propose to add our fiber cabling on. It does a make-ready, which prepares the poles for our wires. Then our crews come through and do their work," he explained.

■ 'The schools throughout the county will be able to give students access to high-speed Internet, to distance learning and to central data sharing ...'

—Gary Jones
McLeodUSA

McLeodUSA already has its fiber optic wiring in Springfield Township. It has 30,000 residential and commercial customers throughout the Flint area and Genesee county.

McLeodUSA also has in its client base the Oakland Intermediate School District. It's been hired to construct Oakland's wide-area network phone service. This will allow each school district to be connected to Oakland Intermediate Schools.

"This benefits the entire Oakland Intermediate School District," Jones said. "The schools throughout the county will be able to give students access to

high-speed Internet, to distance learning and to central data sharing, for example. We're very experienced in constructing these educational lines. We've worked with the Genesee and White Lake Intermediate School districts and we're getting the papers right now on the Monroe Intermediate School District."

The company also has been selected to provide a wide-area network for Oakland County government.

Once McLeodUSA is up and running in Independence Township, Jones said its service will help residents save money on their local phone service.

McLeodUSA out of Dearborn is the first company to apply for the right-of-way permits under the right-of-way regulation ordinance and resolution adopted by the Independence Township board Sept. 15, 1998.

The board is composed of Sturart, Clerk Joan McCrary, Treasurer Jim Wenger and trustees Jeff McGee, Larry Rosso, Daniel F. Travis and Neil Wallace. All were at the meeting May 18.

Board members also approved, with conditions, the low bid of \$253,051 by local company Allied Construction for paving Walters Road from Waldon to Flemings Lake Road.

"The board approved it on the condition that we receive a written letter from Clarkston Community Schools saying the district will also pay for the engineering fees of \$29,000," said McCrary. "That will bring their commitment to \$282,051. We're

asking for a total commitment of not more than \$300,000. We don't think it will end up costing the district that much. Then the township agrees to pay for construction of a safety path along Walters Road from Waldon to Flemings Lake Road."

The township's cost for the safety path would be about \$27,000. The school district is paying for the paving since that stretch of Walters Road is the district's main bus thoroughfare to Clarkston High School.

The school board unanimously approved paying for the paving, based on the low bid, at its May 10 board meeting. The township has about 30 days remaining before it has to accept the bids.

The school district and township expect the Walters Road paving project to be completed a few days prior to Aug. 30, the first day of school for the 1999-2000 school year.



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its Regular Meeting on Monday, June 21, 1999, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan to receive comments related to the following proposed amendments to the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26:

ARTICLE XVIII - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Amend Section 18.07, Site Plan Review Required in Specific Districts, as follows:

4. Site Plan Review Procedures: Site Plan Review and Planning Commission recommendation shall be according to the following procedures. References to Clerk, Engineer and Planner shall mean the Township Clerk or designated representative, Township Engineer and Township Planner. For purposes of these procedures, filing means delivery by the applicant to the Clerk. Application means an Application for Site Plan Approval on a form provided by the Clerk.

a. Concept Plan Review - Concept Plan Review shall be required for the purpose of presenting a generalized site plan to the Planning Commission and, in the case of all special land uses, to both the Planning Commission and Township Board for consideration of the overall idea of the development project. The following procedures shall be followed:

- (1) Any applicant shall file a request for a Concept Plan review by the Planning Commission by filing with the Clerk an application, 12 copies of the Concept Plan, and the applicable fee.
- (2) Upon receipt of an application for Concept Plan review, the Clerk shall transmit the application and Concept Plan to the Planning Commission, Township Planner, and Township Engineer. Review of the Concept Plan shall be scheduled at the first available regular Planning Commission meeting.
- (3) Every Concept Plan submitted to the Planning Commission shall include the following information:
 - (a) The general description, location, size and shape of the property involved.
 - (b) The general shape, size and location of proposed buildings, parking areas and service drives, loading zones, location of existing and proposed public streets serving the property, and natural features including general topography and soils.
 - (c) The general location of all existing and proposed water and sewage treatment systems serving the property.
 - (d) Any other information deemed necessary to properly illustrate the development concept to the Planning Commission.

(4) The Planning Commission shall review the Concept Plan and shall be entitled to make reasonable inquiries of and receive answers from the applicant. Following review, the Planning Commission shall provide the applicant with the official minutes of the Planning Commission which shall reflect its review comments.

(5) Such action on the part of the Planning Commission shall vest no rights in the applicant inasmuch as the specific details of a site plan prepared in accordance with Section 18.07 serve as the basis for determining that all Township standards have been met.

b. Final Site Plan Review - Final Site Plan Review shall be required for the purpose of presenting a detailed site plan to the Planning Commission and, in the case of all special land uses, to both the Planning Commission and Township Board for review. The following procedures shall be followed:

(1) Checklist Review. Upon filing with the Clerk of three copies of an Application and proposed Site Plan together with applicable fees, a preliminary review to determine if all of the information required by Section 18.07.3 is on the Plan shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) Within five working days of filing, the Clerk shall forward two copies of the Application and proposed Site Plan to the person or persons designated by the Township to perform the preliminary review.
- (b) Within five working days of receipt from the Clerk, the person designated by the Township shall notify the applicant in writing whether the proposed site plan contains all of the required information, or if not, the nature of information required to be shown on the proposed plan.
- (c) If a proposed site plan is not complete, the applicant shall prepare a new proposed site plan during the deficiencies, and file it for review and processing as provided in this Section.

(2) Technical Review. After receiving the Township's checklist review, the applicant shall prepare eleven copies of the Application and Final Site Plan for technical review. Five copies shall be filed with the Clerk. The applicant shall deliver two copies each to the Oakland County Road Commission or Michigan Department of Transportation, the Oakland County Drain Commission and the Oakland County Health Department, hereafter referred to as reviewing agencies. The purpose of technical review is to secure written comments and recommendations from the Engineer, Planner and reviewing agencies relating to the Criteria of Site Plan Review in Section 18.07.2 and other laws, ordinances, regulations and plans within their jurisdictions.

- (a) Within three working days of receipt of the Application and Plans for technical review, the Clerk shall forward two copies of each to the Planner and Engineer for their review.
- (b) Within ten working days of receipt from the Clerk, the Planner and Engineer shall furnish their written opinions and recommendations to the Clerk and applicant.
- (c) Upon receiving written responses from the Engineer, Planner and reviewing agencies, the Clerk shall review such responses and, after consultation with the Planning Commission Chair, determine if the Application and Final Site Plan are ready for Planning Commission review. The Clerk shall notify the applicant in writing that technical review has been completed and whether further revisions are needed before the Application and Final Site Plan are ready for Planning Commission review.

(d) A site plan which has been revised in response to comments from the Engineer, Planner and/or reviewing agencies shall be resubmitted for review in accordance with the procedures and time requirements set forth in this Section. A revised

site plan shall not be placed on a Planning Commission agenda until written comments have been received by the Township from the Engineer and Planner.

(3) Planning Commission Review. Upon completion of Technical Review, the applicant shall file fourteen copies of the Application, Final Site Plan and a list of any changes which the applicant has made or is willing to make as a result of the written responses from the Engineer, Planner and reviewing agencies.

(a) The Clerk shall schedule Planning Commission review on the agenda of the first possible Planning Commission meeting which allows the Clerk, at least five days before the meeting, to notify the applicant of the date and to forward one copy of the Application, Site Plan, change list, if any, and review comments by the Engineer, Planner and reviewing agencies to each member of the Planning Commission, the Engineer and Planner.

(b) The purpose of Planning Commission review is to take one of the following actions:

Approval. Upon finding that the Application and Site Plan meet the Criteria of Site Plan Review in Section 18.07.2 the Planning Commission shall approve the Final Site Plan, or, in the case of all special land uses, recommend approval by the Township Board.

Approval with Minor Revisions. Upon finding that the Application and Site Plan meet the Criteria of Site Plan Review in Section 18.07.2, except for minor revisions which can be made and confirmed without further technical review by the engineer, Planner and reviewing agencies, the Planning Commission may approve the Final Site Plan, or, in the case of all special land uses, recommend approval by the Township Board, conditioned upon said revisions being made prior to Township Board action on the recommendation.

Tabling. Upon finding that the Application and Site Plan do not, but could, meet the Criteria of Site Plan Review in Section 18.07.2 upon the making of revisions; confirmation of which requires further technical review by the Engineer, Planner and/or reviewing agencies, the Planning Commission may table action until such time as the plan is revised and applicable technical review provisions of Section 18.07.4.b(2) have been completed.

Denial. Upon finding that the Application and Site Plan do not meet one or more of the Criteria of Site Plan Review in Section 18.07.2 and that revisions necessary to meet said Criteria are so extensive as to require the preparation of a new Site Plan, the Planning Commission shall deny approval or, in the case of all special land uses, recommend denial by the Township Board.

Notice of Action or Recommendation. The Planning Commission shall note on a Site Plan any action or recommendation regarding that Plan and provide at least one copy of that Plan together with any required written findings, conditions or reasons to the Clerk. A copy of the Planning Commission minutes shall be sufficient to satisfy this requirement.

(4) Township Board Review. In the case of Final Site Plan submitted in conjunction with all special land uses, the following procedures shall be followed:

(a) Planning Commission Denials. Where the Planning Commission has recommended denial of an Application and Site Plan, the Clerk shall not place that Application and Site Plan on a Township Board agenda for action, unless the Applicant files a written request for Township Board consideration with the Clerk. Said request shall contain the Applicant's reasons in support of a finding by the Township Board that the Criteria of Site Plan Review in Section 18.07.2 have been met, despite the Planning Commission finding to the contrary.

(b) Planning Commission Approvals. Where the Planning Commission has approved or conditionally approved an Application and Site Plan, the Clerk shall schedule them for the next possible Township Board meeting and notify the applicant of the date thereof and any revisions upon which the Planning Commission approval was conditioned. A copy of the Planning Commission minutes shall be sufficient for this purpose.

(c) Township Board Action. Based upon the Criteria of Site Plan review in Section 18.07.2 and after considering the Planning Commission findings and applicant's position regarding satisfaction of those Criteria, the Township Board may approve, approve with conditions, table or deny the Application and Site Plan with any conditions of approval or reasons for denial to be furnished to the applicant in writing by the Clerk. A copy of the Township Board minutes is sufficient for this purpose.

(d) Official Record. Upon approval or conditional approval of an Application and Site Plan, the Clerk shall note on two copies of the Application and Plan, the date and any conditions of approval and forward one copy to the applicant and one copy to the Building Department, which shall be the official Township permanent record.

(5) Building Permits and Conformity to Site Plan. After filing of the approved Application and Final Site Plan with the Building Department, satisfaction of any conditions of said approval and compliance with this and other Township Ordinances, a Building Permit may be issued. All development and construction shall be in complete conformity with the Site Plan as approved.

(6) Expiration of Approval. Final Site Plan approval is valid for a period of one year from the date of Township action within which time all necessary Building or Construction Permits shall be secured and construction substantially commenced. The Planning Commission or, in the case of all special land uses, the Township Board may grant an extension of final Site Plan approval for up to one year. All requests for extensions shall be made in writing and include a statement of why the extension is necessary and confirmation of ability to complete construction in conformity with the Final Site Plan as approved.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the complete text of the Zoning Ordinance may be examined at the Clerk's Office, Charter Township of Springfield, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan during regular office hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation at the Hearing should contact the Clerk at least two business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: May 27 and June 17, 1999

Resident says dogs pose problem in Clarkston

While Sherry Hampton calls herself a dog-lover, she knows when enough is enough.

She spoke before Clarkston City Council Monday about the nuisance caused by unleashed dogs and irresponsible pet owners.

"I love living in town and I don't want to be a complainer, but I think we have a problem with the dogs," Hampton said. "There are more and more dogs in town. People drive in and run their dogs in the park. If even 10 dogs a day go, there's 300 piles a month."

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—Sherry Hampton
Clarkston resident

What has Hampton so distraught isn't just the mess. She's approached pet owners on her own property and politely asked them to dispose of their dog's droppings rather than leave them on her lawn or sidewalk. And she's been yelled at for doing so.

"By fall when the leaves are on the ground, you get it on your shoes, bike tires, stroller wheels," she said, asking that council do something to address the problem.

Mayor Sharron Catallo had some advice.

"There should be a block captain," said Catallo. "I do mine. Every spring we hear about this." Catallo said she worries that a child on his way to school might accidentally step in droppings.

Hampton is also concerned about dogs at Depot Park.

Hampton said she's brought her grandchildren to Depot Park and seen unleashed dogs running wild at the playground. And she said, you have to watch where you step. "You come to the concerts in the park and you have to watch where you put your

blanket," said Hampton. Council member Anne Clifton suggested that they make plastic bags available in the park so dog owners don't have any excuse when they fail to be responsible about pet droppings.

As for leashing pets in the park, signs already show that leashes are required.

Police Chief Paul Ormiston said there might be additional signs available. Catallo said they would see what they could do about hanging them in the park. She urged residents and visitors to be responsible for their pets.



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CHANGE OF MEETING DATES

The June and July meetings of the Springfield Township Zoning Board of Appeals have been changed to the following dates:

Wednesday, June 23
Wednesday, July 21

Other ZBA meeting dates for the remainder of 1999 are unchanged.

The Springfield Township Zoning Board of Appeals meets at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg beginning at 8:00 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its Regular Meeting on Monday, June 21, 1999, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan to receive comments related to the following proposed amendments to the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26:

ARTICLE V - PUBLIC LAND DISTRICT

Amend Sections 5.00 and 5.02 as follows:

SECTION 5.00 - Intent: It is recognized that Springfield Township has substantial land devoted to public recreational use and public ownership. It is the intent of this District to provide separate areas devoted strictly to publicly owned and operated recreation lands and uses which encourage utilization of the Township's recreational potential and protect and enhance natural resources and amenities, fish and wildlife habitats, woodlands, wetlands and water resources. It is also the intent of this district to provide areas for government offices, libraries and other facilities that are of service to the public but located in a compatible manner to neighboring uses.

[Add to Section 5.02:]

9. Publicly owned and operated libraries, museums and governmental offices.

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Oakland sites for River Rouge cleanup listed

Volunteers can help clean up the Rouge River on Saturday, June 5.

Organizers hope Oakland County residents will participate from 8 a.m. to noon to pull out logjams, shopping carts, old appliances, tires and other debris from the river during River Day '99.

On that day volunteers from Friends of the Rouge, the Clinton Watershed Council, Friends of the Detroit River, and the Huron River Watershed Council will band together for cleanups, tree plantings and garden tours to increase public awareness about the rivers in southeast Michigan.

Here is a list of activities at several Oakland County sites in the Rouge River watershed with contact persons listed:

■ **Birmingham:** river cleanup, Booth Park displays and birding/nature walks, 588-600 N. Old Woodward, 1/2 block north of Booth Park in Lot 6 parking lot. Contact Connie Folk, (248) 645-0731 or 644-1807. (Pre-register for walks at (248) 288-5150.

■ **Bloomfield Township:** Displays/nature walk, Johnson Creek, 3325 Franklin Road (near Long Lake and Franklin). Wayne Domine (248) 433-7731 or Dan Badgley (248) 339-3497. Stream cleanup at Charing Cross and Brookdale, south of pond. Brenda Campbell, (248) 339-3497.

■ **Farmington Hills:** Stream cleanup. Jean Barrett, (248) 473-9521.

■ **Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus:** stream cleanup, 27055 Orchard Lake Road. Mike Kadrofske, (248) 471-7606.

■ **Southfield:** Stream cleanups, Beech Woods Park, Beech Road just south of Nine Mile. Brandy Bakita, (248) 354-5344.

■ **Troy:** Video scavenger hunt at area parks/streams. Tracy Slintak, (248) 524-338.

Leadership award goes to Bouchard

During the recent celebration of Leadership Day, Leadership Oakland officials awarded Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard its 1999 Community Leadership Award.

Bouchard was selected by Leadership Oakland to receive this award based on his record of exemplary leadership and for giving back to the communities in the county where he was raised and continues to live.

At a ceremony held at DaimlerChrysler headquarters, Bouchard accepted the award which serves as an opportunity for Oakland County and Leadership Oakland to recognize companies and individuals who are leaders in southeast Michigan.

"It is a great honor to be selected for this year's award by the prominent network of business and community leaders who belong to Leadership Oakland," Bouchard said. "I have always

been proud to call Oakland County my home and am very fortunate to have the privilege to serve my community in a variety of roles including sheriff and senator."

Prior to 1998, Leadership Oakland operated a program under the Oakland Leadership Council, a network of chambers throughout Oakland County. As the program became more popular and grew to include an active alumni association, Leadership Oakland became a free-standing, nonprofit organization. Leadership Oakland is governed by a board of directors and still maintains a close relationship with local chambers of commerce.

As a police officer and elected official, Bouchard has received more than two dozen awards or certificates in recognition of his outstanding record of public service.

Alliance for Mentally Ill plans June events

The Southfield-based Alliance for the Mentally Ill will host several events during June. They are:

■ Family support meetings (south) for relatives of persons who suffer from mental illness at 7 p.m. Mondays, June 7 and 21, at the Mental Health Building, 15920 W. 12 Mile Road, west of Greenfield, Southfield.

■ Family support meeting (north) at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, at Christ the Redeemer Church, 4005 Baldwin Road, Lake Orion. The church is located two miles north of I-75.

■ An AMI general meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 24, in private dining room of Beaumont Hospital's Administration Building, 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak.

■ Gary Bryant's Bicycle Ride through the Upper Peninsula for AMI Of Oakland County, beginning June 19. Pledges can be made in flat amounts or so much per mile. Bryant may be reached by e-mail at GBRYANT2@ford.com or by calling AMI of Oakland County at (248) 557-6440. Contributions go directly to AMI and are tax deductible.

LVW voter guides list school hopefuls

Voter guides prepared by the League of Women Voters Oakland Area are available to citizens for the school elections to be held on Monday, June 14.

Guides have been published for 14 school districts with contested elections: Birmingham, Clarenceville, Farmington, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Holly Area, Lake Orion, Oak Park, Oxford, Pontiac, Rochester, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Waterford and West Bloomfield.

Copies of the voter guides for each school district are available at their respective school buildings. All public libraries, which serve a school district with a contested race, have voter guides for that school district. Some city and township halls also have appropriate school district voter guides.

For information about the League of Women Voters Oakland Area, call (248) 647-1350.

SEMCOC: Area still booming

Southeast Michigan saw a building boom in 1998, the biggest year for residential construction in 25 years.

Some 25,870 building permits were issued in the region's seven counties during 1998, according to figures recently released by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The last time residential building permits exceeded the 25,000 mark was in 1973, SEMCOG says.

Leading the way were Macomb Township, where 1,848 permits were issued, Canton Township (1,279), and Chesterfield Township (865). Sterling Heights (822), Shelby Township (740), Independence Township (722), Waterford Township (717), Pittsfield Township (604), Ypsilanti Township (524) and Novi (519) rounded out the top 10.

For apartments, Canton topped the list with 398. Independence ranked third with 347. Dearborn (7th, 280), Westland (8th, 266) Auburn Hills (9th, 264) and South Lyon (10th, 238) were the most built in areas.

Low mortgage rates, a surging economy and low unemployment were attributed as

the causes for the growth. More young couples, many with children, seeking homes in the suburban fringe areas was also given credit for the growth, according to the SEMCOG.

The report, "Residential Construction in Southeast Michigan, 1998," concludes Oakland and Macomb counties together accounted for more than half of the region's total growth.

Macomb Township, Canton and Chesterfield topped the list for residential units for the second year in a row.

But Independence had the largest growth in new permits over 1997, seeing 441 more permits issued than last year. Holly and Plymouth reported the largest declines.

The city of Detroit had the largest percentage gain in issuance of new housing permits, 232 percent, since new permits reached 316 when only 95 were issued the year before.

Detroit led the region in demolitions with 5,609 homes being torn down.

In Livingston County, new single family homes are going up fastest in Genoa Town-

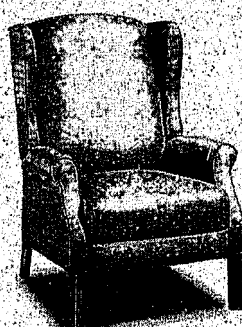
ship (301), Oceola Township (264), Hamburg Township (259), Hartland Township (163), Marion Township (149) and Brighton Township (145).

In Oakland County, new single family homes are being built most in Waterford (528), West Bloomfield (425), Independence (375), Novi (348), Rochester Hills (306), Commerce Township (286), Troy (274), Rochester (239), Orion (225), Oxford (218) and Oakland Township (216).

Other Oakland communities with more than 100 new homes were Farmington Hills (193), White Lake Township (193), South Lyon (155), Lyon Township (150), Springfield Township (138), Brandon Township (130), Pontiac (122), Highland Township (107) and Wixom (103).

In Wayne County, Canton led the single family home construction pack with 881 new homes. Then came Brownstown Township (293), Plymouth Township (233), Northville Township (200), Van Buren Township (142), Livonia (135), Southgate (127) and Westland (116).

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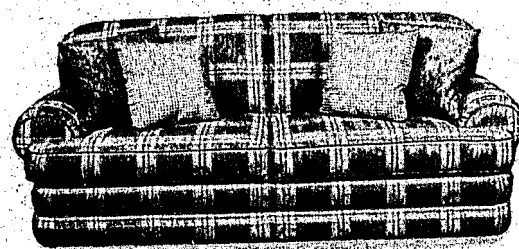


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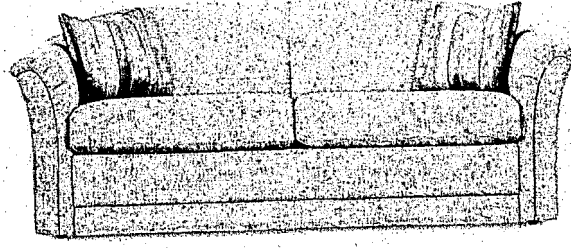


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The Clarkston Eccentric publishes calendar items free of charge. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing an event. Type or print: Event, date and time, location, telephone number and any additional information and mail to the Clarkston Eccentric, 7151 Ortonville Road, Suite 2, Clarkston, MI 48346, or fax to 625-5712. The deadline is noon Friday for the following Thursday.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 5

TRAILSIDE 5K RUN/1 MILE WALK

9 a.m. Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. Camp Fire Boys and Girls North Oakland Council invites area runners/walkers to participate in the ninth annual 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk. Funds raised will send low-income, at-risk youth to summer camp. Registration fee: \$15. For additional information, call 248-618-9050.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

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7-9 p.m. Clarkston Christian Association, corner of Sashabaw and Maybee roads, The Clarkston Community Task Force for

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TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 22, & 29

"PARENT-TO-PARENT"

7-9 p.m. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park, 5980 Clarkston Road. The Task Force will be offering the 3-part Drug Prevention Workshop. Several years ago, approximately 300 Clarkston parents attended this workshop and 18 people were trained as parent-facilitators. We think the timing is right for a resurgence of "Parent-to-Parent," with a whole new generation of parents.

MONDAY, JUNE 21 & TUESDAY, JUNE 22

BABY-SITTING WORKSHOP

6:30-8:30 p.m. Independence Township Library will be holding a Baby-sitting Workshop in their Youth Activities Room. This two session program offers information on emergency procedures (NOT including CPR), child development, and entertaining young children. Attendance at both sessions is required and a certificate of completion will be awarded to all participants. Students ages 11 and up an sign up by calling

the Library at 625-2212. This is a free program, but space is limited and registration is required.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 & SUNDAY, JUNE 27

LOG CABIN DAYS

10-4 p.m. Sponsored by the Waterford Historical Society, 4490 Hatchery Road, Waterford. Tour the 1920's Hatchery House with exhibits in the log cabin and playhouse. There will be baked goods, appraisers, dancers, 1817 encampment, crafters, canceled log cabin stamp, white elephant sale and more.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

SUMMERFEST CASH RAFFLE

Proceeds will benefit Our Lady of the Lakes Church and Schools. Tickets available at WOLL, 5481 Dixie Highway or phone 248-922-0337. There will be 28 chances to win with the Grand Prize of \$40,000 (based on 2200 tickets sold). The drawing will take place Sunday, June 27.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

GOLF CLASSIC AND DINNER PARTY

1:00 p.m. until. The Clarkston Foundation Presents their Annual Golf Classic and Dinner Party at Pine Knob Golf Course. Shotgun Start 1:00 p.m., Cocktails with 3 hour open bar, Dinner at around 6:30 p.m. This year's Golf Scramble includes: Skin's Game, Purchases of Mulligans, Three team-based trophy categories and Las Vegas Holes.

Read Malls & Mainstreets in the Sunday Eccentric

City hall addition plans grind to halt

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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The way Walter Gamble sees it, Clarkston city officials will be "boxed" into their offices before long if an addition is not added to city hall.

While sitting in worn chairs, his legs hidden behind growing stacks of boxes filled with city records, the city council member said the work was necessary, though he realizes the costs will be considerable. Gamble supported a resolution made by Michael Kelley to hire an architectural firm for an addition to city hall.

However, Clarkston City Council defeated that resolution 4-3. A public hearing regarding the city's 1998-1999 budget swayed a majority of council members away from the idea of pursuing the project before more information is obtained. Gamble, Kelley and Anne Clifton supported the resolution, Mayor Sharon Catallo and council members Daniel Colombo, Karen Sander-son and David Savage did not. Savage, who is a member of the building committee, said he voted against it in light of budget constraints.

Clifton, also a member of the building committee, had presented a proposal which would grant Wilson and Associates — an architectural firm in Oxford — to provide programming, a schematic site plan and building design for the city hall addition. All costs would be financed and reimbursed to the general fund.

"It would be everything short of construction," said Clifton, who feels they are confined in unsafe working conditions as the needs of the city continue to grow.

The work would cost approximately \$10,000. It was that figure that divided council mem-

bers between the necessity for space and the constraints of a tight budget.

City Attorney Thomas J. Ryan asked if the building committee felt it had found the "lowest and best bid." Committee members said yes.

The addition would be constructed either north or west onto the existing structure to avoid sewer lines. It would provide room to accommodate equipment used by the Department of Public Works, as well as the Clarkston Police Department, city offices and meeting space.

"I think the phase approach may be a very economical way to do it," added Clifton.

Colombo raised concerns about the cost of the services.

Savage assured him they have checked into the matter.

"We have had bids as high as \$30,000 for this kind of work," he said.

Other council members exhibited less patience about the issue.

"The building needs haven't been addressed for several years," said Mike Kelley, council member. "The situation is not going to fix itself."

Clifton agreed with Kelley's sentiment.

"We have struggled as a committee long and hard over this," she said.

It seems the struggle will continue. According to City Attorney Thomas Ryan, a member of council who voted against it would have to raise the issue a second time for it to be considered.

Ryan said council members probably should've tabled the issue, but instead chose to act on it.

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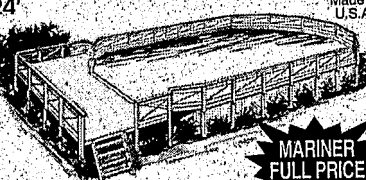
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Oakland groups split on 'shall issue' bills

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A ballot referendum on easing the rules for carrying a concealed weapon will trigger a political thunderstorm, predict representatives of two groups with strong Oakland County roots that are at loggerheads over "shall issue" legislation pending in the state legislature.

The groups — one favoring and one opposing efforts to ease restrictions on carrying hand guns — will donate considerable time and money to swaying voters to their respective positions, the spokesmen said Wednesday as a statewide showdown on "shall issue" legislation seemed to be shaping up.

"We would pull out all the stops," said Michael A. Carson, an Auburn Hills auto designer who is state chair of Brass Roots, which classifies itself as "Michigan's most aggressive pro-gun organization."

A spokesperson at the Birmingham office of Michigan Citizens for Hand Gun Control, however, said its members would devote equal resources in favor of any referendum that would "keep guns off the streets."

"We are eager to help any ballot issue" that would enable gun boards to denying gun permits to people deemed not qualified to carry them, said Marj Jackson Levin, who predicted Oakland County would be in the forefront as average citizens rally against efforts to ease restrictions carrying concealed weapons.

Carson and Levin also predicted voters would remember how law makers voted on legislation to ease gun permit regulations and hold them accountable at the polls.

Earlier in the day, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson was among a group of high profile personalities to hold a press conference in Detroit to voice their opposition to "shall issue" legislation expected to be voted upon in the state legislature this week.

With Michael E. Duggan, deputy Wayne County executive, as lead spokesman, the group denounced efforts by law makers

to ease state law on obtaining handgun permits — especially in light of the school shootings in Colorado and Georgia.

They were talking about "shall issue" bills that would provide gun permits for applicants who meet basic qualifications, such as the absence of any criminal record or history of mental illness.

If that legislation is approved by lawmakers as expected, Pat-

terson and the others — office holders, business executives, sports figures and clergy members — pledged to lead the petition drive to challenge any "shall issue" change on the ballot in 2000.

The day after the legislation passes in Lansing, said Duggan, there is a 90-day window during which advocates would have to gather about 190,000 signatures needed to put the issue to voters

in a state wide referendum.

Patterson said legislation to make hand guns easier to own and carry is ill advised and potentially dangerous. "I can't believe (Republican) David Jaye would lead the parade, and those other lemmings would follow," said Patterson.

Patterson was the most prominent Republican in the group that included high profile Democrats like Wayne County

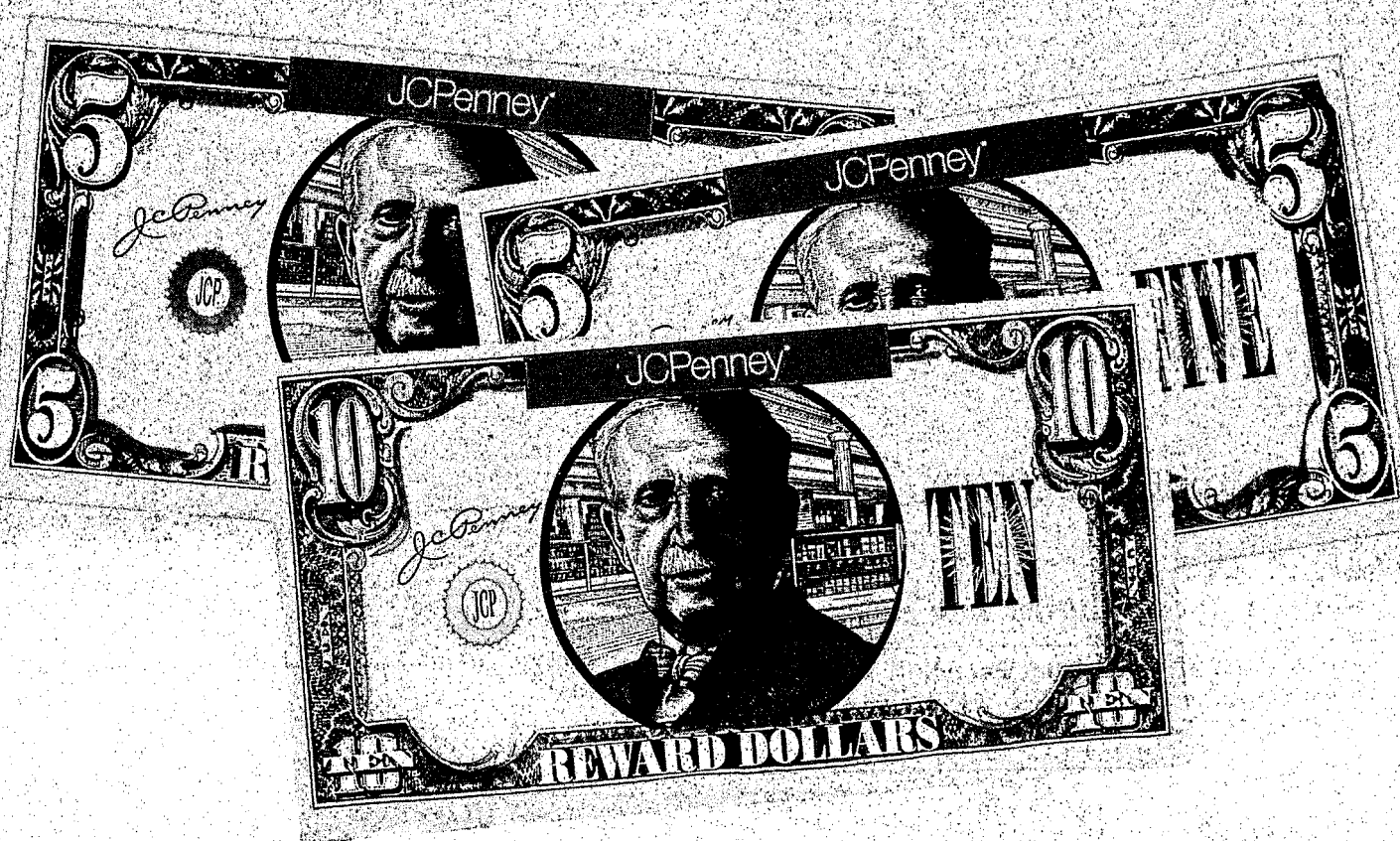
Executive Ed McNamara and Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga. The "controversy swirling around "shall issue" proposals is not partisan, they insisted.

It's a matter of bad legislation that could lead to more irresponsible people carrying handguns, they said, a situation that would lead to deadly shootings on the highways, in shopping malls or sports arenas.

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Group predicts ballot fight

BY MIKE MALOTT
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The pledge to challenge legislative efforts to "reform" the process of obtaining a permit to carry a concealed weapon in Michigan came as no surprise to Carolynne Jarvis, executive director of the Lansing-based Michigan Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence.

Before Wednesday's press conference — at which metro Detroit leaders said they would put Michigan's "shall issue" legislation on the statewide ballot in 2000 — the partnership was compiling a list of people to begin circulating petitions, Jarvis said earlier this week.

Jarvis made her comments as the State Senate was scheduled to take up two proposals that would make obtaining gun permits easier. Gun advocates insist the legislation is needed to affirm the right of citizens to bear arms, Jarvis and others say either of the "shall issue" proposals would put an additional 200,000 guns in circulation, thus increasing the chances of chance shootings.

"It's atrocious an entire legislature is saying that for adults guns are personal problem-solvers of first resort," Jarvis said, "that the world is so dangerous adults have to walk around with a gun strapped to their hip on a daily basis."

Jarvis predicted a coalition of prosecutors, sheriffs and other law enforcement agencies would ban together to put "shall issue" legislation to the voters.

Much of the debate centers on what the proposed laws say about carrying concealed weapons into schools, bars, restaurants, churches and sports arenas. The "shall issue" proposal already approved by the house, would allow establishments to post signs barring weapons on the premises. Patricia Godchaux of Birmingham was one of three Republican state representatives to vote against the bill. Jarvis said her organization favors the current system for processing gun permits that allows gun boards to deny applicants who, in the board's view, fail to demonstrate the need to carry a concealed weapon.

Reporter Pat Murphy contributed to this report.

Parks plan angling competition

Anglers can reel in the prizes during the annual Oakland County Parks Fishing Contest.

Contestants can fish in Buhl Lake at Addison Oaks near Oxford or Crooked Lake at Independence Oaks near Clarkston. The contest, running from Memorial Day to Labor Day, includes five categories of fish: northern pike, largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and perch.

Fish must be registered with parks staff the day they are caught.

Winning entries in each category will be determined by weight and length.

Participants may keep their catches, though release is encouraged. Prizes, including a \$50 gift certificate grand prize, will be awarded after Labor Day.

Anglers must follow Michigan Department of Natural Resources rules and possess a valid Michigan fishing license.

Contestants 16 and under do not need a license.

Boat rental is available at each park and parks life jackets must be worn at all times.

Addison Oaks opens at 8 a.m., Independence Oaks opens 7 a.m. Both parks close one hour after sunset.

A vehicle fee of \$8 (\$5 Oakland County resident discount rate) will be charged. Annual permits are available at each park.

Addison Oaks is on West Romeo Road, nine miles north of Rochester Road. Independence Oaks is on Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75 (exit 89).

For more information, call Addison Oaks at (248) 693-2432, Independence Oaks at (248) 625-0877 or TTY: (248) 858-1684.

Visit Oakland County Parks on-line at www.co.oakland.mi.us for park maps and discount coupons.

OBITUARIES

Rev. David E. Meier, S.J.

Rev. David E. Meier, S.J., of Clarkston died May 15, 1999, at age 81.

Rev. Meier was the former treasurer and vice president for finance at the University of Detroit. Rev. Meier entered the Jesuit Order in 1942 and was ordained a priest in 1953.

Rev. Meier is preceded in death by his sister, Sr. Helen Meier, and is survived by three sisters, Irene Bolduc (Joseph) of Muskegon, Rita Walek (Elmer) of Mesa, Ariz., Dorothy Rumer (Bill) of Los Angeles, Calif., and by two brothers, Edward J. Meier of Muskegon and Robert B. of Santa Barbara, Calif.

A funeral Mass was held Friday, May 21, at 10:45 a.m. at the Colombiere Center. Interment took place at Colombiere Center Cemetery, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road, Clarkston, attention: Rev. M. Joseph Casey, S.J.

Arrangements were made by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Troy.

Ena P. Hapgood

Ena P. Hapgood of Clarkston, formerly of Pontiac, died May

20, 1999, at age 73. Mrs. Hapgood was a care giver and friend to many.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert E. Hapgood. She is survived by her daughters, Daphne (Gerald) Stonebraker of Homer, Mich., Barbara Gahan of Clarkston, and Kathleen (Frederick) Bourjaily of Newark, Ohio; her grandchildren, Lisa Johnson, Jennifer Gahan, Ted Liddell, Ashley Bourjaily and Julie Bourjaily; her sisters, Doris Hoskins, Joyce Stratton, and Alison Steele; and her brothers, Leslie (Jean) Hoskins, David (Neda) Hoskins and James Hoskins.

A funeral Mass was held May 24 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment will be at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

Allan C. Cunningham

Allan C. Cunningham of Clarkston died May 22, 1999, at age 51. He owned and operated Clarkston Cunningham Construction. Mr. Cunningham was a veteran of the Vietnam War, where he served as a master sergeant in the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his father, Allan C. Cunningham. He is survived by his mother, Katherine M. Cunningham of Clarkston, his brother Craig E. (Constance) Cunningham, his sister Elizabeth (Randall) Bowers of Waterford, his nieces Christina, Sherrie and Kimberly, and his nephew Joseph.

A memorial service was held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the Disabled Veterans.

The Rev. John Patrick Beall

The Rev. John Patrick Beall of Clarkston died May 22, 1999 at age 74. He was at Colombiere Center since 1998. He was a Roman Catholic priest, teacher and counselor. He entered the Jesuit Order of the Society of Jesus on Aug. 8, 1942 and was ordained a priest on June 15, 1955.

The Rev. Beall taught Latin and Greek and was a freshman football coach, assistant principal, counselor and advisor at various Catholic schools in

Cincinnati, Wilmette, Illinois and Lexington, Kentucky.

He is survived by a brother, Robert J. (Elaine) Beall of Ormond Beach, Florida and was predeceased by a sister, the late Anne (the late William) Hamilton.

Visitation and prayer service was conducted at Colombiere Center on Tuesday. There will be a visitation and funeral mass Thursday, May 27 at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Illinois. Interment will be Friday, May 28 at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, Illinois. The AJ Desmond and Sons Funeral Home in Troy handled the arrangements for the Rev. Beall in Michigan.

The family requested memorials be sent to Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road, Clarkston, MI 48347. Contact the Rev. M. Joseph Casey at (248) 625-5611 for details.

William J. Quigley

William J. (Qwig) Quigley of Clarkston died May 24, 1999 at the age of 43. He was a man of nature, who was loved by all. He was employed by General Motors for more than 21 years. He graduated from Clarkston High School in 1973.

Mr. Quigley is survived by his children William J. Jr. of Rodney and Chaelen D. Michael J. and Angela M. of Orion Township, his parents Mary and Jesse Quigley, brother Paul R. (Louann) of Lake and his loving friend and former wife Denise.

The family will have an informal memorial service in June.

Arrangements were handled by Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home.

Mitchell from page A1

Sashabaw Elementary. (Sheesh. And some say that school doesn't reflect the real world?)

The Independence Township resident has so positively impacted students under her guidance that classroom teachers from both grades recently nominated her for district and county honors. Mitchell won both — Clarkston schools' 1999 Distinguished Support Service Award and the Oakland County School Boards' Betty O'Connell Award, which was also given to three other support staffers.

Mitchell's new plaques are nifty. But she described the best part of the recognition in a recent interview. "It was so cute," she said. "The kids made me a crown with glitter on it when I won the district award. Then they drew posters of me with my crown and hung them up in the classroom, congratulating me."

Ah, it's good to be queen. Mitchell, who will be moving to Iowa this summer because of her husband's job transfer, said she's enjoyed being an aide for North Sashabaw teachers Sandy Chenet, Loretta Gagnon and Natalie Schroeder.

"I have really felt like I'm a part of their team," the mother of three said. "They've made me feel included in planning and they are very willing to let me be a part of the classroom — not just a helper — which is really nice."

According to those teachers, Mitchell has brought something to the school environment that can't be measured.

Gagnon wrote in a nominating letter that Mitchell once provided a needy student with a daily snack for the entire school year. In addition to that, the aide made sure that the same child was feted with birthday treats throughout his North Sashabaw career.

"She is also known for her hugs," Gagnon stated. "Last year, a little boy in our class, who is fighting leukemia, needed hugs from Mrs. Mitchell on a daily basis."

This year, Mitchell initiated fund-raising to provide a Christmas for one of Gagnon's students, the teacher said.

In another nominating letter, Schroeder credited Mitchell for routinely working beyond the hours she was paid for so that children could be better served. She also praised Mitchell's superior emotional intelligence.

"Her 17 years of experience as a mother to her own three children has only increased her intuitiveness to children's needs, and her genuine love for all children is evident when she interacts with them."

—Natalie Schroeder
teacher, North Sashabaw
Elementary School

evident when she interacts with them," Schroeder stated.

Along with displaying a sixth sense, Schroeder said that the aide brought lunches for some children on field trip days, provided other pupils with extra clothing, gave up her own lunch times to help students and donated hours in the summer to paint classroom furniture.

All three teachers described Mitchell as a technology resource, a strong reading advocate and a gentle disciplinarian.

The award winner admitted that she's the patient type — especially when eight little ones approach her at once for help in tying their shoe laces.

"I've had a lot of people say to me, 'I don't know how you can do it. How can you deal with all these little kids?'" she said with a smile. "But I get a lot of love from them. I know I'll probably cry on the last day of school. I am going to miss them."

No, Debi Mitchell doesn't oversee grown-ups in an office.

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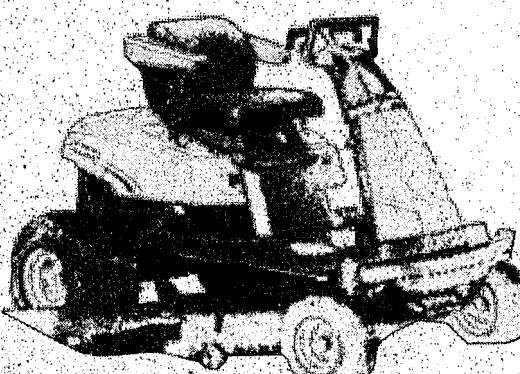


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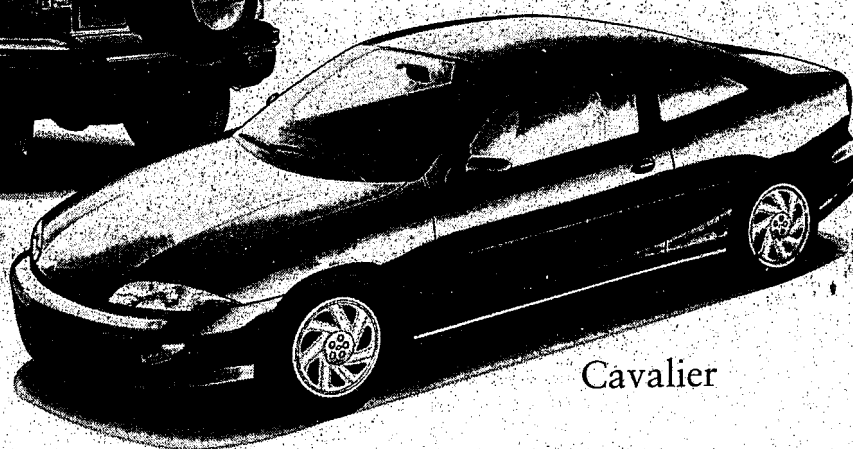
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The full story

Not all media takes a negative slant

Dear Clarkston High School student:

Last week you received a letter in the mail from Al Roberts, superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools.

The letter stated that your school has been "under siege by a news media that sometimes seems to thrive on rumor while real stories are ignored."

It went on to say that the more negative or outrageous an incident, the better the news coverage and that the positive activities, Clarkston High School students are involved in never make it to the television screen or front page of a newspaper.

"Our students do not deserve the image that has been cast upon them," he wrote.

Now, as editor of this newspaper, I would like to set the record straight.

First and foremost, not all news organizations are the same. Just as all teenagers are not bomb-planting killers, all newspapers and news organizations are not rumor-spreading sensationalists.

We in the news media suffer — just as you do — from unfair stereotyping.

The Clarkston Eccentric follows a mission statement that sets us apart from larger news organizations. Penned by our owner, Phil Power, it reads, in part, "They (the bigger competition) consider themselves to be independent from the stories and communities they cover, swooping in to write the unusual or sensational and then dashing off to cover something else. We regard ourselves as both accurate journalists and as caring citizens of the communities where we work."

The Clarkston Eccentric is a member of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, has an office in Independence Township and employs staffers and free-lancers who live in the Clarkston area. We take extra care to be fair and accurate because we write about our neighbors, the people we bump into in the grocery store, at our children's sporting events and on Sunday mornings in church.

Second, the positive activities you're involved in fill our news columns regularly. They're a large part of what we write about week in and week out.

In the past four weeks alone, the following

eight stories about the good things Clarkston High School students are doing appeared in Section A of the Clarkston Eccentric. Two ran on page one:

■ "Youth Assistance to honor teen volunteers"

■ "Little Women takes to stage at CHS"

■ "CHESS students explore electronic marketplace"

■ "Cinco de Mayo translated: A Mexican fiesta on May 5"

■ "Township recognizes Clarkston teen for heroism"

■ "Thespians graduate to grander stages"

■ "4 Clarkston-area seniors earn Academic All-Star Honorable Mention status"

■ "Class act: Picnic kicks off farewell fun for seniors"

If I had included our sports section, the list of headlines would have been too long to fit in this column. I also did not include all the stories about Clarkston elementary and middle school students, who will grow up to be Clarkston High School students.

By comparison, in that same length of time, our newspaper carried just two very short "negative" news stories — one about the graffiti, and one about the website finding. Neither incident was a rumor. Both stories ran inside the paper, not on page one.

We believe Mr. Roberts did not intend in his letter to malign the local media. At last week's Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce meeting, he publicly stated that the local newspapers do a good job of covering Clarkston schools. But since you (and most of your parents) weren't there to hear those comments, I wrote this letter.

Just as you do not deserve the image cast upon you by other news organizations, our newspaper does not deserve the image inadvertently cast upon it by the superintendent's letter.

Sincerely,

Karen Hermes Smith

Karen Hermes Smith
Editor, Clarkston Eccentric

Cooler heads should rule the roads

Maybe we should leave the traffic-safety slogans to AAA, but we'd still like to make this plea to area drivers: Please, people, mind your motoring manners.

As the most hectic summer construction season in many a year gets into full swing, let us all strive to make things a little better by simply obeying traffic laws — especially speed limits and red traffic lights — and paying attention to our driving etiquette.

Traffic in Oakland County is bad and due to get worse now that work has started on some badly-needed road, bridge and drain improvements. Officials in Oakland and from across metropolitan Detroit tell us that, as far as traffic goes, we're in for a tough five or six months, maybe longer.

Add a particularly busy road-repair season to record travel predicted in Michigan this summer and the normal heavy-steady traffic flow associated with the nation's third wealthiest county, and you have endless lines of vehicles crawling through construction zones.

Back in February and March, motorists complained about potholes and generally crummy roads in Michigan. Now many of these highways are being repaired, and folks are yelling about gridlock in the many construction zones.

There's plenty to yell about. Construction sometimes gridlocks busy Telegraph Road —

the spine of Oakland County, if any highway can be called that — from 10 Mile past 14 Mile Road. Woodward's a naggingly slow go-around 14 Mile because of a drain project.

And the freeways? Well, every single super-slab in the Detroit area has (or will soon have) some piece of construction misery associated with it. The orange construction barrels are out and the motorists are fuming.

A road debate has raged in Oakland County for more than 20 years, and it has gotten pretty nasty in certain communities at times. Do we strive to maintain the Oakland County of rolling hills and cider mills and two-lane, tree-lined roads? Or do we improve the highways to match the reality of Oakland County in the spring of 1999?

While the talking continues — hopefully above the din of the jackhammers — motorists can keep frustration from turning into tragedy by doing little things like not going through a red light or turning into heavy traffic or slowing things up with unnecessary lane changes.

You don't have to drive long on Oakland County roads to see that these little niceties are not always happening these days. Drivers are totally frustrated with the delays — and they're taking chances.

Let's stop ignoring the rules of the road and keep a cool head about what's happening on area thoroughfares.

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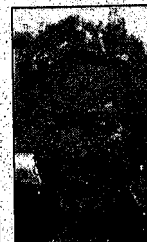
What are your plans for Memorial Day weekend?



"Playing in a baseball tournament."
Mark Richards
Waterford



"Going to New York City with the Clarkston High School choir. I'm a chaperone. It'll be fun. Busy. Very busy."
Dawn Pacella
Independence Township



"Watch the parade go by my house, go to the memorial at the cemetery, and have friends over for a cookout. The same as every year."
Barbara Weber
Clarkston



"I'll just be getting out of the hospital for knee surgery. I'll be hanging out at home."
Heather Hall
Clarkston

LETTERS

School administrative team set tone for productive year

As the 1998-99 school year draws to a conclusion, we wish to thank Dr. Al Roberts and the administration of the Clarkston Community Schools for the genuine spirit of collaboration they have articulated and modeled in so many ways during this school year. They have set a new tone of working together — school and community — toward the common good. By combining the best of educational thought and theory with a healthy dose of good old-fashioned common sense, the real winners are the youth of Clarkston.

Most especially, the recent implementing of the Search Institute Profiles in Student Life and Attitudes survey has been a milestone for our community in tackling the issues of "cause and effect." We eagerly await the survey analysis, which will help guide our community in how to most effectively address the needs of our youth.

We applaud the steadfastness of this administrative team in maintaining a clear focus and message, despite major school construction, redistricting, media distractions, interviews and hiring, and the anticipated shifting of several key administrative roles. They have exemplified the coalition model, that being "at the table" is more than just attending meetings.

The community coalition process is not based in the school setting, yet it cannot be successful without active school involvement and support. We are thankful for that in Clarkston, and look forward to the dawning of a new day, when all sectors of our community will find their place in valuing and listening to youth, and advancing the health, safety, and well-being of all who live and work in the Clarkston area.

Cindy Dixon
Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth

Arts education undervalued

It was with much chagrin and disappointment that I read your May 13 cover story dealing with yet another expansion of the Clarkston High School athletic program.

My two daughters, ages 17 and 14, both participate in the Clarkston track and field organizations, as well as the musical programs at Clarkston High School and North Sashabaw Middle School. As a conscientious parent, I have attended numerous athletic functions and nearly every concert.

While the athletic facilities, equipment and uniforms appear to be in excellent condition, if not state-of-the-art, I too have witnessed and experienced the musical programs' struggles with antiquated instruments and equipment shortages. Funding through proper budgeting is absolutely essential to maintain and/or ele-

vate the already lofty stature of Clarkston's music program.

Perhaps it would be proper for someone such as (Supt.) Dr. Roberts to explain prioritization, and the justification for these recent additions to participatory sports, while the musical programs continue with instruments and equipment sorely in need of extensive refurbishment, if not outright replacement.

One doubts that I am the only parent and taxpayer who considers music, and the arts in general, to be easily as important and influential in the development of adolescent character. Does it occur that perhaps an excellent, well-orchestrated concert can offer much more to a large percentage of students and parents than a rousing come-from-behind football victory?

Are we experiencing the slow yet inevitable retelling of "Mr. Holland's Opus"? Please, Dr. Roberts, surely you can do better than this.

Michael D. Cushing
Clarkston

Give Oakland its money

This week, we learn the state has a budget surplus of almost \$500 million. Not coincidentally, Oakland County citizens will "donate" \$600 million more taxes to the state this year than we get back in services. There is something seriously out of whack here, but Oakland County has a simple solution: Give us back our money!

A recent study found that Oakland is the only county which sends more to the state than it gets back — it is subsidizing every other county. Since 1990 Oakland has sent \$5.07 billion more to Lansing than has been returned. This is unfair, and it is hurting Oakland County citizens and businesses, most notably in our roads. Yet, when we ask for a reasonable return Lansing stonewalls with phony statistics like "Oakland gets back 90 percent of its transportation dollars." The real number is just 68 percent.

Oakland is subsidizing every other county in the state, and if our transportation infrastructure does not get a major upgrade immediately the cash cow will no longer be able to give. The citizens of Oakland County can no longer afford stonewalling or phony excuses.

Robert M. Gosselin
state representative, 42nd District

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Graduating seniors face new horizons ahead

Enter the end, arriving more swiftly than anyone had expected. The climax, the final days, and not simply for a single warm season but permanently, no more cafeteria lunches, no more fifth hour psychology, no more dangerous safaris to the basement water fountain for the coldest, most delicious water this building has to offer.

I got lost somewhere in the month of May exquisiteness, and while I remained aware that my scholastic days were numbered the idea of graduation seemed so grand, so conclusive. I subconsciously assumed it would never arrive.

And yet time is consistent, independent of our interpretation, always moving forward with brilliant maddening precision and often great sub-

tlety. So stealthful is it that only this morning, chatting idly in the front hallway with an astute senior comrade, did I become aware of our close, beautiful proximity to the great liberation.

"Do you realize, Mr. Ness," my colleague had stated with considerable rapture, "that we will never have to endure another Monday at this tedious place?"

"Quite right," I concurred after a moment of contemplation; the truth becoming suddenly vibrantly clear, "it is a blissful fact most assuredly."

Four years exploring this scene, I have observed and I have exploited and I have found pleasure and I have found frustration and I have matured and I have made the most of it and I have grown weary. The time is right

STUDENT COLUMNIST



BEN NESS

for a new scene, different distractions and virtues and indulgences.

Vasco da Gama rounded the tip of Africa and found himself in an entirely foreign ocean, in previously unknown territory whose water might lead to native cannibals or venomous hydras or the end of the Earth. And

■ Those with skill will prosper and forge a new definition of opulence and luxury, silks and spices of every imaginable flavor. We have tasted triumph and now we are ravenous. The grandeur of our victories will ascend.

yet he was not halted by these potential perils, he sailed onward, and it was not horror he came upon but wonderful things, gold and silks and spices and porcelain skinned eastern lovelies.

He comprehended and applied his own talent... for this he was rewarded.

So it shall be for those enterprising members of the graduating class who will not be daunted by the inevitable approaching challenges, native cannibals and bearded college professors in

making all sorts of rigorous academic demands. Those with skill will prosper and forge a new definition of opulence and luxury, silks and spices of every imaginable flavor. We have tasted triumph and now we are ravenous. The grandeur of our victories will ascend.

Ben Ness is a student at Clarkston High School. His column alternates with one written by Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Al Roberts.

Voucher plan could undermine public education in state

Make no mistake about it. A carefully planned, well-financed plot to use public tax dollars to finance private or religious schools is under way.

Kids First! Yes! — an outfit based in Midland and financed by multimillionaire Dick DeVos — has launched a drive to force a statewide vote that would allow public money to be spent on vouchers for tuition at private or parochial schools.

If the necessary 302,000 valid signatures from registered voters are filed with the Secretary of State, Michigan voters will vote in November 2000 whether to approve changes in the Constitution that would:

■ Repeal the ban on vouchers, tax credits or other public funding for nonpublic schools that was adopted statewide by voters in 1972.

■ Limit school vouchers to about half state and local per-pupil spending in public schools — currently about \$6,000. Any extra costs for private schools would have to come from parents, churches and other groups.

■ Require vouchers to be offered in 38 "failing" school districts, such as Detroit and Pontiac, where graduation rates are extra low.

■ Allow voters or local school boards in other communities to decide whether they want to use vouchers.

DeVos, president of Amway Corp. and a former member of the State Board of Education, says Kids First! Yes! will spend \$5 million "and go north from there" in the drive. Teachers unions and other education groups will mount fierce opposition. The result: "This might be the most expensive ballot campaign in Michigan history," according to Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics.

The Kids First! Yes! spin strategy is to present the measure as a perfectly reasonable way to empower poor parents whose kids are trapped in failing schools. Clever! This seemingly compassionate rationale masks nothing less than a direct attempt to get public dollars to fund the income of nonpublic schools.

Some indication of the smooth



PHILIP POWER

planning behind the measure can be gained by noting the timing and sequence of the announcement PR blitz. George Weeks, political reporter for The Detroit News, led off with a front page story on April 25. On April 26, Cardinal Adam Maida announced his support for the campaign. And on April 27, The News ran a favorable editorial.

And there's a semi-secret end game in this plot. Having repealed the Constitutional ban on public funding for private schools, advocates for parochial aid plan on turning to the Legislature, where a law enabling universal tax

credits for private school tuition can be passed with just 20 votes in the Senate and 56 in the House.

Now I get as frustrated as anyone at the slow and uncertain pace of reform in the public schools. The extreme measure of replacing the entire elected school board in Detroit shows just how entrenched petty school boards and powerful unions are in resisting efforts to improve public K-12 performance. That's why I think charter schools are a worthwhile experiment and a way to keep the pressure on for school reform.

But, mark my words: If we pass a wholesale voucher plan, it will siphon off public tax dollars to fund private and religious schools in Michigan and weaken the public schools as a whole. It's a reform strategy akin to the doctrine from the war in Vietnam that we had "to destroy the village in order to save it."

Sure, parents now choosing to pay the tuition bill for their kids to attend religious or elite private schools would welcome a publicly-funded voucher to

■ If we pass a wholesale voucher plan, it will siphon off public tax dollars to fund private and religious schools in Michigan and weaken the public schools as a whole.

pick up part of the tab. And lots of parents in urban areas where the schools are lousy and the pace of reform is all too slow are terribly frustrated at the few good options available to their kids.

But all this pales in the face of what kind of damage could be done to our society if we wind up destroying the entire public school system in Michigan.

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Conservancy's mission is to preserve serenity, beauty of area acreage

Have you ever revisited a community you have known only to discover that it just isn't the same, some of the features you were used to seeing were no longer there? Many people have had that experience!

Northwest Oakland County appeals to many people because of the character of the community, which features open spaces, tree stands, water, and wildlife. Also, it contains towns and dwellings dating back a couple hundred years. Without proper planning and preservation, many of these community features might be lost, and that would be a shame.

Six months ago the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy began a "strategic planning" process to enable it to serve this community even better in the future than it has in the past. While 27 years old, NOHLC needed to look ahead because there is so much more preservation which needs to be done.

Consistent with the "strategic planning" process, NOHLC has developed a mission statement, goals and objectives as an interim step. They are presented here, but must be viewed as "works in progress."

■ MISSION STATEMENT: To protect the rural character and quality of life in northwest Oakland County by conserving the woods, fields, streams and other natural resources in the headwaters area of the Clinton, Shiawassee, Huron and Flint rivers.

■ GOAL: Focus Conservancy energy on high priority natural resources, i.e. headwaters and the water and wetland corridors of the Shiawassee and Clinton river systems. Assume a proactive role in a selection of sites and in developing proposals for protection.

■ Objective: Increase the protection of critical areas of land through various conservation strategies.

■ Objective: Develop fund-raising strategies for acquiring properties and/or property rights.

■ GOAL: Continue to build the existing organization through strategic planning, a growing membership, sound fiscal policies and a knowledgeable board.

■ Objective: Develop strategic plans to strengthen the organizational structure and operations.

■ Objective:

Increase membership.

■ Objective: Develop and implement financial policies.

■ Objective: Expand knowledge of the board of directors and auditors.

■ GOAL: The Conservancy will be regarded as an organization of dedicated people who cherish and preserve natural resources for the public and for future generations.

Currently, NOHLC is working on land preservation projects in Brandon, Groveland, Independence, and Springfield Townships. Some of these projects have been in development for years, while others are new this year. All of the projects are consistent with the Conservancy's mission, goals, and objectives.

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy partners with individuals, neighborhoods, organizations, municipalities, developers, and planners in a continuing effort to preserve the best of today's natural environment so that future generations can enjoy a better tomorrow in our community.

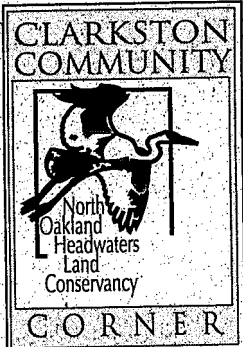
Incorporated in 1972 as the Independence Land Conservancy, the NOHLC has worked in and for the community for about 27 years.

Currently, the Conservancy enjoys stewardship of 25 parcels of land comprising approximately 516 acres, some properties totally owned and some protected by conservation/scenic easements.

NOHLC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, receiving tax-deductible gifts of all kinds. Also, various membership donation categories exist, such as a renewable life-membership donation of \$100 and an annual family membership donation of \$25.

Questions for the Conservancy may be directed to North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC), P.O. Box 285, Clarkston, MI 48347; e-mail at NOHLC@aol.com; or by calling 248-620-4700.

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CAROLYN WALKER

Mothers marvel at miracle by miniature Moses

You must picture this in your own mind's eye, for I did not have a camera with me to record the image on the day that the waters were parted along Dixie Highway. Even if I would have had a camera at my side, I could never have stopped my car in time — or focused the camera quickly enough — to capture the glory on film.

Like all glory, it transpired in an instant.

The parting of the waters, at least in my imagination, rivaled the majesty of that performed so long ago by Moses (and don't forget that he had special help). Quite simply, the parting had beauty and it had grandeur.

It happened, of course, on a day of God's creation. Late afternoon. Balmy in temperature, Sun peeking out from clouds after a previous day's deluge of rain.

I am quite sure that God sat up in his heaven — perhaps with Moses watching curiously near him (could they have been shoulder-to-shoulder and chuckling?) — and that he looked down with amused affection as we mortals jockeyed for position on the busy road.

Who would get home for dinner first? Who would make it to little league on time? Who wished they had better things to do? Who wished even harder that the traffic would go

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Bailey Lake playground has new attractions

■ New equipment paid for with surplus funds has enabled the school district to provide an obstacle course of fitness and fun at school.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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People at Bailey Lake Elementary School know that one of the best ways to get something done is to involve the school's Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).

When the PTA found itself with surplus funds, its members thought about what they could do with the money that would benefit a broad range of students and be used for years.

Physical education teacher Laurie

■ 'It's really great. The kids can use it during recess and when school isn't in session.'

—Laurie Eller
phys ed instructor

Eller suggested equipment for the playground that would be fun for children of all ages and at the same time help them strengthen their upper bodies.

"Our children do very well on the aerobic portions, on flexibility and sit-ups when it comes to fitness testing, but they weren't doing very well on upper-body strength," she said. "We needed something more for our children."

So after working with the PTA committee, consisting of Daneen Kincaid, Kelley Thomas and Laura Markarian, she left it up to the parents to get the job done.

The result is a fun, educational and health-oriented fitness center that's laid out like an obstacle course, complete with a bell in a tower to ring



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

It's fun, too: Corrinne Sanger plays on the new fitness equipment at Bailey Lake Elementary School. It was designed for fun but also provides upper-body strengthening for the students.

before a child starts the course, explained Kincaid.

It's designed to alternate upper- and lower-body activities and includes such fun things as monkey bars, a balance beam, climbing pole, parallel bars, a push-up/sit-up bench and a horizontal climbing wall.

"We followed all the safety guidelines on this," Eller stressed. "It's really great. The kids can use it during recess and when school isn't in session. I use

it during class time and teach the children how to use each piece of equipment properly. It's absolutely wonderful. The students love it and are very excited about it."

Kincaid gave tribute to the many volunteers who helped construct the \$9,000 fitness area. One Saturday, 25 volunteers showed up at the school to help spread the 30 yards of gravel donated by Holly Gravel and to spread the 100 yards of wood chips provided

by the school district.

"We had to have a foot deep of what's called a fall zone for the children to be safe. It's amazing what goes into playgrounds for safety," Kincaid said.

The only complaint Eller has heard so far about the new fitness section of the Bailey Lake Elementary School playground is that it's "too busy" during recess.

That's music to Eller's ears and to the Bailey Lake Elementary PTA.



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DeVries, Phillip
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Geilhof, Svenja
Grah, Meredith
Guzek, Andrew
Hermes, Nicole
Hunt, Rudy
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Jones, Jonathan
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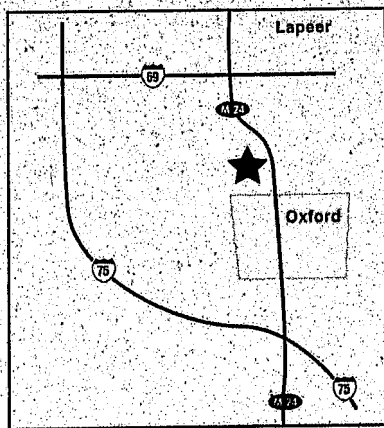
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Learning the ropes: Sea Cadet Ted Early of Oakland Township hopes to enter the U.S. Naval Academy.

'Pride'-ful sailors plumb the depths of Great Lakes

BY PAT MURPHY
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They plumbed parts of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron last year without finding the remains of the *Griffin*, the legendary French schooner that vanished in the 17th Century.

But cadets aboard the *Pride of Michigan* had fun, according to Oakland County businessman Luke Clyburn, commander of the training ship representing the U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corp.

"And they accomplished most of their goals," said Clyburn, referring to the navigational and maritime skills cadets learn as they sail the 81-foot vessel

around the Great Lakes.

The cadets and Clyburn begin the official sailing season this weekend, putting into practice skills and disciplines they learned during a winter of twice-monthly training sessions.

This year, in addition to looking for the *Griffin* and helping Oakland University scientists conduct research on zebra mussels, cadets aboard the *Pride* will have an additional goal: They'll be helping to gather data on "underwater forests," prehistoric trees at the bottom of Lake Huron and other parts of the Great Lakes.

The trees are remarkably well preserved, said Bloomfield Hills resident Elliott Smith, a marine

biologist who with OU biologist Douglas Hunter and retired botanist James Wells oversees the research.

"They're pretty much the same as they were 8,000 years ago," he said. "If you dried the wood out, it would burn."

Smith and other scientists say carbon dating the underwater trees will provide valuable information on the climate patterns of 8,000 years ago — after the last Ice Age, but before the Great Lakes expanded to present levels.

The *Pride*, with its cadets and scientists are scheduled to sail into the southern part of Lake Huron Friday morning, where divers will go to the 45-foot level and the underwater forests. Saturday and Sunday they will be part of memorial services at Port Sanilac and on Harson's Island in the Detroit River.

Other excursions this summer will also take the *Pride* and its crew to the northern portions of Lake Michigan, the eastern shores of Georgian Bay in Ontario and the eastern waters of Lake Erie. The *Pride* will again be the starting ship for the Gold Cup hydroplane races off Belle Isle.

Cadet Ted Early, an Oakland Township resident, said he is looking forward to the weekend and the summer. "I like navigating," said Early, who plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. "But I'm particularly interested in the engines and the hydraulic systems."

Early, 17, enjoys science and electronics. He said he joined the cadet program to enhance his chances of being admitted to Annapolis. "Besides good grades," he said, "you have to



Elliott Smith

demonstrate an interest in the Navy.

Exploring the underwater forests is compatible with searching for the *Griffin*, said Clyburn, referring to the 60-ton schooner that sailed, laden with furs, from Green Bay in September, 1679. It never reached its destination at Fort Niagara, and its crew of five was never found.

Both involve exploring the depths of the Great Lakes, he said. And both expose cadets to the basic disciplines needed to operate a ship, as well as high-tech skills like those needed to operate underwater cameras.

"I'm very proud of our program," said Clyburn, who has been the senior advisor and commander for about two decades.

Although many of the 26 cadets who crew the *Pride* have already been through a version of Navy boot camp at the Great Lakes Training Center, prospective cadets will still be considered for this year's program, said Clyburn. Additional information is available at (248) 666-9359.

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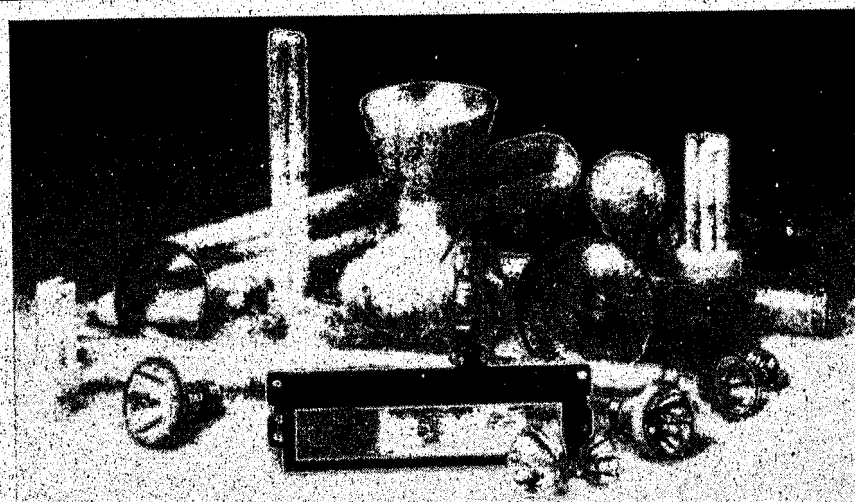
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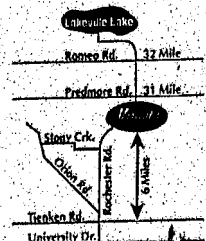
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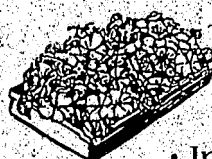
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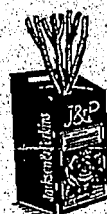
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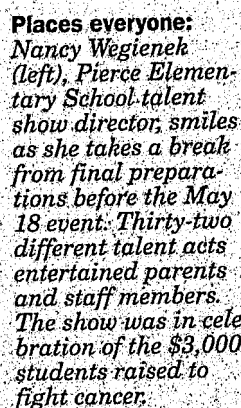
Nancy Wegienek
—organized talent show

Young cancer battler inspires kids to help fight the disease

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Over time, Andrew said he began to understand the serious

In the future, Andrew said he hopes to continue to get the chance to serve as inspiration for other kids.



But more than a speech, Andrew's explanation of his battle with cancer was really designed to motivate, congratulate and thank staff and students at Pierce for their efforts to raise money for Dr. Charles Main, chief of staff for pediatric Hematology and Oncology at William Beaumont Hospital.

"I wasn't nervous. I was just really glad to be able to talk and maybe inspire some of the kids with my story," Andrew said.

The day also included 36 student talent acts of singers, dancers and magicians performing before an audience of parents and staff. The acts were in celebration of the year-long fund raising effort for Main's work with child cancer patients.

"You could see the success on the faces of the children as they finished their performance," said Nancy Wegienek, the parent organizer of the talent show. "When people are doing something with a purpose, it means more."

The year-long fund drive for Main's cancer research was conducted by Pierce's entire student body, and the student council netted more than \$3,000.

Andrew's battle with cancer began on his fifth birthday when he began having what his mother described as a sharp stomach ache.

A diagnosis of the seemingly routine problem showed Andrew to have a cancerous tumor growing on his right kidney.

The problem required Andrew to undergo chemo and radiation therapy as well as a kidney removal operation.

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Enrollment increases at Oakland University

Oakland University's spring enrollment climbed by 3.2 percent compared to last spring's total, the sixth consecutive year of growth in overall headcount.

Spring 1999 enrollment totaled 6,919 compared to last year's 6,703.

The gain follows an increase in winter 1999's headcount to 13,628, up from 13,295 in winter 1998. Winter 1999 was OU's highest winter enrollment total ever.

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Full time position in good working environment for Royal Oak based leasing & management company involves customer service, 401(k) and health benefits. Mail or fax resume: GH Investment, 4031 Crooks Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073 or fax 248-549-3510

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For driving 3 ton box truck in the tri-county area, company provided truck (automatic). Full time days, overtime available. Must possess or be able to obtain chauffeur license. Basmouth edge of tri-county area helpful. Will train. Apply in person Mon-Fri, 10:40pm, 953 Manufacturers Drive, Newburgh/Cherryhill area in Westland.

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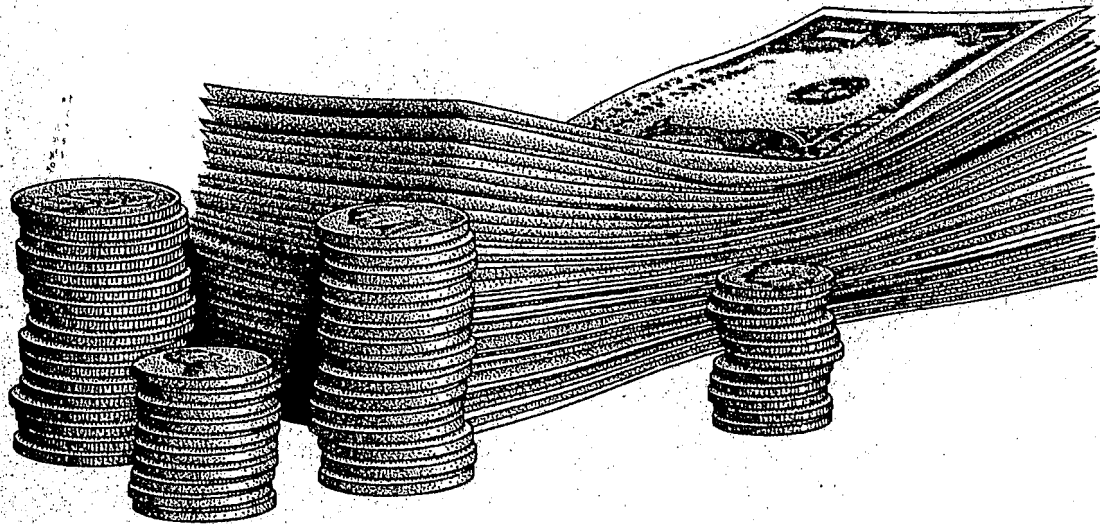
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OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

Blue gill bite hitting its stride

The small rubber spider jittered as it touched down on the smooth, calm surface of the lake. After letting it rest for a moment I began creeping it ever so slowly toward shore until suddenly it disappeared in a swirl of water.

After setting the hook with a quick snap of my wrist a truculent battle ensued with a fat, feisty blue gill.

With warm weather-infiltrating southeastern Michigan, the water temperature on local inland lakes is rising and the best blue gill bite of the season appears to be hitting stride.

Throughout the months of May and June, depending on the arrival of spring-like weather, shallow water along the shore of nearly all inland lakes gets overrun with nesting (bedding) blue gills. The males show up first and each will fan out a circular nest (bed) in the sand or gravel bottom.

After making the nest the male waits around in anticipation of the arrival of a female, who will deposit eggs in the nest then disappear back into deeper water. The aggressive male then fertilizes the eggs and stands watchful guard over the nest for the next few weeks.

Heavy concentrations

With so many fish concentrated in the shallows they are especially vulnerable to anglers during this period.

Blue gill are the bread and butter fish of most inland lakes in the state. Some lakes are so overrun with them that the fish are actually stunned and never reach more than five or six inches in length. In other lakes, with a healthy predator/prey ratio, gills can reach in excess of 10 inches in length and sometimes weigh over a pound.

The secret to catching spawning blue gills is to be cautious in your approach. Gills are easily spooked while bedding in the shallows. Whether fishing from shore or from a boat, be exceptionally quiet and light-footed as you approach the shoreline. Don't cast your shadow on the water either, as it will surely scare the fish.

Small rubber spiders, flies, poppers and the old reliable hook and worm are top producers at this time of year.

If you're surface fishing, let your offering rest for a minute then begin a slow, jerky retrieve. This lively action on the surface of the water is irresistible to a hungry blue gill.

Hook and worm anglers can let their bait float to the bottom, then drag it through the nesting area. If the fish seem reluctant to bite, drop your worm right in the middle of a nest. The male standing guard will immediately remove the intruder. Tear drops tipped with a wiggler or a wax worm are also deadly in the spring.

Big fish, little fish

The smaller fish will bed in shallow water (two to four feet) while the bigger fish will be bedded in slightly deeper water (four to eight feet).

If you've had a notion to pick up the sport of fly fishing, but haven't quite taken the plunge, this spring fishery provides a great opportunity to give it a try.

It's also a great time to take a child fishing. Action is often sizzling and you don't need any fancy, special equipment. Any medium to light - or better yet ultra light - spinning combo will work.

A long cane pole is even effective at this time of year as long as the angler using it can remain quiet and not spook the fish while getting bait into the water.

The lighter the line the better. Four-pound test will work, but I prefer two-pound test so I don't spook the fish.

A friend of mine swears by one-pound test, which isn't much more than sewing thread, and always catches his fill.

I prefer to tie my hook directly to the line, bypassing a snap swivel. This allows me to offer my bait with a more natural presentation.

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Wolves grab wild and woolly win from Dragons

BY BRAD KADRACH
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The Lake Orion Dragons looked a gift horse in the mouth Monday, and it wound up costing them a win in the first game of an Oakland Activities Association Division I baseball double-header with Clarkston.

The Dragons took advantage of four Clarkston errors to build an 8-2 lead through three innings. Then the Dragons committed several errors in the closing innings and lost the game, 11-10, as the Wolves rallied for three runs in the sixth inning and three more in the seventh.

The Dragons led 8-3 through the fourth inning, thanks in part to Clarkston's defensive generosity and a home run from outfielder Mike Crawford.

But Clarkston began scrapping back into the game with two runs in the fifth. Adam Leech singled, then scored on Chris Mitchell's double. One out later, Brett Crawford singled Mitchell to third, and Mitchell scored on a single by Eric Jenks.

District draw

Here is the draw for next week's Division I baseball district at Lapeer East:

■ Game 1 — Clarkston vs Lapeer East, Tuesday, June 1, 5 p.m.

■ Game 2 — Game 1 winner vs Grand Blanc, Saturday, June 5, 9:30 a.m.

■ Game 3 — Lapeer West vs Lake Orion, Saturday, June 5, 11:30 a.m.

■ Game 4 — Championship game, Saturday, June 5, 2 p.m.

Francis Hodges then beat out an infield single to load the bases, and Lake Orion coach Andy Schramek brought Jason Bullock in to relieve starter Eduardo Garcia. Bullock got out of the jam with a pair of strikeouts. Lake Orion couldn't score in its half of the fifth, and Clarkston took advantage of the suddenly-quiet Lake Orion

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Swinging away: Clarkston's Chris Mitchell takes his hacks during the Wolves' 11-10 win over Lake Orion Monday.

On track: Clarkston senior overcomes injuries to put strong kick on running career

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With the finish line in sight, Lissa Lukens was putting all of her might into a strong kick. But a major hurdle halted her from reaching that destination.

The site was the Michigan Speedway down in the Irish Hills of Brooklynn in November 1996 when Lukens was competing in the Lower Peninsula Class A girls cross-country state championships. But her sophomore season was ended just a quarter-mile prematurely by a the freakiest of accidents.

"I had just entered the stadium and I was starting my kick when I felt this sharp twitch in my (left) leg and I said to myself, 'ooh, that hurt,'" recalled Lukens, now a senior distance runner at Clarkston High School. "I kept running and then about 5-6 steps later I just collapsed and I started to scream."

Lukens had an undiagnosed stress fracture in her left leg, and the constant pounding from running eventually snapped her tibia in two places at the state meet, putting Lukens in the hospital and on the disabled list for close to six months.

"It was just one of those freaky things that happened," said Clarkston girls cross-country and track distance coach Deb Zonca. "She was so close to the finish line and then all of a sudden, she was on the ground in agony."

Lukens wound up missing her entire sophomore track season and has battled numerous leg injuries since that unforgettable moment in the fall of '96.

But the gutsy 17-year old has overcome all that adversity and is enjoying a fine senior campaign as one of the Wolves' top distance runners.

Lukens runs a leg on Clarkston's 3,200-meter relay quartet that has clocked an Oakland County best 9:45.5, and has also run 5:25.8 in the 1,600 meters and 12:31.5 in the 3,200 meters.

Her time in the 1,600 also ranks among the top 10 in talent-laden Oakland County.

"She has really come a long way," Clarkston veteran head girls track & field coach Gordie Richardson said of Lukens. "Sometimes when a kid has a lot of injuries, they'll eventually give up. But not Lissa. She is a competitor who does not give up. She always wants to do well. Lissa is a very dedicated young woman and is a great kid."

Although Lukens didn't miss much competition during her junior cross country and track seasons, she did have to fight through some minor leg injuries, primarily in her shin areas.

But injuries mounted again during her senior cross country campaign and she only ran in a couple of meets at the end of the season.

"I remember sitting out during track my sophomore year and it just drove me nuts," said Lukens. "I would help out with the meets and cheer my teammates on, but standing there on the sidelines really bothered me."

"Then this fall I only ran in a couple of meets in cross country and being



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Distance dandy: Clarkston's Lissa Lukens, finally in good health, has put together a solid senior campaign for the Wolves.

out most of the season again just drove me crazy. I couldn't stand not being able to compete."

During track last spring, Lukens qualified for the state finals in the 3,200 relay as the Wolves finished ninth in 9:39.9 — just one place shy of a state medal.

And this year Lukens will be making a return trip to the state championships, which will be held June 5 at Midland High School.

Lukens teamed up with classmates Jennifer Rooding and Rachel Uchman and junior Nicole Fisher to place third Saturday at the Port Huron Northern regional in the 3,200 relay in an additional qualifying time of 9:55.2. The state cut-off time in Class A was

9:58.2.

Although Clarkston is seeded 22nd out of 30 teams for the state meet, the Wolves' 3,200 relay unit won't be in the fast heat and will be hard-pressed to place in the top eight and earn a medal.

However, just being able to represent Clarkston at the state finals one last time is enough satisfaction for Lukens.

"I just want to be able to run in one last state meet," she said. "After all of the injuries I've had, I really want to run against the best one last time. If our team places and we earn a medal, that will just be icing on the cake."

Apparently, Lissa Lukens is back on track.

Wolves send 7 to state meet

Boys 2nd, girls 3rd at OAA, B3

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Jordan Desilets has been known to turn some heads of spectators at a track & field meet and the Lake Orion senior didn't disappoint Saturday in the final regional meet of his dramatic career.

Desilets won the 1,600 run in a blistering 4:22.3 and placed second in both the 800 and 3,200 meters as Lake Orion had the highest finish of any area team Saturday, finishing fourth at the Port Huron Northern regional with 43 points.

The top two finishers plus others who reach the qualifying standard qualify for the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Class A state track & field meet June 5 at Midland High School.

"Jordan wanted to qualify in three events. Even though I told him that there would be a chance that he could be beat, he really wanted to give it a try," said Lake Orion distance coach Stan Ford. "Considering the conditions, he did well. We'll see what he'll do at the state meet."

The 18-team regional took place under a constant drizzle with fog and cool winds coming in off Lake Huron, but that didn't prevent several area individuals from earning a berth for the state meet.

In the 1,600, Desilets outlasted Clarkston's David Sage (4:24.6) to defend his regional championship, while Orion senior Eric Lohr also qualified in the 1,600 (4:29.6) as six individuals made the qualifying standard.

In the 800, Clarkston junior Kevin Breen edged Desilets 1:58.3-1:58.31, while Sage won the 3,200 (9:37.3), defeating Desilets by close to 17 seconds.

Clarkston, which had its winning 3,200 relay unit disqualified due to a minor uniform rules infraction, tied for sixth in the meet with 42 points.

Oxford placed 15th in the meet with eight points on the strength of sophomore Rob Ellerman's second-place showing in the high jump (6-2).

In the girls meet, Lake Orion freshman Ashley Patten escaped a competitive field to win the 300 hurdles in a track record time of 47.3.

Clarkston led all area teams, finishing fourth for the second straight year with 40.33 points. Oxford was sixth with 33 points, while Lake Orion, which scored just one point at last year's regional meet, finished eighth with 23 points.

The unit of Rachel Uchman, Lissa Lukens, Jennifer Rooding and Nicole Fisher placed third and qualified in the 3,200 relay with a 9:55.2 clocking to pace Clarkston.

Uchman also won the long jump (16-2.5) and teamed up with Rooding, Brittani Brewer and Fisher on the runner-up 1,600 relay quartet (4:14.0). Rooding also qualified in the 800 (2:24.2) with a third-place finish.

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Wolves rally to stop Dragons as district tournament nears

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It looked for awhile as though the Lake Orion Dragons would atone for a doubleheader defeat earlier in the softball season.

Then came the fourth inning. Candace Morgan and Sarah Kleinedler had two-run singles and the Wolves overcame a 3-0 deficit to post a 5-3 come-from-behind win over Lake Orion Monday, giving the Wolves their third win in four tries this year over the Dragons. The win lifted Clarkston to 24-13 overall, 8-7 in Oakland Activities Association Division I play.

Lake Orion's only win came in a tournament a couple of weeks ago.

The game was played in bitter cold, which may have been a factor in the result.

"The weather really decided that game," Clarkston coach Al Land said. "It was difficult to stay into that game mentally, it was so cold. I think even the coaches were cold."

Lake Orion (17-9 overall, 7-8 OAA I) took a 3-0 lead early by scoring two runs in the first and another in the second. Senior Bobbi Conner finished with four hits, including a triple she ripped off the outfield fence. Freshman JoAnna LaPine, play-

District draw

Here is the draw for next week's Division I baseball district at Lapeer East:

■ **Game 1** — Clarkston vs Lapeer East, Tuesday, June 1, 5 p.m.

■ **Game 2** — Game 1 winner vs Grand Blanc, Saturday, June 5, 9:30 a.m.

■ **Game 3** — Lapeer West vs Lake Orion, Saturday, June 5, 11:30 a.m.

■ **Game 4** — Championship game, Saturday, June 5, 2 p.m.

ing shortstop in place of sophomore Melissa Wilson, also had a solid game for the Dragons, chipping in a pair of hits.

Sophomore Jodi Dempsey was cruising — until the fourth.

Clarkston's Mandie Harrison started it all with a walk. The Wolves loaded the bases and junior pitcher Candace Morgan ripped a two-run single. The Wolves reloaded the bases, and Kleinedler — a transfer student who is earning more playing time recently — belted a pinch-hit single that drove home two more runs. Lake Orion chipped in with an error and Mary Warchuck had a double during the rally.

■ **'It was difficult to stay into that game mentally, it was so cold.'**

Al Land
—Clarkston softball coach

The inning ruined what had been a fine performance by Dempsey.

"Except for that one inning, she dominated them," Lake Orion coach Dennis Davis said. "Clarkston had small little hits that tore us up in that one inning."

Morgan and freshman Lisa Ferguson split the pitching duties Monday, with Morgan going the first four and Ferguson finishing up.

"That was by design, because we could see them again in the districts," Land said.

Both teams finished their OAA I seasons Wednesday, Clarkston with a doubleheader at Troy and the Dragons hosting OAA I champion Waterford Kettering. District play starts Tuesday, with the Wolves meeting Lapeer East at 4 p.m.

Lake Orion drew Lapeer West in one semifinal, while the winner of the Lapeer East-Clarkston game gets Grand Blanc in the other.

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bats by scoring three times in the sixth. Brett Gove was hit by a pitch. One out later, Mitchell beat out an infield single, his third hit of the day. Spencer Hynes was robbed of extra bases on a great running catch by Orion's Jon Garcia near the fence in left-center.

Brett Crawford then beat out an infield single to load the bases. Two runs scored on a Lake Orion error, and the tying run scored when Hodges struck out on a pitch in the dirt, then beat the play at first, with Crawford scoring the third run of the inning.

Hynes, working in relief, set the Dragons down 1-2-3 in the sixth, and Clarkston put together what proved to be the winning rally in the seventh. Joe Oliver singled to right and went to second on a passed ball. Brett Gove laid down a perfect bunt and the Dragons couldn't make a play. Leech beat out a grounder to short, scoring Oliver. Gove scored on a grounder to short, and Leech scored on Brett Crawford's single.

But the Dragons wouldn't go down without a fight. Steve Seargent drew a walk leading off the seventh. Adam Eldridge

ripped a triple off the right field fence, scoring Seargent. Eldridge scored when the throw home got away from Clarkston catcher Derek Casper to make it 11-10.

Hynes then got two strikeouts and ended the game by inducing Mike Crawford to bounce back to the mound.

"We tried to give them the game, and they gave it right back," Clarkston coach Phil Price said. "(Mitchell) didn't pitch all that well, but he was an absolute stud at the plate. And (Hynes) didn't hit that well, but he came in and shut them down."

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Boys finish 2nd, girls are 3rd as OAA season comes to close

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In a showcase such as the Oakland Activities Association Division I track & field meet, the team with the superior depth usually prevails. And depth is exactly the horse Rochester Adams rode to victory this season.

The Highlanders' girls team only won three events Tuesday, but scored in 15 of 16 events total en route to an impressive 140 points at the seven-team league meet at Adams under rainy skies and temperatures in the high 80s.

The decisive win, coupled with a perfect 6-0 division dual meet record, gave Adams its second straight OAA Division I title.

"I think from the beginning the girls wanted to win the conference championship outright. They did not want to share the title or back into it," said Adams coach Gary Inman. "We had a lot of girls score points today. Nobody did anything spectacular because of the weather, but we did enough to win it."

The Pontiac Northern, Adams and Clarkston boys teams all posted 5-1 dual meet records, so Tuesday's league finale was a winner-takes-all showdown. And Northern once again displayed its brilliant speed and rolled up 126 points to claim their third straight division title.

Clarkston, the OAA Division II champion a year ago, was second

with 91 points, while Adams (78), Pontiac Central (71.75), Troy (62.75), Rochester (49.75) and Southfield (16.75) rounded out the field in the boys meet.

"I knew before the season that we could compete," said Clarkston coach Walt Wyniemko. "To go into the league meet in a three-way tie for first was exciting for us. We didn't win, but we still did a great job. I'm proud of this team."

Southfield finished a distant second in the girls meet with 103.5 points, while Clarkston (81.5), Rochester (80), Pontiac Northern (46), Troy (27) and Pontiac Central (15) finished out the scoring.

But while Adams was busy running away with the meet, Southfield senior Carly Knazze was busy turning heads. The University of Michigan-bound Knazze won the 400 in a blistering, unofficial time of 56.9, topped the field in the 100 (11.9) and 200 (25.9), and anchored the winning 1600 relay quartet (4:08.4) for the Blue Jays.

Clarkston, which finished second in the overall standings, received victories from Rachel Uchman in the long jump (17-5) and Jennifer Rooding in the 800 (2:25.2), while Rooding teamed up with Lissa Lukens, Uchman and Nicole Fisher on the winning 3200 relay unit (9:54.1).

"I'm very pleased right now," said Clarkston girls coach Gordie Richardson. "We didn't do as well as we had hoped because of injuries and the

weather, but we finished second overall. And in this league, I can't complain about that."

Lindsay Bond of Southfield won both the 100 hurdles (15.5) and 300 hurdles (49.2), Adams' Jill Nadlonak won the high jump (4-9), Katie Boyles of Adams took the 1600 (5:28.7), Chelsea Gotshall of Adams the 3200 (11:54.3) Jane Shell of Rochester the shot put (34-3), Troy's Rachel Fuller the discus (107-1) and Pontiac Northern won the 800 relay (1:49.6) to conclude the winners in the girls meet.

Northern rode to the league meet triumph on the strength of six victories as Jason Wingo won the 200 (23.2), Rich Armstrong the 300 hurdles (40.8), DeAndre Shelton the 800 (1:59.5), Hassan Shelmenson-Bay the long jump (20-4.5), James Copper the 100 (11.2), while the above-mentioned foursome also won the 400 relay (43.9).

Clarkston's David Sage was the meet's lone individual double-winner as he broke the tape in the 1600 (4:31.7) and 3200 (10:02.2).

Troy's Brian Ottney added a win in the shot put (53-8), Jason Graves of Troy topped a competitive field in the discus (144-8), Raphael Fauza of Clarkston won the high jump (6-1), and Central's Antwoine Ball the 400 (50.1).

Central also won the 1600 relay (3:33.4) and the Clarkston quartet of Sage, Kevin Breen, Brett Quantz and Matt Haver won the 3200 relay (8:27.0).

Oxford sweeps Mt. Morris in softball twin bill

The Oxford Wildcats have gotten pretty good pitching most of this season.

On Monday at Mt. Morris, the Wildcats put it together with solid defense and timely hitting, and the result was predictable: a sweep of their Flint Metro League softball doubleheader with the Panthers.

Junior Jenna Podzikowski spun a five-hitter as Oxford won the opener 6-4, and senior Julie

Prince scattered seven hits as the Wildcats pulled off the sweep with a 4-2 win in the nightcap.

"It might have been the best we've looked all year," said Oxford coach Jim Decker, who watched his Wildcats win four of their final six FML games to finish 5-9 in conference play. "They've pitched well all year. We've just been making errors behind them."

The defense was solid for the

most part Monday. Oxford even pulled off a couple of double plays behind their pitchers.

Podzikowski struck out three Panthers in seven innings of work in the opener, and helped her own cause with a 2-for-3 hitting performance at the plate. Podzikowski scored two runs and had two runs batted in.

She was part of a productive battery. Catcher Jill Allen also went 2-for-3 at the plate.

Eagles eye MACS soccer title

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Dennis Hopkins is definitely hoping that the third time is a charm.

Hopkins, the girls soccer coach at Clarkston Springfield Christian, has witnessed his squad fall in the finals of the Michigan Association of Christian Schools tournament to arch-rival Davison Faith Baptist.

Well, Hopkins will get his third straight shot at Faith, the top-ranked team and the defending champions, at 11 a.m. in Davison as his Eagles claimed a 5-0 state semifinal triumph Tuesday in Clarkston over third-ranked Rochester

■ 'It was a pretty sloppy game, but I guess I'll take it.'

Dennis Hopkins
—Springfield coach

Hills Christian.

Senior midfielder Missie Bowen scored three goals, giving her 16 on the season and classmate Stephanie Rankin added two others for the Eagles (13-4-1). Rochester Hills Christian finished 7-7-1.

"It will be nice to get another shot at them," said Hopkins, whose squad lost to Faith 5-1 and tied the Soldiers 2-2 earlier this season. "I know the girls wanted to get back to the title game and face (Faith)

again."

Springfield, which also received two assists from Sarah Beardslee and another from Katie Reece, took a 2-0 halftime lead on goal from Bowen and Rankin before beating Rochester Hills goalkeeper Becky Slotz three times in the second half.

Meanwhile, Springfield sophomore Holley Vanaman and junior Suzanne Rydman, split time in goal and recorded their 10th shutout of the season — the Eagles' fourth straight.

"It was a pretty sloppy game, but I guess I'll take it considering that we're back in the finals," said Hopkins. "We didn't do anything spectacular, just another team effort."

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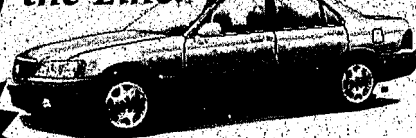


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Colts, Red Hawks seek county crown

BY CHRIS MAYER
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One of the state's most consequential track and field meets is about to reach a milestone.

Friday's Oakland County Track and Field Meet marks the 40th running of the famed event, which originated in 1960 with a county boys meet in Southfield.

This year's competition is set for Hazel Park High School — the festivities kick off at 8:30 p.m. with the field events — and what's shaping up as an intriguing battle for top team honors should keep the tradition alive.

"The Oakland County meet hasn't lost any of its luster over the years," Birmingham Brother Rice track coach Bob Stark said. "It's still one of the premier meets in the state every year."

"This meet has been around for a lot of years," Southfield track coach William Watson said. "And by us being in Oakland County, I always want to support it. It's a tremendous meet."

The last five years running, Pontiac Northern's boys team has celebrated a county championship. The Huskies, in search of a seventh county

title this decade, scored 87 points a year ago and placed 25 points ahead of runner-up White Lake Lakeland.

One of the teams that could possibly unseat Northern is Walled Lake Central.

The Vikings, who finished fourth at the county meet last year, are enjoying a tremendous season and they're certainly familiar with the Huskies.

Central edged Northern by one-half point to capture the Ashley Relays title and both teams competed at last week's Class A Milford regional where Northern was first and Central took third.

"We're going there to win it," Central coach Steve Dollaway said. "We've done it (beat Pontiac Northern) a couple of times this season and that would be a great way to go out. If everyone does well and gives it their best, things will take care of themselves."

Brother Rice, which tied for 10th place at last year's county meet, continues to improve.

The Warriors placed first at last Saturday's Class A West Bloomfield regional thanks to six first-place finishes, two by distance runner Ben Evans.

"All of our kids ran their best at regionals," Stark said. "From the start of the year

'This meet has been around for a lot of years. I always want to support it. It's a tremendous meet.'

William Watson
—Southfield track coach

until now, we've probably improved more than any Rice team has in a long time."

Other area teams to watch include Southfield-Lathrup and Troy.

The Chargers ran second at the West Bloomfield regional, winning five events, and feature sprinter Jason Thurman, long jumper Tony Smith and discus/shot put thrower Joe Tate.

Troy, meanwhile, came in third at the Class A Warren Mott regional and excels in the field events behind throwers Brian Ottney and Matt Graves.

The county girls championship was first contested in 1974 at West Bloomfield — Walled Lake Western ascended to the top spot that year with 95 1/2 points — and recent meets have seen Southfield emerge as an area power.

The Blue Jays, the two-time defending champions, have captured four of the last five

county crowns and Watson's squad should challenge for first place again this year.

Southfield is coming off an incredible 128-point performance at last Saturday's Class A West Bloomfield regional.

"We really look forward to competing at the Oakland County meet and after the (regional meet) we just had I expect us to do well," Watson said.

"But it's going to take another performance like we had the regionals in order to come out on top. We can't go in there thinking we can just show up and win. That doesn't happen at the county meet."

Oakland Activities Association Division I champion Rochester Adams, Rochester, Clarkston, Novi, Walled Lake Western and Lathrup will also be worth watching.

Adams and Western finished 3-4 at the Milford regional, while Rochester won four events at the West Bloomfield regional and placed second, four points ahead of Lathrup, which is led by high jumper/long jumper Nicole Randolph.

"We have good people in most events," Adams coach Gary Inman said, "so if we're healthy, we should score some points and finish pretty high."

Eagles advance to finals

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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The comeback kids have done it again.

After posting just a 2-13 record a year ago, the baseball team from Clarkston Springfield Christian continued its amazing turnaround Tuesday with a 14-6 triumph over Troy Bethany Christian in the semifinals of the Michigan Association of Christian Schools state tournament.

The win sends the second-seeded Eagles (16-4) into the MACS finals for the first time since 1994 where they will meet top-ranked Temperance State Christian at 2 p.m. Saturday in Clarkston.

"Baseball has not been the precedent at the school the past few years so it's nice to see us kind of turn it around after a couple years of struggles," said Springfield second-year manager Pat Wagner. "At the beginning of the season, I was really hoping for a five-hundred season or maybe a seven-hundred season if things went well. But we have exceeded all expectations."

Junior right-hander improved to 6-1 on the mound, going 3 2/3 innings to get the win for Springfield, while freshman right-hander Ben Munce picked up his third save.

"Our pitching is where we have really improved this year," said

Wagner. "And Matt Lontech has been pretty consistent behind the plate."

Springfield trailed 6-4 heading the bottom half of the fourth, but Bethany (9-7) erupted for six runs in that frame. But the Eagles bounced back with three runs of their own with junior Matt Christie driving in the eventual game-winner with two out, giving Springfield a 7-6 lead.

Senior Tony Gonzales led the attack by reaching base five times, going 2-for-2 with three intentional walks while driving in one run. Junior Greg Irish was 1-3 with two RBI and Christie was 3-3 with two RBI and three runs scored for the Eagles.

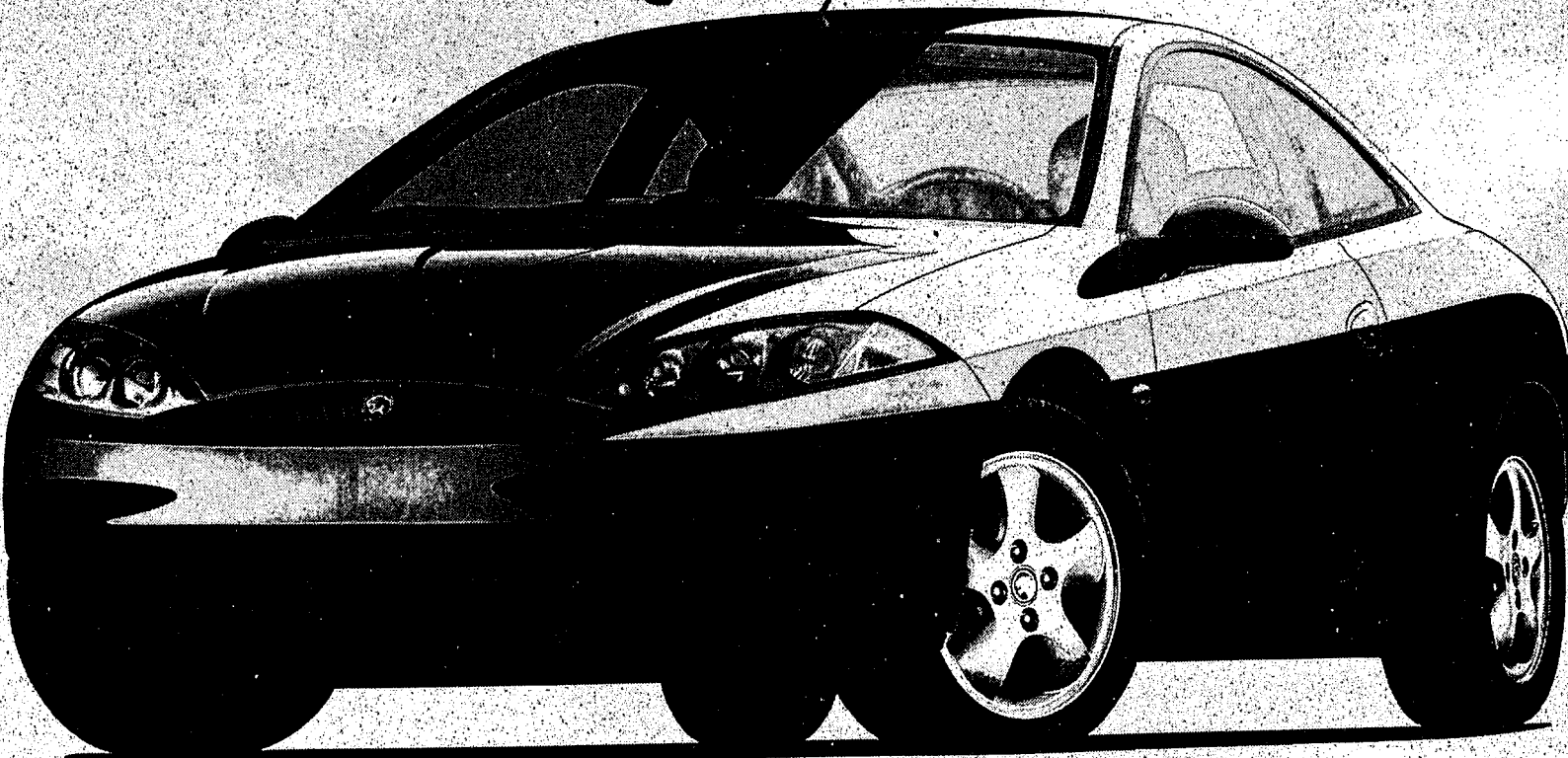
"I think the guys can taste it now," said Wagner. "I think they have built up some confidence and they really think they can win the championship."

Clarkston Springfield Christian 9, Vassar Juniata Christian 8 — At Clarkston on Friday, freshman right-hander Ben Munce pitched 5 2/3 innings in relief with seven strikeouts to lead Springfield to its first MACS regional title in 12 years. Junior catcher Matt Lontech scored three times and had two RBI to lead Springfield's offensive attack. Junior Greg Irish added two RBI and sophomore Bo Pritchard scored twice for the Eagles (14-3).

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SATURDAY

Eddie Money (above) and Stewart Francke perform 7:30 p.m. at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets \$12.50 pavilion, \$7.50 lawn. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com> for more information.

SUNDAY

The pop band P.S. I Love You, featuring Dave Stroughter of Birmingham, performs 9 p.m. at Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. The show is free and open to those ages 21 and older. Call (248) 543-4300 for more information.

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Hot Tix: Spend some time discovering the past at Greenfield Village in Dearborn during Civil War Remembrance, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and Monday, May 30-31. Admission \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors age 62 and over, \$7.50 kids ages 5-12, children under 5 and members free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

Smooth

Earl Klugh, Kimmie Horne carry on the jazz tradition

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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The Detroit area has always been fertile ground for developing musical talent, and many of those who make it to the national stage decide to stay here and pass the tradition along.

Guitarist Earl Klugh of West Bloomfield remembers when he was a student at Mumford in the late '60s and early '70s.

"There were a lot of great players at my school and great

players at Northwestern and Cass Tech, so many good musicians and many of them went on to play professionally," he said.

For Detroit singer Kimmie Horne inspiration came in the late '80s from an established Detroit music fixture.

"It started about 10 years ago, I went to see a local performer, Norma Jean Bell, and that was the first group I got involved with. After seeing all the energy she possessed, I said I want to do that," Horne said. "Also, it was a female doing it

and that inspired me. I said, 'That's what I want to do.'"

Klugh and Horne join an all-star lineup June 4-6 for the V98.7 Smooth Jazz Fest at the Southfield Civic Center. Horne will perform Friday on a bill with flutist Alexander Zonjic and guitarist Lee Ritenour. Klugh performs Saturday with Tim Bowman, Diana Krall, Rick Braun, Peabo Bryson and Keiko Matsui. Sunday features Syro Gyra, Larry Carlton and a night time evening of guitars

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Jazz legend: Guitarist Earl Klugh of West Bloomfield is part of an all-star lineup performing outdoors at the Village on the Green in Southfield during the three-day, V98.7 Smooth JazzFest.

JAZZY FESTIVALS

■ "V98.7 Smooth JazzFest" - 3:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, June 4, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 5, noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, June 6, Southfield Civic Center on the Village Green, 26000 Evergreen Road at Civic Center Road. Admission: Friday performances free for those with entrance passes obtained through event sponsors. Entrance passes available at all Co/Op Optical stores and participating Ameritech Cellular locations. Tickets for the Saturday and Sunday performances are \$18 each day, or \$28 for both days. Saturday and Sunday tickets available at Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call the V98.7 Information line, (248) 855-2400, the event hot line (734) 453-9157 or <http://www.wattsupinc.com>

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Friday, June 4

- 3:30 p.m. Gates open
- 4:30 p.m. Randy Scott
- 5:30 p.m. Break
- 6 p.m. Kimmie Horne
- 7 p.m. Break
- 7:30 p.m. Alexander Zonjic
- 9 p.m. Break
- 9:30 p.m. Lee Ritenour
- 11 p.m. Show ends

Saturday, June 5

- 11 a.m. Gates open
- Noon Tim Bowman
- 1 p.m. Break
- 1:30 p.m. Diana Krall
- 3 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Rick Braun
- 5 p.m. Break
- 5:30 p.m. Keiko Matsui
- 7 p.m. Break
- 7:30 p.m. Earl Klugh
- 9 p.m. Break
- 9:30 p.m. Peabo Bryson
- 11 p.m. Show ends

Sunday, June 6

- Noon Gates open
- 1 p.m. Straight Ahead
- 2 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. Brian Bromberg
- 4 p.m. Break
- 4:30 p.m. Syro Gyra
- 6 p.m. Break
- 6:30 p.m. Larry Carlton
- 8 p.m. Break
- 8:30 p.m. Evening of Guitars and Saxes
- 10 p.m. Show ends

■ Jazzfest '99 - Seventh annual festival 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 5, in the Ferndale High School Courtyard, 881 Pinecrest. All day admission \$5 per adult; \$3 seniors/children; children under age 6 are free. Bring blankets and lawn chairs to sit on. Call (248) 547-1700 Ext. 5115 for information. Features professional, college, high school and middle school jazz bands including drummer Miguel Gutierrez with his group, Truth, the Henry Ford Community College Jazz Band, Don Dale's Duet, and the Troy Athens High School Jazz band.

■ Michigan Jazz Festival - Sunday, July 18, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Father's Day Brunch with the Larry Nozero Quartet and guest artist Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20, Waterman Center, Schoolcraft College Livonia. Tickets \$25 per person, proceeds benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival. Call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454 for details.

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Kimmie Horne

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Cranbrook's virtual roller coaster ride

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"We're looking at roller coasters as sheer fascination," said Larry Hutchinson, curator of exhibits.

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Scream Machines, an exhibit produced by the Ontario Science Centre.



Free fall: The "G-Force" interactive display provides a first-hand experience for bicycle riders to feel the pull of gravitational force.

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kinetic and potential energy, which are theorems considered in the design of loops and drops.

■ Interactive displays demonstrate the effect of a roller coaster ride on the inner ear and visual perception.

■ A video that was filmed from the front cars of what are considered the world's five most thrilling roller coasters.

■ "G Force," a vertical bike loop whereby visitors can experience the gravitational pull while riding inside an 18-foot circular track.

"Scream Machine," which arrived from the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto, makes its first U.S. appearance at Cranbrook.

The exhibit is expected to continue to travel to other science institutes around the country.

Ultimate confrontation

A trip around a roller coaster isn't just an inducement to

scream. It's the ultimate confrontation with self-imposed fears where terror mingles with the sheer will power to transcend one's fear.

Of course, as people grow older, they're less likely to seek physical thrills like riding a roller coaster, said Hutchinson.

"For most people, thrill seeking peaks during their late teenage years," he said.

But "Scream Machines" offers an opportunity to get in touch with your daring side, said Hutchinson.

As part of the exhibit, a Zuckerman Personality Profile will provide a quick analysis of whether you are a thrill seeker.

While science can determine the reasons for the thrill and the principles on which roller coasters are designed, ultimately, the experience is the thing.

Just ask any agnostic who becomes suddenly convinced dur-

ing a roller coaster ride that God is a realistic alternative.

Two of the most popular places in the Midwest offering roller coaster thrills are Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, and King's Island, located outside of Cincinnati.

Cedar Point has 13 roller coasters, including the 24-story Power Tower, and the Magnum XL-200, which has a 205 foot hill and travels as fast as 72 mph.

Meanwhile, at King's Point, Face/Off - one of seven roller coaster rides at the amusement park - is a descriptive reference to how the 5Gs pull and twist at your body. The ride is attached below the track, and riders sit with their legs dangling in the open air.

Leaving, of course, plenty of room to scream. And perhaps, unfortunately, more than enough room for lunch to be tossed around.

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and saxes with Marc Antoine, Kirk Whalum, Peter White and Everette Harp.

Earl Klugh

Klugh has said he isn't a "jazz" guitarist. He isn't all that comfortable with labels like New Age or Smooth Jazz either.

"I guess labels, everybody needs labels, but there are too many," he said. "I don't think it defines the music. It's more for marketing than for musicians. It's something they end up calling what I do, but I do a wide range of music and it's called everything from fusion to new age."

When Klugh was growing up he heard a wide variety of music that influenced the direction of his playing toward the soft, intricate and intimate acoustic sound that has become his trademark.

"My Mom and Dad listened to Harry Belafonte, Nat King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra. And my mom was from Mississippi so she also listened to country, Patsy Cline and people like that," Klugh said.

In fact it was a musician most associated with country music who became Klugh's first inspiration and later a friend, guitar legend Chet Atkins.

"He was the first person I heard who played the instrument as a soloist. At that time I was about 13 and it was great to hear someone play that well. I wanted to emulate what he was doing with the melody," Klugh said.

At his mother's encouragement, Klugh began playing piano. But, he said, he had wanted to play guitar from the time he was 7 or 8 years old and heard the sound of Spanish and classical guitar on the television.

Klugh used his knowledge of piano to teach himself guitar. Though he briefly took lessons he is mostly self taught.

But it was exposure to jazz musicians that really turned Klugh into a professional musician.

"I would go to Baker's Keyboard and hang out with Chick Corea and George Benson. They can get you going in a lot of different directions," he said.

By the time he was 15, Klugh was recording with Yusuf Lateef. In 1973 he began touring with fellow guitarist Benson and later played briefly with Corea's Return to Forever.

Klugh has been a mentor for others, as well. Redford pianist and composer Darryl Dybka toured with Klugh before moving to Nashville and credits him for helping him with his career. Klugh introduced Dybka to Chet Atkins who recorded several of Dybka's numbers and took him on a sideman.

Klugh has been putting the finishing touches on a new CD he started recording in November.

"For the lack of a better term, it's pop music," he said.

Singer Roberta Flack makes a guest appearance to sing a new song co-written by Klugh, "Now & Again."

Klugh's warm style has reached a wide and diverse audience, though, he said, rarely the 20-somethings.

"When I was 23, 24, 25 it used to bug me because in my audience there weren't many 20 year olds, they were all 30 and up. Now I'm 45 and they're still 30 and up," he said.

But he said he's encouraged by the swing revival that has drawn young people into listening to other kinds of music.

On June 5, Klugh's band will include David Lee on keyboards, Lorenzo Brown on percussion, Ron Obis on drums, Al Turner on bass, Al Duncan on keyboards and Lenny Price on saxophone.

Kimmie Horne

On the SistaFruit Web site, Kimmie Horne is described as the spiritual quintessence of Jackie Wilson and Josephine Baker - a rich combination of high energy and sophistication.

"When I read that I was honored to be compared to two such great people," Horne said, "I strive to do a blend of different styles of music, their styles and even Tina Turner, Jazz, r&b and blues."

The Redford High School graduate has been well received for her high energy singing and dancing and for her eclectic range.

"The style of music I do goes from Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan, music of the '30s and '40s to the r&b styles of Stevie Wonder, Elvis Presley, Tina Turner, Jackie Wilson," she said.

When she was growing up in the '80s, Horne loved to listen to Nat King Cole and Billie Holiday. She performed with Norma Jean Bell for three years and also sang backup for Anita Baker.

She's been performing as a solo act since 1994. This year she'll sing at several area festivals.

"During the summer, I always get into the summer festivals, Huntington Woods, Birmingham. But I'm really looking forward to the V98 Smooth Jazz Festival and I was honored to be asked to be a part of that," she said. "Smooth Jazz is the style of music I do and they've been very supportive."

Horne is completing a new CD on her Sepia label set for release in June. In addition to singing on the record, she has also written the songs and co-produced with Jerry Carr. She said she draws from her own life for her songs.

"The first one, 'My Dream Come True,' well one dream is this CD, it's been a goal of mine, co-producing, performing and picking the right musicians for the music. Another song has the title 'Singing Away' and that's what I'm doing, all the songs relate to my life," she said.

Her backup group features Leroy Hyter, William Whooten, Tango, Perry Hughes and Gene Dunlap.



Trip to Neverland: Joey Bybee as Peter and Carrie LaFerle as Wendy lead the cast of "Peter Pan."

Area universities offer youth classics

Oakland University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presents "Peter Pan" by J.M. Barrie, in Meadow Brook Theatre, on the Oakland University campus, June 2-5.

Performances 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 2; Friday, June 4, 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 5.

Tickets are \$10 general, \$8 seniors and \$5 students. Call (248) 370-3300 for reservations, or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. For groups of 20 or more, call (248) 370-2030.

"Peter Pan" the fairy-tale by Sir James Matthew Barrie has captivated children and adults alike since 1903.

The title character has become symbolic for perpetual childhood and colorful supporting characters like Wendy, Tinkerbell and Captain Hook have also become a part of the cultural lexicon.

The original play, upon which this production is based, has inspired musical and movie adaptations that are still popular today.

Director Kerro Knox 3, Oakland University Assistant Professor, took a modern perspective in casting by mixing up traditional male/female roles.

The Oakland University student cast includes Joey Bybee (Peter Pan), Carrie LaFerle (Wendy), Steven Price (John), Emily Pepper (Michael), Jen Smith (Tinkerbell), Caitlin Burke of Farmington Hills (Mrs. Darling), Tiger Lily (Pirate), Christian Maurice of Bloomfield Hills (Mr. Darling), Captain

Hook), and Laura Moss (Liza/Pirate/Mermaid/Indian).

The Lost Boys are portrayed by Adam Granke, Pat Butcher of Rochester, Courtney Presley of Oxford, Heather Whitfield, Concetta LaMacchio of Birmingham, and Theresa Catalfo.

Completing the cast are Cassandra Svacha (Smee), Scott Daniel Vance (Starkey) of Rochester Hills, Matt Omans (Panther, Pirate/Bird), Jessica Elwart (Indian/Pirate/Mermaid) and Heidi Marie Brown (Nana the dog/Indian/Pirate) of Clarkston.

The technical staff includes students Chuck Charbeneau (stage manager, assistant director), Andrea Smith (lighting designer) and Corrie Shotwell (prop coordinator).

OU staff members Brian Damabacher and Suzanne Hanna are scenic designer and costume designer.

Pocahontas

Wayne State University's Department of Theatre is presenting "Pocahontas" by Aurand Harris, Thursday, June 24 through Saturday, July 10 at the Hitberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit.

Performances 10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, and Saturday, July 10; Thursday-Friday, June 24-25; and Tuesday, July 6 through Saturday, July 10. No performances Monday-Tuesday, July 4-5.

Tickets \$4 individuals; \$3 groups of 10 or more (1 complimentary ticket per 10 for chaperone). Call (313) 577-2972 for tickets.

Church presents original play

Mt. Zion Church of Clarkston presents "The Alabaster Vial," a musical play by Rick Bruderick of Lake Orion, a minister at the church, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 4-5 and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the church 4900 Maybee Road. Tickets \$3, \$10 first and second rows, call (248) 391-6166.

The three act musical play explores the human relationships, lifestyles and individual personali-

ties of several biblical characters including a brother, Lazarus, and his two sisters, Mary and Martha.

The script revolves around Mary and the tragedy of innocence lost, but forgiveness and mercy found.

"The Alabaster Vial" will feature a large cast of actors, dancers, musicians and vocals from the 4,000 member congregation.

Cast sings Gershwin with style

Stagecrafters presents the final Main Stage show of the 1998-99 season, "Crazy for You," featuring music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin, book by Ken Ludwig, through June 6 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances 8 p.m. with the exception of 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-6430. A special dinner theater package is available from Illusions Bar & Grill in downtown Royal Oak, call (248) 586-1313.

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

The idea seemed foolproof: take twenty old Gershwin tunes, tie them together with a new book by Ken Ludwig ("Lend Me A Tenor") and collect your Tony awards. And that's just about how it happened, as "Crazy For You" won 1992's Best Musical honor.

Well I like a Gershwin tune — how about you? And it must have been nirvana to open up

George and Ira's trunk and be able to pick and choose from such immortals as "Someone to Watch Over Me," "Embraceable You," "I Got Rhythm," "Nice Work If You Can Get It"...oh go ahead and sing, we'll wait.

But right there, that's the dilemma. It would have been easy, and maybe better, to let the songs stand by themselves in a review format. Jazz great Louis Jordan was saluted that way with "Five Guys Named Moe." Rock 'n roll songsters Lieber and Stoller had their catalog paraded in "Smokey Joe's Café." No book, no lines, just wonderful songs. But then again, do you feel shortchanged?

Instead, we get a Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers plot involving inept New York banker's son Bobby (Jeff Drewno), who has other career plans ("I wanna dance. I don't care about money."). He's sent way out west to Deadrock, Nevada, to foreclose on the town's theater/post office. There he meets and falls instantly in love with

the theatre-owner's daughter Polly (Tracy Murray) and concocts a plan to save the theatre: "All we have to do is put on a show — Mickey Rooney does it all the time!"

Standing in his way is evil landowner Lank (Rob Stalder), who vows "I'll stop this show if it's the last thing I ever do!" He says that. Really. Then there's Bobby's fiancée Irene (Diana Gerecht) and Ziegfeldian producer Bela Zangler (Marc Meyers) who arrive at just the wrong moments. You get the idea. To quote Oscar Hammerstein, "the corn is as high..."

It's the songs, then, that stand the test of time, and this cast does them with verve, sparkle and warmth. Jeff Drewno is every inch the song-and-dance-man. His Bobby aspires to be "They Can't Take That Away From Me" is one for the highlight film. Tracy Murray is best when the cast clears the stage for her to render eloquently winsome versions of "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "But Not For Me."

The 10 tapping chorus/girls certainly qualify as a group co-star. Choreographer Valerie Mould has done it again, infusing the gypsies with her trademark high-octane energy that peaks in "I've Got Rhythm" but is never lacking in that '30s enthusiasm. The cowboys, too, are a cut above your typical community theatre male chorus; they harmonize well and don't look like they had nothing better to do.

Priscilla Benson's orchestra lends flawless support, with special kudos to the pit saloon pianist. The "follies" costumes earn their own audience appreciation. In all, director Shar Douglas offers a well-assembled production that is generally tight, often outstanding, and pulled down only in moments of goofiness like an overly long drunk scene.

So "who could ask for anything more?" Maybe a Mel Brooks book. That's it: "Blazing Gershwin."

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"Angelique," the story of the slave Marie-Joseph-Angelique, runs Thursdays-Sundays June 3-27, at the Miljan Theatre Company, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, \$15. (313) 868-1347 or <http://www.culturefinder.com> or DetRepTh@aol.com

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"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666

JET

"The Caregiver" follows a famous, yet fading conductor, watching as his son tries to follow in his footsteps, through Sunday, May 30, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or <http://cominet.org/jet>

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Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12. (248) 644-2075

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"Crazy for You," featuring music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin, book by Ken Ludwig, through June 6 at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances 8 p.m. With the exception of 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$12-\$14, call (248) 541-6430. A special dinner theater package is available from Illusions Bar & Grill in downtown Royal Oak, call (248) 586-1313.

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POLISH COUNTRY FAIR

Polish food, entertainment, fine arts show, midway, Vegas tent, 6 p.m. Friday, May 28, and noon Saturday-Monday, May 29-31, St. Mary's Preparatory, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake and Commerce roads. (248) 682-1885

REDFORD THEATRE

Film "Road to Rio," with guest organist Steven Ball, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, May 28, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, May 29, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 537-2560 or <http://theatreorgans.com/ml/redford>

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FAMILY EVENTS

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Looking for new members of all ages to rehearse and become new members of the Ladies group that sings four-part harmony in the barbershop tradition, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west of Inkster Road, Livonia. (313) 937-2429

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

Placement auditions for the Performing Arts Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 19-30; open to high school graduates, all levels of experience, grades 1-12; placement auditions 1-4 p.m. Sundays, June 6 and 27, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

JAZZ

DWIGHT ADAMS QUARTET

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (trumpet/piano/bass/drums)

GERALD ALBRIGHT

7 p.m. Friday, May 28, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 and \$15, reserved cabaret seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheatre.com>

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 29, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

RAY BROWN TRIO

9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 3-5, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$25, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

MARK BYERLY DUO

7-10 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays in May, Northern Lakes Seafood Company, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., inside the Kingsley Suites and Hotel, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 646-7900 (jazz/pop)

COLEMAN-RHODES DUO

8 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays in May, No. VI Chop House and Lobster Bar, 27790 Novi Road, inside the Hotel Baronette, Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-5210 (jazz/pop)

DELTA RHYTHM KINGS

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, May 27, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700

TEDDY HARRIS TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, June 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS

8-11 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, at the No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar in the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 305-5210; 8-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Northern Lakes Seafood Company in the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 646-7900; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-7333

JAZZHEAD

9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, and Monday, May 31, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922; 9 p.m.

Sunday, May 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO

7-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 4-5, Tres Vite, 2203 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 471-3500

CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE'S FAMILY AFFAIR

7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 (jazz/funk)

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With special guest Larry Nozero, sax and flute, 8-11:30 p.m., Thursday, May 27, with Paul Vornhagen (saxophone, flute & vocals), Thursday, June 3, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner, and \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

JEANNINE MILLER

With Vincent Shandor Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-3310

MARK MOULTRUP TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

MUTUAL ADMINISTRATION SOCIETY

7-11 p.m. Wednesdays in May, 8 p.m. to midnight Thursdays in May, and 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays-Saturdays in May, Duet, at Orchestra Place, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

WILBERT PAEGLER

6-10 p.m. Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, Morels, A Michigan Bistro, 30100 Telegraph Road, between 12 and 13 Mile roads, Bingham Farms. Free. All ages. (248) 642-1094 (jazz/piano)

JIM PARAVANTES

With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays in May, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

GWEN AND CHARLES SCALES

7-11 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays in May, Duet, at Orchestra Place, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838 (contemporary jazz)

MICHAEL SCHENKER

With Vinnie Moore, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, 7th House, 7th Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$21 in advance, \$23 day of show. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

SIMONSON, TAYLOR, TYE

9 p.m. Mondays in May and June, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368

JOHN SINCLAIR AND HIS BLUES SCHOLARS

With Arwulf Arwulf and featuring Ted Harley, Cary Kochoer and Matt Bauder, as part of Mood Indigo night, 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

JANET TENAJ TRIO

Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass; 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 351-2925

"W98.7 SMOOTH JAZZ"

Featuring Lee Ritenour, Kimmie Horney, Randy Scott and Alexander Zorlitch, Friday, June 4 (free); Keiko Matsui, Earl Klugh, Peabo Bryson, Rick Braun, Diana Krall and Tim Bowman, Saturday, June 5; "An Evening of Guitars and Saxs" (Kirk Whalum, Peter White, Marc Antoine, and Everette Harp); Larry Carlton, Brian Bromberg, Spyro Gyra, and Straight Ahead, Sunday, June 6, Southfield Civic Center's The Village Green, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. \$18 (one day), \$28 (both days). (248) 855-2400/(248) 645-6666

PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax/piano/bass/drums)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

Fridays, June 4, 13, 25 and July 2 and Saturdays, June 12 and July 3, at the Main Event Restaurant inside the Pontiac Silverdome, no cover. (248) 858-7888; with Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

THE WARREN COMMISSION

8:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 647-7774

WORLD MUSIC

ANN ARBOR IRISH ENSEMBLE

9 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com> (acoustic Irish)

CAHILL DUNN

Irish piano and storyteller (Ireland's Happy Man), 9 p.m. Saturday, May

29, John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. \$5 cover, call for reservations (248) 474-5941

JO NAB

9 p.m. Friday, June 4, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (reggae)

SONS OF SEPHARAD

7 p.m. Thursday, May 27, joined by choir of third and fourth graders from Adat Shalom's Beth Achim Religious School and Hillel Day School, at Adat Shalom, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. \$5. (248) 851-5000 (Sephardic)

THIRD COAST REGGAE

9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (reggae)

UNIVERSAL XPRESSION

9 p.m. Friday, May 28, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500; 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (reggae)

YAT-KHA

Featuring Albert Kuvezin, former lead singer with Hun Huur Tu, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

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COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Ruben Morey, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 20 (\$5); and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 267-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Ruben Morey, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Walt Willey, who plays Jackson Montgomery on "All My Children," 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, June 5 (\$15, \$27.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Leo DuFour and Alyce Faye, Thursday-Sunday, May 26-30; Kevin McPeck and Jr. Remick, Wednesday-Sunday, June 2-6, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

CHRIS ROCK

7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$75, \$37.50 and \$45. All ages. (248) 433-1515

SECOND CITY

"Impeachment and Cream," through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays-Thursdays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays; "Alternative Mondays" with "Funny Like Cancer," 8 p.m. Mondays through June. \$8; Improv Jammers, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. \$5. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM. Extends their Friday evening hours 5-10 p.m. from June 4 to Aug. 13 with a discounted joint admission, at the art museum visit "Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Uppan Island," (248) 645-3361, at the institute take a wild ride through science in "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," also permanent exhibit "Our Dynamic Earth," and also planetarium and laser programs, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (877) 462-7262

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"More than Meets the Eye," an interactive exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution takes visitors through some of the daily experiences of blind and visually impaired people, continues through Aug. 29, (313) 577-8400, ext. 417; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride" at 11 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15, and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

HENRY FORD ESTATE- FAIR LANE Estate tours include the restored riverside powerhouse, Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate, and the tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Civil War Remembrance featuring traditions, fashions and music from the era, Sunday-Monday May 30-31; The village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities including Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

"Something Old, Something New: Wedding Gowns of the 19th and 20th Centuries," on display 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Sept. 25, at the museum on Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tishken Road, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors and students. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD

A grand opening for the interactive automotive science and technology center takes place 8 p.m. Friday, May 28, entertainment by swing band

Cherry Popplin' Daddies and acrobats Valentin and Katja of Cirque du Soleil, at the center across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, 1151 Village Road, Dearborn. Free, but tickets required for admittance. (313) 317-7474

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Free concerts celebrate Black Music Month 6-8 p.m. Fridays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25 on the museum's lawn; "Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball," a touring Negro League exhibit comprised of 90 black and white photos, 10 oversized prints, and memorabilia such as pennants, uniforms, and game-day posters, through Sunday, June 13, at the museum; 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 for children ages 17 and younger. (313) 494-5800

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Memorial Day Observance offers museum tours, displays, used-book sales, photographs and airplane tours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, May 31, at the museum, Beck Road, south of Ecorse Road, Gate 1 on the east side of Willow Run Airport. Free. \$4, \$2 children for pancake breakfast 8 a.m. to noon. (734) 483-4030

POPULAR MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS

9 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

THE ALLIGATORS

9 p.m. Friday, May 28, The Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

AVAIL

With By All Means and Boy Sets Fire, 6 p.m. Friday, May 28; St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (punk)

JOCELYN B.

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 4-5, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5, 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)

BARE JR.

With Old Pike, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6 in advance, \$7 day of show. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

BLACK BEAUTY

10:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; With Thornetta Davis, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (rockabilly)

"BLACKAPALOOZA REVIEW"

With My Brother's Dream, Goat, Jessica Kamara, Kas Serenity, Miyon Traymayne and City Slickers, 8 p.m. Friday, May 28; and Rachid, Sheila Horné, ONXYZ, The Young and the Restless, F.F.O.C., and Magdalen Hsu-Li, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$7, 21 and older. (313) 832-2355 (variety)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Lost Dog, Huddle, Blue Tuesday and Warmth, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 998-8555 (variety)

BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 4-M Lounge, 15500 E. Eight Mile Road, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 521-9059; 9 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 or <http://www.bluerose.iuma.com> (blues)

BLUE SHAKERS

9 p.m. Friday, May 28, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 4-5, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (R&B)

CALOBO

With Big Sam, 8 p.m. Friday, May 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

CHISEL BROS. WITH CHEF CHRIS

9 p.m. Friday, June 4, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

CHROME LOCUST

With 4 Percent and Strut, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (noise rock)

DANNY COX

6:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic

pop)

RONNIE DAWSON

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rockabilly)

THE DETERANTS

With Jill Jack and Big Sam, 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 998-8555 (rock)

DIAMOND RIO

With The Clark Experience, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$26 reserved, \$21 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or <http://www.clioamp.org> (country)

DOGSTAR

Featuring bassist Keanu Reeves, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

With Hello Dave, 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 998-8555 (rock)

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH

8 p.m. Friday, June 4, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (jam rock)

EL TOPO

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests Taproot and Crack Abraham, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 998-8555 (rock)

EVEN KEEL

8 p.m. Friday, May 28, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 (pop/folk)

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY

6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 324-0400

THE GHETTO BILLIES

With Taycan, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (funny rock)

GRR

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (rock)

THE GRUESOMES

With Soot and Lord Mudd, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 998-8555 (rock)

HARRINGTON BROTHERS

8 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

HASTINGS STREET BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

10 p.m. Thursday, May 27, The Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 9 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com>; 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin St., (at Orleans Street), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 259-1374 (blues/honky-tonk)

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, The Alley, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441; 8 p.m. Friday, May 28, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages. (313) 271-4441 or <http://www.concentric.net/~hope-orch> (pop)

LISA HUNTER

6 p.m. Friday, June 4, Borders Books, Oakland Mall, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 585-6029; 9 p.m. Friday, June 4, Lonestar Coffee House, 207 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 642-2233 or <http://www.lb.com/onemanclapping/lisa.htm> (pop)

KANSAS

7:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

KUNG FU DIESEL

9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rockabilly)

SLEEPY LABEER

8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rockabilly)

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND

9 p.m. Friday, June 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

LEFTOVER SALMON

With Blueground Undergrass, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 30, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (jam rock/Cajun/bluegrass)

LES INCAPABLES

With Greenhorns, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 (French Canadian garage band)

JASON MAGEE

8 p.m. Friday, June 4, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 (solo guitar)

MAGGIE, PIERCE AND EJ

9 p.m. Friday, May 28, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 832-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (eclectic rock)

MASCHINA

9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 998-8555 (rock)

MINE

With Ridgemonte and The Whoremans, 10 p.m. Saturday, May 29, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

EDDIE MONEY

With Stewart Francke, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$12.50 pavilion, \$7.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

MUDPUFFY

Celebrates release of CD "One Night Only," 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011; 9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY

9 p.m. Friday, June 4, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (R&B)

STEVE NARDELLA

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (rockabilly)

19 WHEELS

9 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (roots rock)

OPEN SPACES

9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

JEFFREY OSBORNE

7 p.m. Thursday, May 27, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 and \$15, reserved cabaret seating, 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheatre.com> (R&B)

JIM PARAVANTES WITH MERIDIAN

Perform a Frank Sinatra tribute, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays in June, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 865-9300 (pop)

KENNY PARKER

8 p.m. Friday, June 4, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

POISON

With Ratt, Great White and L.A. Guns, 6 p.m. Sunday, May 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$20 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

POUND

9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, as part of Ignition night at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheatre.com> (rock)

REEFERMEN

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Charming 'Love Letter' has romantic appeal

By VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

If you enjoy charming summertime romances, set in charming New England villages, you'll probably find "The Love Letter" to your liking. From the recent novel by Cathleen Schine, the slightly-cluttered story is a bit reminiscent of last year's "You've Got Mail," Joseph Mankiewicz's "A Letter to Three Wives," or a half-century ago, and the Bard's 16th century hit, "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The letter of the title is definitely snail-mail, but Hong Kong director Peter Ho-sun Chan, making his American debut, keeps things snappy and pace

from start to finish in this fun-to-watch movie flavored with touches of mystery and wit. Though the film is more light comedy than whodunit, much of the fun lies in trying to identify who wrote the rather oddly-worded missive that turns up one day in the village of Loblolly by the Sea, and to whom.

"Dearest," it begins. "Do you know how in love with you I am? ...I have fallen in love without taking step."

Kate Capshaw plays Helen MacFarquhar, a rather uptight and persnickety bookshop owner who discovers the letter first. Soon, she's made up her mind that the unaddressed note is intended just for her. She also

decides that a young employee of hers wrote it, although she'll have second thoughts about this later.

In the meantime, the employee (Tom Everett Scott) finds the letter himself and is, in turn, convinced that Helen has written it for him. Also in the meantime, another employee (played by Ellen DeGeneres) comes across the letter, and assumes it is meant for her — only she believes that its source is a guy named George (Tom Selleck), who she's had a crush on since high school, and for whom she still carries a hefty torch.

Also figuring into the hodgepodge is another bookstore employee (Julianne Nicholson), a

local cop (Bill Buell), Helen's glamorous mother (Blythe Danner), plus a cutely-aging eccentric and arm-wrestler extraordinaire named Miss Scattergoods (Geraldine McEwan).

All of the above may sound a bit like a cast of characters in a hokey high school play, but don't despair; most every performer brings style and zing to their role, making them into something we enjoy watching, and lifting everything out of the realm of cardboard.

Kate Capshaw's Helen is both flawed and likable at once. She's fussy and maybe even a little priggish at first, but still we can sense a certain passion and lust for life just beneath her no-frills surface. She's a character who looks lived-in, maybe even a little frowzy around the edges, but she's attractive, nonetheless, and it's no stretch to go along with the idea that a much younger man would find himself smitten with her image.

As her cohort, Ellen DeGeneres once again proves that she's more than a stand-up comic, more than the main player in a sometimes flat sitcom. She may, in fact, be the best thing about this movie. Her acting at times seems so artless that you can't quite figure if she's performing extremely well, or not performing at all. In some scenes, it almost appears as if she's dropped in and found herself wrapped up in conversation with the other players. Her character is as down home as a clam-bake, an optimist with a slight, sassy edge to her sunny side, a realist who's just a heartbeat away from all-out romantic



Romantic comedy: Janet (Ellen DeGeneres) flirts with George (Tom Selleck), wondering whether he might be the author of the mysterious love letter she thinks was intended for her in "The Love Letter."

notions.

Tom Selleck, playing a smoldering fireman in the village (his most recent heroics involved a toaster oven fire), brings to the role a kind of sweet, almost-avuncular bemusement. (None of that frowny stuff recently witnessed on the Rosie O'Donnell show.)

Tom Everett Scott makes an incandescent mark as the young man who yearns for Helen. The youthful actor appears to have come a long way from his days as Brett Butler's son on TV's "Grace Under Fire."

Helen's twittersy grandmother (played by Gloria Stuart) seems superfluous — so much that moviegoers may wonder why

anybody bothered to bring her into the action at all. Perhaps some significant parts of her character remain on a cutting room floor somewhere?

A musical track of everything from Satchmo's version of "I'm in the Mood for Love" to Roy Orbison's "Only the Lonely" to selections from "Tosca" and "La Boheme" punctuates "The Love Letter," and enhance its warm, romantic spirit.

This friendly movie may not be a cinematic landmark, as its heftiest competition right now. But if you're tired of waiting in long lines, you could definitely do worse than taking a look at "The Love Letter."

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Mike Myers and Heather Graham star in the sequel as Austin Powers' time-travels back to 1969 in London to search for his mojo, stolen by his look-alike nemesis, Dr. Evil.

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John Travolta, Madeleine Stowe, and James Cromwell star in this crime thriller in which ambition, destructive passion and long suppressed secrets lead to murder on a U.S. Army post.

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Thandie Newton, David Thewlis and Claudio Santamaria star in Bernardo Bertolucci's romantic drama in which a young married African woman, while studying medicine in Rome, has an intense romance with an eccentric English composer.

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Nik Kershaw back recording with personal songs

British singer/songwriter Nik Kershaw sold more than one million albums in the mid- to late-1980s thanks to his hits "Wouldn't It Be Good?" and "The Riddle." Since then, nary a word has been

heard from him.

A record deal came up in 1989 and I decided not to renew it," he said matter of factly. "It was very frustrating because artists never got to say what they wanted to say and most of the business seemed to revolve around A&R and developing new acts."

"I wanted to concentrate on writing and producing for other people."

For 10 years, Kershaw wrote songs for the likes of Elton John, Boyzone and Chesney Hawkes, whose "The One and Only" song was a worldwide hit.

A few years ago, some of the songs coming from Kershaw's pen were personal and not meant for anyone else.

"When I write something for other people, I make sure I'm

writing with the person. ... Then I started getting ideas that were obviously mine and nobody else's."

"I wrote a few tracks just to get them out of my system. After four or five tracks, I figured out I was making an album. I said, 'I'm doing this again.' I sat on it for about three months before playing it to anybody. It took quite a long time. I started very slowly. I just did it a few bits and pieces at the time."

The result is "15 Minutes" (Pyramid/Rhino Records), his first album in 10 years. Writing and recording "15 Minutes" was a solitary experience for Kershaw.

"The first two thirds of it were me on my own in my studio with guitars and computers, and the thought had never occurred to me that anybody would want to hear it or talk to me about it," he said.

"Part of the reason I didn't use another producer and loads of musicians was because I did it on a whim. I would wake up one morning, just go in the studio and record. Also, I couldn't really afford to have engineers and producers."

The album kicks off with "Somebody Loves You," an upbeat story of the idea and mis-

conception of stardom.

"When you're up on stage, it feels like there's so much love coming off the audience. While it's good to experience that, you have to remember it's not for you, but something being projected onto you. You can enjoy it while it's happening, but it's very dangerous if you start believing it," he said.

Returning to the music industry as a recording artist, Kershaw admitted, "feels weird."

"There's two parts of me - I feel very comfortable with this. It feels right. It feels like something I should be doing. The other half is telling me, 'I'm a 41-year-old father of three trying to recapture my youth.' Most of the time it feels comfortable and right," he said.

Kershaw is unsure if he will tour the United States in support of "15 Minutes." One thing he knows he will not do is an '80s revival tour, like last year's Culture Club, Human League and Howard Jones package.

"I've been asked to do a couple of those. I'm really not interested. I don't particularly want to revive the '80s. I don't want to be seen as part of that revival," he said.

Nik Kershaw's "15 Minutes" is

available through the Rhino Records Web site, <http://www.rhinorecords.com> for \$16.98.

Musical progeny

Touring in support of his debut "Boo-tay" (Epic) has become a somber experience for Bobby Bare Jr. and his rock band Bare Jr. The recent death of folk singer Shel Silverstein has hit him particularly hard. The two collaborated on "I Hate Myself" and Bare got his start performing with his father and Silverstein.

"It's extremely hard," Bare said of Silverstein's death. "Right now, I can't really say anything. It's hard for me to talk about. It's kind of weird. I was calling him to come to the show tomorrow night and he ain't coming," Bare said calling from St. Petersburg, Fla.

Bare is the son of Bobby Bare, best known for his songs "Dropkick Me Jesus Through the Goal Post of Life" and "Detroit City." Bare the younger did his "first singin' stuff" with his dad doing a Silverstein song when he was 5. Bare said he knew right then that he wanted to be a rock star.

"Who doesn't? Who doesn't want to ride around with your buddies, go someplace where

everybody knows who you are, you know? It's an exciting and fun thing," said Bare, who, along with singing and playing guitar, also drives his band's tour bus.

To show his appreciation for his father, Bare invited dad to sing backup on "Love-less" on his debut "Boo-Tay."

"It was just great. Just to get to share something with your dad like music is insane. It's just so cool. Every kid wants to be like his dad. Dad started out in '59 doing rockabilly which was like being Marilyn Manson or something. In 1959 doing rockabilly was way out there, but it was hillbilly music at the same time," Bare said.

"Not a lot of people have a dad who gets on stage and plays a guitar and shakes his butt. My dad happened to be a really cool guy."

Bare Jr. and Old Pike perform Thursday, May 27, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets are \$7 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 335-8100 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

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Island Jimmy's Coffee and Provisions inside the Star Theatre Great Lakes Crossing, 4399 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills, is giving away 100 pairs of tickets. Parrotheads can register through Monday, May 31. One thousand entrants who don't win will receive a movie pass for two to any Star Theatre. Winners will be drawn June 1. ... Edwin McCain will chat on-line with fans and preview songs from his upcoming album "Messenger," due June 15, at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at <http://www.digitalarena.com>. ... Detroit Kid Rock is hosting MTV's "House of Style: Swimsuit Edition" at noon Thursday, May 27, 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 30, and 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 31. He will also appear on "Total Request Live" with Carson Daly on May 29.

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Dave Stroughter's Birmingham apartment is bright and cheery. Ceiling-to-floor windows light up the living room. A Detroit Pistons playoff game blares from a television, sitting below an autographed poster of The Cardigans. Anton Chekhov's "The Kiss and Other Stories" lays on a coffee table.

The room is a stark contrast to Stroughter's image as the lead singer of Majesty Crush, the influential ethereal pop band over which darkness reigned. The Southfield native's new project, P.S. I Love You, blends Majesty Crush's influences with humor and experimental rock.

The opening track of P.S. I Love You's debut, "Liberty or Death" (Vulva Records), asks the question "Where on Earth is Kevin Shields." Besides questioning the whereabouts of Shields, the former lead singer of the British pop band My Bloody Valentine, Stroughter also acknowledges his love of the Stone Roses' song "I Wanna Be Adored."

Stroughter and Shields met at the California home of Michael Cooper, who used to book shows at Zoots Coffeehouse in Detroit.

"At a party at Mr. Cooper's house is the last time I saw Kevin Shields and company. Everything in the song is pretty much true. There's some comedy in there. I try to put some of that

in all the songs that I do."

The reference of "Serenity Now" is bittersweet. It relates to the "Seinfeld" episode where Jason Alexander's character George shouts "Serenity now" and Stroughter's stint in rehab.

"That's pretty much how I felt about a lot of things at the time," Stroughter said. "That's my attitude. That's how I am. I'm really impulsive. I get emotional about things and heated up. That episode kind of meant a lot to me at the time."

"I've been in rehab but you're not gonna get serenity now. They tell you that's what you should say to yourself when you need to calm down. But he would yell it. That's how I always was. It just doesn't work."

Longtime dream

Stroughter realized he wanted to be a musician when he was 12, after meeting his neighbor, Diana Ross's sister, and her son.

"When I was in sixth grade, we were one of the only black families - well, my mom's from Germany. ... At the time, 'Endless Love' had just came out and she was a big, big, big star. Our parents became friends. I had the chance to meet her when I was 12. She stopped on the corner and she made it a point to ask my name," he said.

"It always made an impression in my mind."

A few years later, as a student at Southfield High School with future Majesty Crush bandmates

Odell Nails and Michael Segal, Stroughter started his first band.

"Growing up in Southfield with Odell, we were really into ska. We were mods. We all had big jackets and we were totally into the Who and the Jam and Joy Division and that," Stroughter explained.

After graduating from Southfield High in 1984, Stroughter went to Germany to attend art school.

"I met this kid from Holland. His brother was in a band. I was 18 and he was 25. He brought me up to Holland to see his brother's band. They had an album out, on vinyl, had a practice space and a van of their own. That's when I thought, 'You can do this. This is something that you can do.' They weren't touring Europe. They weren't selling loads and loads of albums, but they were doing it," he said.

He returned to the United States, hooked up with Nails, Segal and Hobe Ehlén and started Majesty Crush. The band released a handful of albums, including the critically acclaimed "Love 15" before folding in 1995.

"I was happy with Majesty Crush," Stroughter said. "Obviously some things happened there, like our label (Dali/Chameleon), folding six weeks after our album came out. It was climbing the charts and everything."

Disenchanted with the music business, Stroughter moved to

Lansing to pursue a degree in German. That didn't last long before the music bug bit him again.

"I kind of realized the Lansing experience was ridiculous and it wasn't what I wanted to do," said Stroughter who speaks fluent German. "I think The Verve had gotten back together. I just realized that I still want to do music. I still think I'm talented. Whatever happened, I figured I could still start another band. It's not the end of the world."

He returned to Oakland County and formed P.S. I Love You. His band now includes guitarist Jack Nelson, drummer Tony Dushaj, formerly of Ethos, and temporary bassist Rob Schurgen, formerly of Wig. The Birmingham bassist now heads up Perplexa.

P.S. I Love You's debut "Liberty or Death" carries a heavy Majesty Crush influence. "Kevin Shields" is the only new song on the album, the rest of the songs are never-released Majesty Crush recordings.

"Love 15" included the song "Seles," about tennis player Monica Seles. Stroughter continues his musical love affair with Seles by picturing her on the cover of the album.

"I admire her tenacity. On the

tennis court I always thought she was a tough cookie, just somebody that tries harder than everybody else. Ultimately in this world, the people who work hard and the people that are persistent are the ones who succeed no matter what you do. She's certainly someone I look to, and she's someone who gives 100 percent," said Stroughter who played tennis at Southfield High School. His sister was a top-rated tennis player at Marian High School.

P.S. I Love You recently returned from recording at Smart Studios in Wisconsin, run by producer/Garbage band member Butch Vig. P.S. I Love You's new songs include "Kournikova," after tennis star Anna Kournikova.

"At the time, I did have a crush on Monica Seles, as well. I liked her more for her game and for her work ethic and that. Kournikova, I like her just because she's really hot. The song's really pretty funny."

P.S. I Love You and Ebeling Hughes perform 9 p.m. Sunday, May 30, at Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. The free show is open to those 21 and older. Call (248) 543-4300 or visit <http://www.vulvarecords.com> for more information.

Interesting characters on Backstage Pass

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

accepted, makes a quirky contribution to our lives.

I wonder how much of who we are is shaped by the characters we've met. Do we subconsciously remember a warm but disheveled relative when we need a little unconditional love? Does our mind summon a wild friend from high school when we feel we're in a rut? Maybe recalling a lovable moper is the perfect tonic when we're mired in self-pity. I suspect we all have a gallery of characters that can play a role in keeping us centered, or at least make life a lot more fun.

Then there's Jerome Ferretti, a nationally recognized artist who shares his gallery of characters with us through his watercolor paintings and carved brick sculptures. With a past that includes a lengthy stint at the Ford Rouge plant and many years as a journeyman bricklayer, Ferretti has such an affinity for the common man that some of the people he meets end up as characters in his work.

"Sometimes I'll be mad at somebody so I'll stick them in one of my paintings, and give them a third eye," he says, only half-jokingly.

Unofficially appointed the "Mayor of Michigan Avenue" by patrons of the famed Nemo's bar, Ferretti recently served his constituents by including them in a recent work. The tavern stools were empty for a day in March as the regulars rented a bus and trekked to an opening in Pontiac for the unveiling of the piece. It's safe to say that it was the first

art show ever attended by most, if not all, of his friends. But, then again, they may never get another opportunity to be artistically immortalized like the Mona Lisa and the poker playing dogs.

"Because the work had only four main characters, there were a few on the bus ride home who were disappointed. When they started pointing out little things that they felt they had influenced during their hours at Nemo's, it took some of the sting out," says Ferretti.

As you may have guessed by now, Jerome Ferretti not only uses his craft to showcase characters, he is one himself. The next edition of Backstage Pass gives Detroit Public TV viewers a chance to meet him during a visit to his studio.

Pondering the characters in your life? You can add plenty more with the Walk and Squawk Performance Project "Who It Is," which runs June 3-13 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. It's one-stop shopping in this innovative and humorous musical journey written and performed by Andy Kirshner, whose depictions include a "borscht belt" comedian, an African American Baptist minister, a classroom of immigrants learning English, salsa dancers at the Copacabana and a white gangsta rapper.

"The full expression of our identity and humanity is compromised by other people's negative, mistaken and uninformed imaginings of us," Kirshner explains in an excerpt.

What that suggests to me is that, given the chance, there's a unique character in all of us waiting to emerge and suitable for framing.

Those from the imaginations and experiences of Jerome Ferretti and Andy Kirshner will be featured on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, in an edition airing at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 30.

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La Shish serves excellent Middle Eastern fare

BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Sometimes when Janet Buck craves a veggie-friendly meal, she opts to dine at one of her favorite eateries, La Shish.

On a recent Sunday evening, Buck of Livonia, visited the Canton restaurant, the newest La Shish location to open.

She was impressed.

"The food is excellent," said Buck. "The staff makes you feel very welcome. The night we ate there, the service went beyond excellent."

Her server, Rania, patiently explained menu items and offered helpful suggestions. After dinner, busboy Rabi, demonstrated a technique for baking pita bread in an igloo-shaped oven.

Buck describes the 140-seat eatery as "spacious, light, airy and comfortable." Once inside, you'll be greeted by a friendly staff, lively Arabic music, dazzling chandeliers and a potpourri of tantalizing aromas seeping from the kitchen.

The Canton La Shish opened in mid-April, the seventh restaurant owned by a Lebanese immigrant named Talal Chahine.

In January, 1989, he opened his first La Shish (the skewer), in East Dearborn.

Buck's choice of a dinner drink was a mango smoothie, a tasty concoction of fresh strawberries, banana, mango and honey. Other juice smoothies include fresh apples, oranges, papayas or carrots.

Order some warm pita rounds. Break them apart and then cover them with heaping portions of hummus, a smooth appetizer of pureed chickpeas, tahini (sesame seed) sauce and a hint of fresh garlic. Or, try saaj, a traditional Lebanese flat

La Shish
Where: 1699 Canton Center Road at Ford Road, Canton, (734) 983-9000
Hours: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.
Menu: Middle Eastern cuisine, raw juice and beverage bar, salads, appetizers, sandwiches and traditional Lebanese entrees served. Vegetarian-friendly, juice and liquor bar.
Non-smoking area: 80 percent
Cost: Entrees range in price from \$3.99 to \$14.99
Reservations: La Shish maintains a "call ahead" policy, especially on the weekends
Credit cards: VISA and MasterCard
Other locations: La Shish East, 12918 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 584-4477; La Shish West, 22039 W. Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 562-7200; Talal's, 22041 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 565-5500; La Shish, 32401 Van Dyke, Warren, (810) 977-2177; La Shish, 37610 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, (248) 553-0700; La Shish, 6303 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield, (248) 538-0800
Restaurant scheduled to open in July: La Shish, 37367 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

bread that is baked until it is crispy. Other starter choices include kibbee (anything with cracked wheat), stuffed grape-leaves (veggie or lamb filled), spinach pies and Mediterranean chicken wings.

Most popular entree? "The chicken kabob with rice and salad," says Hice Sleiman, Canton manager. You'll find seafood dishes (shrimp, red snapper and salmon), an assortment of lamb, beef and chicken entrees, salads (spinach, Greek and fattoush), soups and sandwiches. "Fattoush is our house salad," said Sleiman. "We add toasted pita bread and parsley to the romaine."

It's okay to bring the kids," he said. "We usually serve kids a lamb burger or chicken strips."

Share an entree with your meal partner - it's a great solution to taste testing unfamiliar foods. One of Buck's favorite dishes is baba ghannooj, char-

grilled eggplant blended with tahini sauce, olive oil, garlic and lemon juice. Hommus works well as an appetizer, however, combined with lamb, chicken, beef or vegetables, it satisfies heartier appetites.

Save some space for desserts. "The baklava was the best I have ever tasted," commented Buck. "I don't know what they did to it. I would order it again."

Other sweet options include creme caramel (custard), rice pudding and Lebanese ice cream (the chocolate is yummy). If it's your birthday, dessert is on the house. And, an extra special bonus - the wait staff sings "Happy Birthday" in English and Arabic.

"The La Shish owner always wants everything to be the best," said Jamil Eid, corporate executive chef. "The quality is number one."

"In order to maintain this high quality," said Eid, "all the



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At your service: Chef Mahmoud Hachem invites diners to try a taste of the Middle East at the newly opened La Shish in Canton.

preparation is done at the food quality control center in Dearborn. There is no difference

between the food at the different locations. From Dearborn we deliver to all the locations."

"Hopefully, in July, we will open another La Shish in Livonia," says Eid.

WHAT'S COOKING

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ROBERT M. MEISNER

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You may be well advised to contact the other two attorneys and ask them whether they are beholden to the management company for a referral of business and whether or not they would be in a position to represent the association in an action against the management company.

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After the closing's over... the fun has just begun

BY DOUG FUNKIE
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You've submitted the purchase offer, it's been accepted, you've scheduled a closing date and you're ready to move in. Now what?

The biggest thing to remember is the perfect house at showing won't be the perfect house when you take possession.

"There's kind of a shock looking at bare bones, so to speak," said Fred Weaver, an associate broker with Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke in Rochester.

"One thing that comes to mind now - a home with a lot of hanging pictures and knick-knacks. Don't be surprised to see small holes in the walls," Weaver said.

That probably means spackling, sanding and painting.

"Most people moving in can expect to do some work," added Elaine Foster, a Realtor with Century 21 Today in Bingham Farms.

"If you buy a home that's not necessarily a fixer-upper but maybe more affordable, maybe you'll paint some rooms, remove some wallpaper, change some carpeting," she said.

Typically, sellers don't want to do a lot of things before they move," Foster said. "The seller may want to lower the price a little bit to take care of those things."

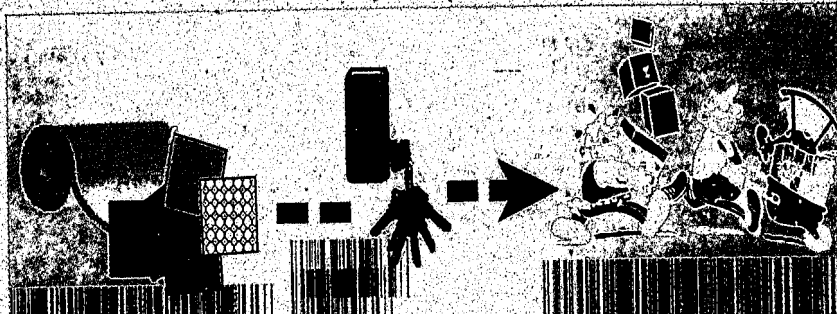
But you still have to do the work or have it done. And it's a lot easier to get it done before you bring in all your things. So, if possible, time your relocation to clean up, paint up and fix up.

It's always a good idea to take advantage of a standard clause in the purchase agreement allowing a buyer to examine the property during the last 48 hours before closing, said Joe Nimmo, affiliated with Real Estate One in Livonia.

"Probably 70 percent will do it," he said. "They want to make sure there's no damage or if they (sellers) said they'd leave the refrigerator, it's still there."

Presumably, buyers get a handle on the condition of the home with the seller disclosure statement and an inspection. But a walk-through before closing, occupancy or both, is always a good time to chat with the sellers about idiosyncrasies of the house.

Maybe the cover over the motor on the furnace has to close a certain way to prevent an annoying knock. Perhaps water and gas shutoff valves are in unusual places. Maybe the deadbolt lock has to be set before the quickset takes on the handle.



Things like that are good to know, preferably right from the horse's mouth.

"It's like a changing of the guard," Weaver said. "Show where the furnace filter is, where they buy water filters. Directions on how to do that. Yard maintenance things, who they've used in the past."

"If a pool's there, people they've used or how to do it (maintenance) yourself. An exchange of ideas of baby-sitters in the neighborhood, trash pick-up. Day-in-and-day-out, mundane things," Weaver said.

Plan to change door locks, safety experts advise. "Probably a lot of people don't," said Nimmo, adding that a lot of duplicate keys may be floating around with relatives, friends and neighbors.

Put new batteries in smoke detectors. Do you have a supply of fuses for homes that don't have circuit breakers? What about three-prong adapters for newer appliances and older electrical boxes?

Don't forget to change the utilities over to your name.

"Gas and electric are usually a smooth transition at the time of closing or possession," Foster said. Both buyer and seller should make arrangements directly with Detroit Edison, Michigan Consolidated or Consumers Energy a few days in advance, she said.

"Cable is something you do after you get in the house," Foster added. "Water is billed to the address."

Ameritech needs about two weeks notice to establish telephone service. The charge is \$42 per line. Mail needs attention, too.

"We (all branches) have a moving kit that explains step by step what a customer should do," said Barbara Brinkley, manager of customer services at the Redford Post Office.

Change-of-address cards in the packet should be submitted to postal officials three days to a week before the move, Brinkley said. Expect a turnaround time of three-five days for forwarded mail.

"We suggest to all customers as soon possible to notify all correspondence of their new address so mail doesn't have to be forwarded," she added.

A couple more simple things to do:

Update your voter registration and driver's license. Both can be done at any secretary of state branch office at no charge.

Touch base with your auto insurer. Your premium may go down in your new neighborhood or if your work commute shortens. Some insurers offer discounts if you buy both homeowners and auto insurance through them. Check it out.

Stock by State

Estimated number of houses, condos and apartments in selected states as of Jan. 1, 1999.

State	In millions
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New York	7.5
Florida	7.1
Pennsylvania	5.3
Illinois	4.8
Ohio	4.7
Michigan	4.2
Indiana	2.5
Wisconsin	2.3
Minnesota	2.1
Arizona	2.0
United States	112.9

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Home buyers fair offers one-stop shopping

MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

Many questions can cloud the process of buying a home. The good news is that answers will be available during a free Affordable Housing Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at Cobo Center in Detroit.

More than 60 mortgage lenders, credit agencies and real estate brokers will exhibit at the fair. The fair is sponsor by the Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan (MBAM), Standard Federal, Comerica, the Fannie Mae Foundation and Freddie Mac.

Fairgoers will have an opportunity to talk directly with the lending professionals responsible for approving loans and realtors listing property in their desired locations.

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These educational classes held every hour, include informative workbooks, industry leading instructors, and question-and-answer sessions.

"The goal of the Detroit Metro Home Buyers Fair is to provide prospective home owners with the practical tools needed to make home ownership a reality," said Margaret Feskorn, chairwoman for the event and vice president of the MBAM. "We expect visits from first-time home buyers, families wishing to move-up to larger homes and those who would just like to learn more about the home ownership process."

With the many mortgage programs now available to consumers, this forum offers a great opportunity for education and research. "Buying a home can be a great experience if you do your homework," said Feskorn. "You can view the fair as 'study hall.'"

Don't forget to bring your kids. The fair is "family friendly," with popcorn and balloons, and appearances by Beeper the Robot, a stilt walker, Winnie the Pooh and Tigger and other family favorites.

If you are interested in more information, call the MBAM offices at (248) 945-3875.

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

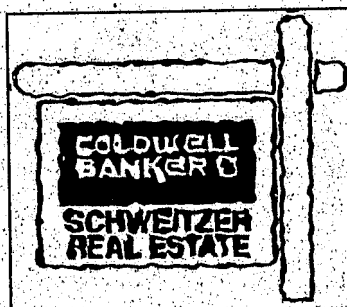
Another merger

Professionals joins Schweitzer

In a move described as putting Coldwell Banker in the best position to service the growing needs of northern Oakland County, Coldwell Banker Professionals has merged into Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate.

The Professionals office at 7157 N. Main in Clarkston, becomes the 17th link in the Schweitzer chain. Schweitzer is headquartered in Sterling Heights.

"It is the right time to combine the national presence and cutting-edge technology of Coldwell Banker with the solid reputation and strength of Schweitzer real estate," said Bill Clark, a partner with Professionals and manager of the newest Schweitzer office.



"We now have more strength behind our for sale signs than any other company in the market, and that will

translate into quick sales and strong results for our buyers and sellers," Clark added.

"With 650 sales associates and a presence in metro Detroit real estate for over 35 years, coupled with the outstanding tools and national clout of Coldwell Banker, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate has the ability to make great things happen for local buyers and sellers," said Paul Schweitzer, president.

Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corp., a subsidiary of Centant, a publicly traded, franchises more than 2,900 independently owned and operated offices with more than 69,000 sales associates throughout North America.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric's real estate closings recorded April 22 - 26 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are addresses, and sales prices.	8900 Northeast Way E \$219,000 4514 Villa Rio Dr \$343,000 Commerce Township 1886 Alton Cir \$140,000 2170 Applebrook Dr \$334,000 2770 Benstein Rd \$112,000 4677 Birchton St \$112,000 8349 Lagoon St \$112,000 2146 Shire Ct \$68,000 1595 Spruce Ct \$190,000 5230 Starwood \$191,000 9220 Tanbay St \$96,000 160 Winslow Cir \$200,000 Auburn Hills 2933 Genes Dr \$111,000 716 Hamlet Rd \$135,000 3030 Joslyn Rd \$34,000 Clarkston 11267 Cedar Cove Ln \$177,000 8935 Clark Rd \$118,000 7207 Deerhill Dr \$362,000 6590 Forest Ridge Ct \$263,000 6878 Hubbard Cir \$254,000 8890 Minne Wanda Rd \$180,000 10080 Eagle Rd \$130,000 10301 Enterprise Dr \$2,800,000 Farmington 23909 Farmington Rd \$153,000 23750 Gill Rd \$255,000 30250 Grand River #5 \$58,000 32718 Grand River #B \$61,000 23007 Ulac St \$110,000 33242 Meadowlark St \$150,000 24156 Saint Mary Ct \$212,000 Daviesburg Farmington Hills 33822 Argonne Rd \$275,000 38813 Country Cir \$120,000 37778 Emerald Forest \$355,000 30070 Fernhill Dr \$247,000 39915 Glouster Cir \$221,000 28075 Golf Pointe Blvd \$331,000 23218 Montclair St \$150,000 31092 N Park Dr \$299,000 29488 Onenwood Ave \$202,000 20838 Parker St \$213,000 38269 Remington Park \$169,000 38275 Remington Park \$171,000 21019 Rensselaer St \$84,000 38498 Saratoga Cir \$169,000 37843 Siena Dr \$230,000 29194 Sunridge \$306,000 23015 Tuck Rd \$135,000 30420 W 10 Mile Rd \$243,000 30024 W 12 Mile #21 \$70,000 27288 Winterset Cir \$302,000 Franklin 25310 Canterbury Rd \$700,000 Keego Harbor 1761 Sylvan Glen \$60,000 Lake Orion 2791 Fox Hollow Ct \$72,000 855 Hemingway Rd \$125,000 975 Maritoul St \$301,000 1226 Scout Ave \$425,000 46 Smith Ct \$48,000 1384 Woodfield St \$125,000 Lathrup Village 18648 Middlesex Ave \$175,000 27000 Southfield Rd \$50,000 Novi 22439 Altair Ct \$255,000 22670 Bertram Dr \$341,000 47622 Brittany Ct \$640,000 22166 Edgewood \$151,000 30796 Golden Ridge \$256,000 23537 N Rockledge \$76,000 24503 Old Orchard St \$92,000 24826 Redwing Dr \$265,000 1127 S Lake Dr #206 \$105,000 22546 Sheridan Rd \$218,000 21933 Sunrise Blvd \$220,000 23350 Whitehall Dr \$562,000 45272 Yorkshire Dr \$260,000 Oakland Township 35 Woodside Ln \$270,000 Orion Township 4435 Rohr Rd \$179,000 Oxford 863 Augusta Blvd \$48,000 539 Bay Pointe Dr \$60,000 630 Bay Pointe Dr \$115,000 760 Doral Dr \$48,000 5451 Hummer Lake Rd \$168,000 844 Inverness Dr \$46,000 878 Inverness Dr \$46,000 1220 Quail Ridge Dr \$207,000 439 Sunset Blvd \$55,000 539 Sunset Blvd \$279,000 611 Thornhill Trl \$218,000 Recheater 4094 Bold Mews \$262,000 3832 Briarbrook Ln \$215,000 3149 Brimwood Dr \$236,000 1054 Churchill Cir \$217,000 1078 Churchhill Cir \$238,000 3920 Elk \$89,000 253 Glenmoor Dr \$334,000 1328 Kentfield Dr \$318,000 1222 Miners Run \$90,000 20033 Forestwood St \$180,000 28390 Idanbrook Ct \$275,000 24380 Lafayette Cir \$250,000 21284 Mada Ave \$300,000 17181 Morrison St \$164,000 18475 Onyx St \$170,000 23460 Plumbrook Dr \$168,000 21250 Sherman Ave \$95,000 25075 Thymia St \$155,000 22352 W 12 Mile Rd \$131,000 29960 Westbrook Pkwy \$170,000 18233 Westover Ave \$148,000 29375 Wildbrook Dr \$54,000 21700 Wildemere St \$156,000 Recheater Hills 1868 Alenway Cir \$127,000 1980 Blue Grass Dr \$408,000 2720 Devaldale Rd \$210,000 2749 Hickory Lawn Rd \$267,000 2745 Long Meadow Ln \$207,000 628 Medinah Dr \$240,000 1689 Morningdale Ln \$235,000 422 Parkland Ct \$150,000 707 Preston Ct \$117,000 2880 S Livernols Rd \$130,000 164 Stratford Ln \$225,000 3439 Vardon Dr \$225,000 Southfield 783 E Wattles Rd \$82,000 1315 Fountain Dr \$148,000 4635 Heatherbrook Dr \$237,000 4854 Hyde Park Dr \$168,000 5820 Larkins Dr \$230,000 1559 Lexington Dr \$480,000 3016 Oakhill Dr \$190,000 2900 Roundtree Dr \$103,000 6115 Smithfield Dr \$254,000 3755 South Blvd W \$160,000 2106 Tucker Dr \$123,000 3978 Victoria Dr \$234,000 3304 Wilberbee Dr \$229,000 Walled Lake 1900 Decker Rd \$107,000 West Bloomfield 3675 Aeroview St \$143,000 6257 Berwick Dr \$416,000 6331 Brantford Dr \$362,000 4228 Breckinridge Dr \$212,000 7182 Buena Vista Ct \$110,000 6357 Charles Dr \$410,000 6043 Cheryl Ct \$227,000 7935 Detroit Blvd \$226,000 2370 Doleman Dr \$110,000 5618 Loveland St \$87,000 3134 Park Forest Dr \$290,000 5611 Putnam Dr \$108,000 2427 Rolanale \$89,000 5514 S Piccadilly Cir \$218,000 2818 Treburn Ln \$285,000 5034 Village Commons \$383,000 6539 Walnut Cir \$178,000 5521 White Hall Cir \$324,000 6468 Wyndham Dr \$431,000 White Lake 9219 Gale Rd \$127,000 8170 High Point Trl \$229,000 75 Jessamine Ln \$34,000 955 Olmstead St \$134,000 Wolverine Lake 2679 Canal Dr \$225,000
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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real estate briefs features news and notes on professional associations, office activities, upcoming meetings and seminars, new services/products and consumer publications.

Write: Real estate briefs, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150.
Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County sponsors a program on how to expand the base of rental applicants 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline, one block east of I-75.

Cost for non-members is \$10. Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package may call Wayne Koehler at (313) 386-7228.

BUILDER'S LICENSE

Builder's Training Services offers a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builder's licensing examination 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 1-10, at the Clawson-Troy Elks Club on the north side of Big Beaver near Rochester Road.

Cost, which includes training manual, construction guide, textbook and self-testing materials, is \$235. A home study course is available for \$185. To register, call (248) 909-1947.

GOLF OUTING

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts a North Oakland County Golf Classic outing 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, at Bay Pointe Golf Club, 4001 Haggerty, West Bloomfield.

Cost, which includes a bucket of range balls, golf cart, buffet lunch, appetizers and dinner, is \$125. To register, call (248) 737-4477.

SELL HOME CLASS

Matt Kenkel, an associate broker with ERA Bankers, and Bloomfield Hills Community Education present a for-sale-by-owner class 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at West Hills Middle School.

Topics include setting a price, target marketing, effective promotion, special financing techniques, purchasing documents and closing costs.

Cost is \$25. To register, call (248) 433-0885.

HOME BUY FAIR

Several financial institutions including Standard Federal Bank, Comerica and the Mortgage Bankers Association co-sponsor a free conference on buying a house 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at Cobo Center, Detroit.

Workshops are planned on home ownership, repairing credit, financing and saving for a down payment.

More than 50 mortgage lenders, credit agencies and real estate brokers are expected to exhibit.

Kids activities also will be available.

For information, call (248) 945-3875.

FOUNDATIONS

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents a dinner program on engineered foundations 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at Mitch's II, 6665 Highland Road, Waterford.

Cost, including dinner, is \$20. To register, call (248) 737-4477.

BUILDER'S LICENSE II

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education present a builder's license examination preparation class 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, June 14-23, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Cost is \$170, plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

REMODELING CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education sponsor a 16-hour class on home remodeling and additions 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 15-24, at Riley Middle School.

Topics include planning, building codes, estimating material costs, tying into existing plumbing, electrical, heating and cooling systems, plus basic construction and finishing techniques.

Cost is \$170, plus \$10 for a textbook. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

GOLF OUTING II

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

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

For information, call (734) 662-2570.

HOME EQUITY LOANS

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

SALES WEB SITE

Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood?

Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has prepared maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free.

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MOVERS & SHAKERS

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

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Glenn Haegge's Ask the Handyman Show on TalkRadio 1270 WXYT has been extended for three years.

Haegge has hosted the home-improvement radio program for 16 years. He airs 8 a.m. to noon Saturday and Sunday.

Barbara Martin, a 20-year veteran and consistent multi-million dollar sales producer, joins Remerica Integrity Realtors in Livonia. Martin also lives in that community.



Martin

Margarita Forrest joins Ford & Earl Associates in Troy as an interior designer.

She has experience in all phases of commercial and residential design with a specialty in healthcare interiors. She has a bachelor of science degree in interior design from the University of Arizona.

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate was named to the Coldwell Banker Chairman's Circle for a ninth consecutive year. The designation goes to franchises that realize annual adjusted closed gross commission income of at least \$3.5 million.

Schweitzer, headquartered in Sterling Heights has 17 offices in



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the metro area. Paul Schweitzer is president.

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer led the state in closed gross commission income among all Coldwell Banker franchises.

Robertson Brothers, a residential developer/builder in Bloomfield Hills, announces several promotions.

James V. Clarke, vice president of operations, has been promoted to senior vice president of operations. A nine-year veteran of the company, he's responsible for daily operations.



Clarke

Clarke graduated from Michigan State University and began his career with Robertson Brothers as land acquisition director/project manager.



J. Robertson



D. Robertson

Jan Robertson, general manager of sales and marketing, becomes vice president of sales and marketing. She joined the firm's sales department in 1982 and is now responsible for marketing activities at all Robertson developments.

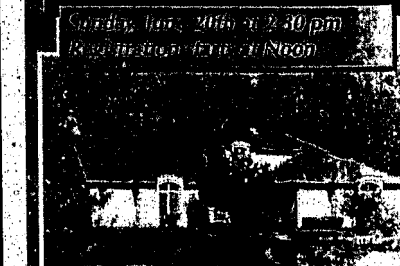
David W. Robertson was promoted to general manager of finance and administration. He's responsible for all administration, finance and purchasing. Robertson, affiliated with the company 22 years, graduated from Michigan State University.

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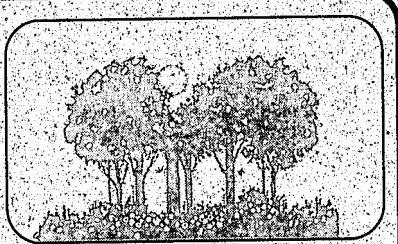
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ONE OF A KIND

Nicely decorated ranch on 2.5 acres with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood floors, Berber carpeting, huge laundry room, large kitchen, open floor plan great for entertaining. Lots of mirror. Outside has lots of decking, garage, pole barn, storage shed and a tree line at the back of the lot. \$242,500 (R96OAK) MLS#902089



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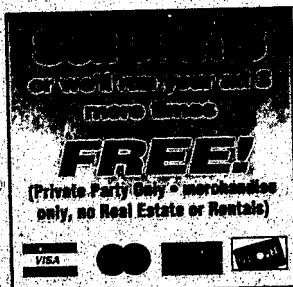
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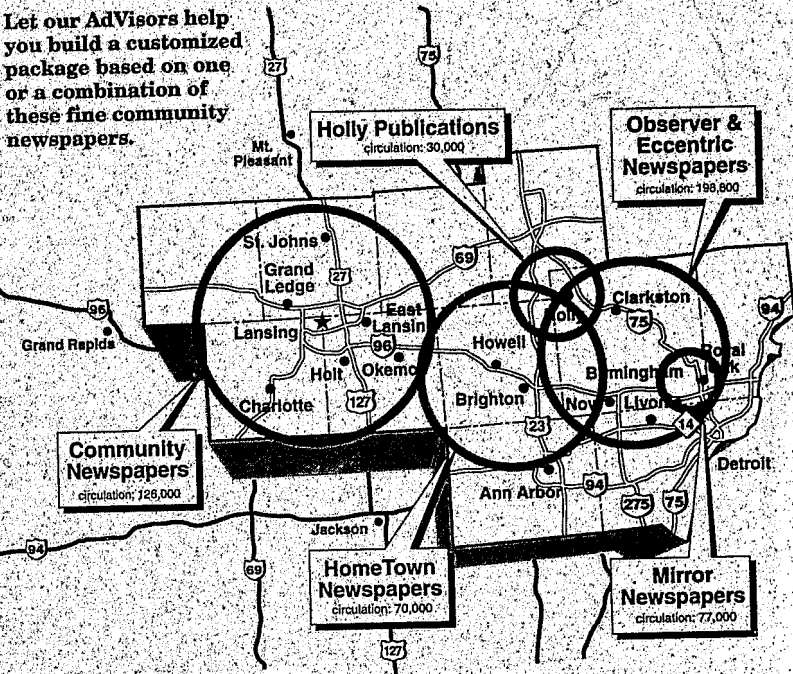
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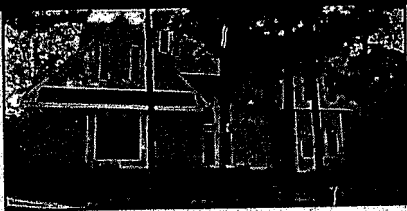
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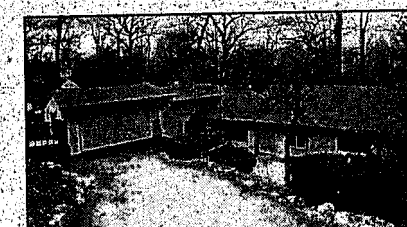
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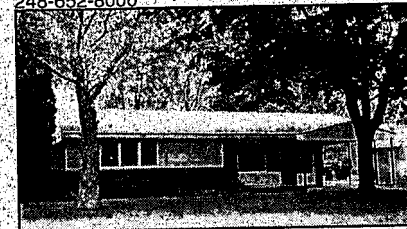
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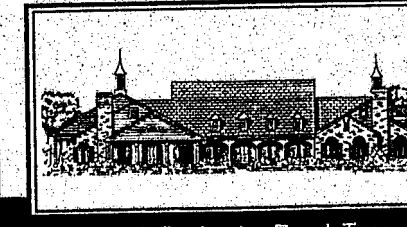
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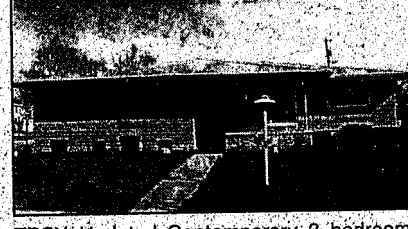
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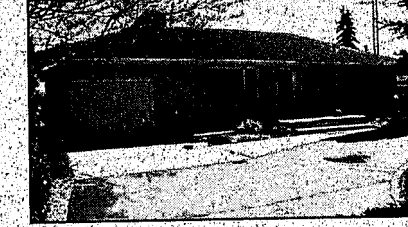
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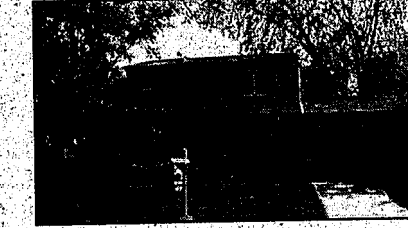
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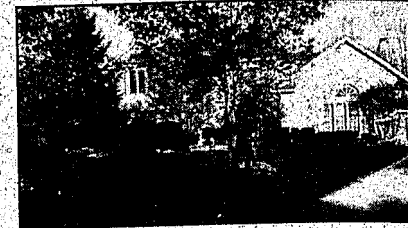


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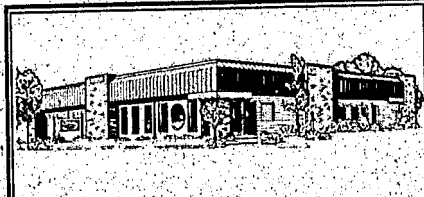
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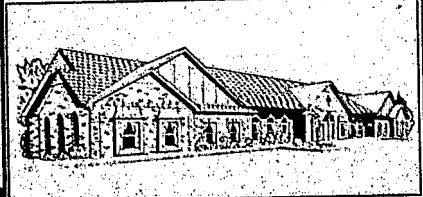
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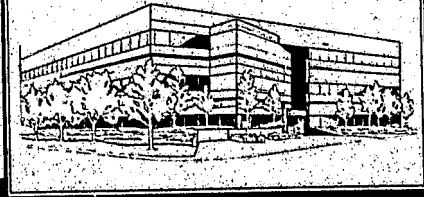
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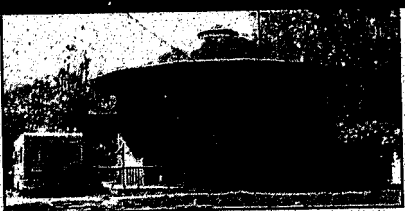
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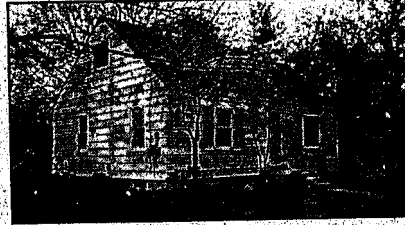
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320 Hartland

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321 Highland

LAKEFRONT RANCH - on popular Dunham Lake. Naturalist's paradise. Home is over 5000 sq. ft. including walkout in-law living quarters. Full deck stretches across the back with enclosed porch for those rainy days. \$549,000. 2281A. Coldwell Banker Callan 248-684-8116.

323 Howell

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LOVELY 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch with remodeled kitchen, newer windows. 2 Car attached garage. \$129,000.

325 Livonia

EXECUTIVE COLONIAL located on hilly 3.29 wooded acres for \$249,900. Quality kitchen, rec room, garage, central air, newer windows, furnace and carpet. Better Hurry! \$144,500. AL VAN ACKER, RE/MAX in the Hills (248) 648-5000.

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ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL 4 bedroom, 2 bath, colonial, formal dining, 1st floor laundry, finished walk out. Open sun. 1-4. \$329,900. 734-464-6995.

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Colonial in Village Oaks, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Updated kitchen, new windows, new furnace. Novi schools. Pool/clubhouse in sub. \$193,900. Open house, Sunday, May 30, 12-4pm. 22603 Chestnut Tree. (248) 348-9292.

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Hi Land Lake access on chain of 7 lakes. New 3 bedroom, 2 bath, carpeted, first floor laundry, basement, garage, decks, Anderson Windows. \$147,000. (734) 878-8827. (734) 878-6720.

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335 Redford

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3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths w/Birmingham schools. Updated: roof, windows, furnace, air conditioning, kitchen & tile floor, carpet, 2 1/2 carwork shop, \$164,995.

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341 Troy

MOVE-IN CONDITION 1994
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344 W. Bloomfield-Orchard Lake-Keego

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348 Wixom/Walled Lake/Commerce

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354 Oakland County

WATERFORD - By owner, Lake privileges, 1020 sq. ft. ranch.
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357 Wayne County

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358 Lakefront/Waterfront Homes

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358 Lakefront/Waterfront Homes

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BRIGHTON, WOODLAND Lakefront

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CASS LAKE

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Offering the finest amenities thru-out, fabulous 4,086 sq. ft. all sports lakefront contemporary home has great room, dining room, library, 3 bedrooms, 4 baths. Finished walk-out lower level to lake has 2nd great room, office & 2nd kitchen. Other features include hardwood floors on main level, hot tub, fireplace, central air, satellite, dish, sprinkler system, 2 car garage & boat dock. \$549,999. (VA)977

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Sharp brick contemporary lakefront home has living room w/fireplace, dining room, 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, walk-out basement, central air, patio, deck, 2 car garage, Bay windows, sky-lites, vaulted ceilings thru-out. \$240,000. (ME)62

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Contemporary, 11 acres, overlooks Whitmore Lake w/walkout, 3 car garage, lake access. \$289,900. Call Oxford (734) 682-0820

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frontage on All Sports Lake, Vroomhls, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 3000 sq. ft., 1/2 acre on cul-de-sac, great room w/vaulted ceilings. \$575,000. (248) 391-2678

PINCKNEY - Lake front, on

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WATERFORD - 75 ft. frontage,

Long Lake, all sport, 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, sauna, jacuzzi, granite kitchen, \$495,000. (248) 674-2922

WOLVERINE LAKEFRONT - 4

bedrooms, 3 baths, fully renovated office/library, beach, dock, lift, A true turnkey. 248-624-7226

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372 Condos

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372 Condos

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bedroom, 2 bath, upper, balcony, full basement. \$130,000. 248-334-2272

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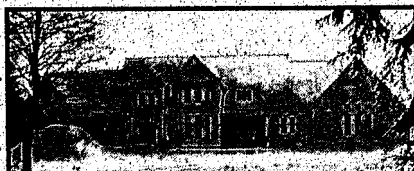
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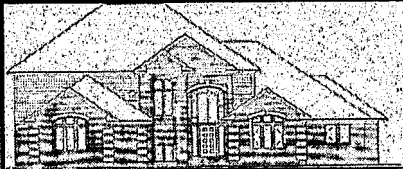
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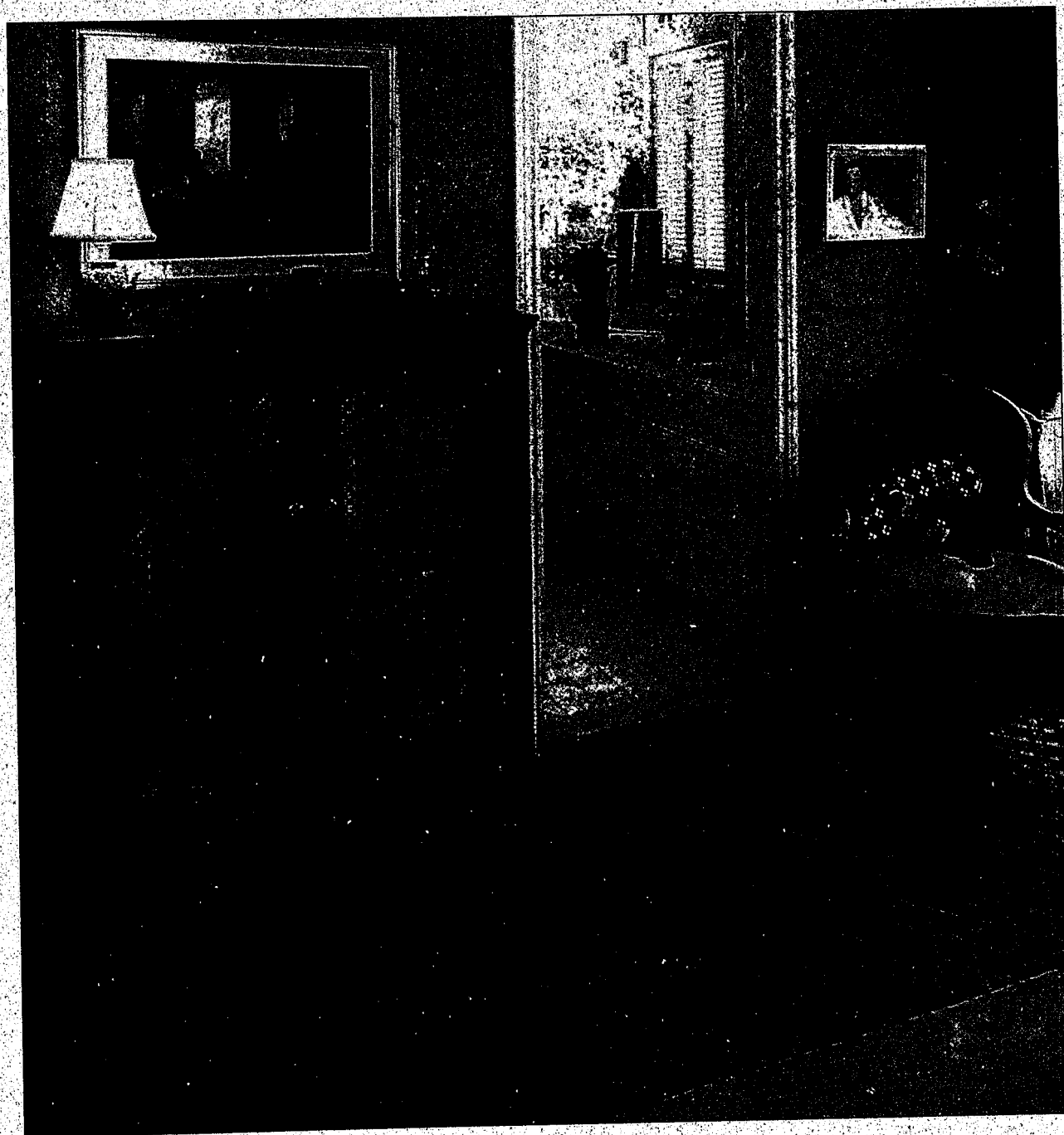
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Fishing trip prompts thoughts on life



JOE GAGNON

This time last week I was in Northern Canada on my yearly fishing trip and this time I went alone. Usually I have three or four friends join me and find great pleasure in treating them to fishing

like they have never had before.

Five days alone can be very good for the person who is surrounded by phone calls and attention. It can give a person a chance to reflect and help one understand more on the subject of life.

In my case, these days have been good for my soul. Let me describe some of these thoughts.

With all the attention I have received during these past 10 years, I asked myself why I have been doing the things I do. Example go back to being an expert witness for the Attorney General's office in a law suit against a large national appliance repair organization. At the time my life was threatened, rather seriously. The time exists when I took on the

yellow pages for unethical advertising and as a result my good friend Lyn Bankes had legislation passed for the benefit of consumers. Just a few years back I took on the manufacturers of plastic dryer vent line and the State of Michigan now has a law banning the use of it on dryers.

It seems that now I've taken on the billion dollar industry of hot water tanks and this one turns out to be a hot little potato. Someone says to me the other day that I should be given a journalism award for writing this column which helps so many. Personally, I don't want that to happen nor do I need it to satisfy my ego. I would feel like an idiot knowing that I never spent a class in journalism and those who did spend their life working in this field. Those of you who read this column can tell by my composition that I do it my way. A good friend in television called recently and said I should receive a national award for what I'm doing on the current issue of hot water tanks. That's a nice thought on her part, but I'll tell you, I don't look good in a suit. Too fat around the middle.

Seriously, I asked myself for five days while in the wilderness of Canada surrounded by God and nature, why have I been doing these things. Is it the attention?

Let me be honest with you, the answer is a resounding YES! I want every person in America to read these columns, to listen to my talk shows, to read my book and listen to my seminars. I want everyone to trust in my words when I speak on the subject of consumer affairs or products. I want the consumers of America to know that someone is out there to help them. I believe that this country needs somebody to stand up for their interests when big business seems to be able to do what they please and get away with it.

I want people to know that a simple man like me, this guy writing this column can not be influenced by graft, position, threats, sex or any thing which might take him off the course he's set.

Back to the word "Attention," I've been getting plenty of it for the past 20 years, being president of this or that and getting awards aplenty. Attention is like getting a promotion at work and a new job title. After a while, you get used to it

and you don't give a second thought. You spend your life helping others and it becomes second nature. You love those who appreciate your help and put up with those who take advantage. Take some time like I did and reflect on your life and ask yourself what you can do to make a difference. If you get attention along the way, even when you don't want it, just figure, I must be doing something right or I wouldn't get attention.

Joe Gagnon was the president of Carmack Appliances for 20 years and is today a weekend talk show host on 760 WJR. He can be reached at (313)873-9789. His book "First Aid on Appliances" is in book stores and at Damman Hardware.

at home calendar

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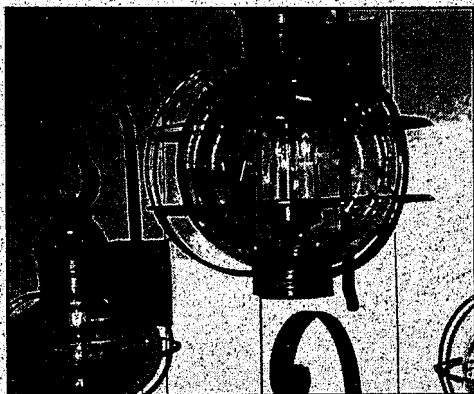
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Back to the fixture

Lights in: Home builders and owners alike are turning to the 18th century and rediscovering the beauty of globe post lights, onion lights and colonial style beacon fixtures for the front of their residences. Typically seen on colonial style houses, these lights are now being used to decorate ranch, Tudor, Victorian and other styles. The lights are made of pure brass or copper and are virtually maintenance free. Unlike the original lamps that were designed for burning candles or oil, today's reproductions are electric and can be fitted with standard clear or candle-shaped bulbs. They are available at M.T. Hunter, 1000 S. Old Woodward in Birmingham. Call (248) 646-4440.



To the letter

Initial-tive: Kelley Smith of Bloomfield Hills offers monogrammed linens and baby blankets through her business, The "Bow"tique. Prices are \$14 for an Irish linen hand towel, \$30 for a turtle fur blanket (add \$6 per word to monogram) and \$38 for an Irish linen boudoir pillow. The "Bow"tique's other primary product line is hand-painted glassware, with prices of \$12 for each wine glass, \$12 for salt and pepper shaker sets and \$75 for cake plates. Call (248) 626-0203.



Tea-rrific

Steep order: Jacobson's new houseware collection presents a variety of teapots. This teapot doubles as a tea cup. Designed by Zrike and retailing for \$17, the whimsical combination includes a flower motif teapot with a tea cup in matching plaid design. These charming miniature teapots by Empress Arts, which retail for \$22 each, will serve a smile. The tall pot features images of different coffee cups, the rounded depicts a complete tea service including sugar and creamer, and the squared boasts an array of candy and hearts.

AT HOME, Mary Klemic, editor (248) 901-2569

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Garden giveaway

Planning and planting: There's still time to enter the Blooms of Bressingham garden giveaway, co-sponsored by English Gardens and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete this entry blank, or one available at all English Gardens stores, including a 150-word answer (continued on a separate sheet attached to the form) to "My home needs a Blooms garden because." Submit at least three color photos of the proposed garden area (at least 4 by 6 feet in size) with the form and essay. Blooms of Bressingham will donate products for English Gardens to plant in the winning garden. English Gardens will donate the labor to design and plant the garden. You must be at least 18 to enter. English Gardens employees and their immediate family members, and workers of any agencies employed by English Gardens, aren't eligible. All applications must be completed and submitted by Monday, May 31. They may be turned in to any English Gardens, or to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Garden books carry special lessons



MARTY FIGLEY

One of the best ways to learn about gardening, other than doing it, is to study books. Subjects about gardening range far and wide in this ever-changing quest for beauty and satisfaction.

The third of the delightful trilogy by E.A. Bowles is now available. "My Garden in Autumn and Winter" (Timber Press, \$24.95) follows a similar format of his spring and summer books.

This reprint includes a map of his now restored garden, Myddleton, in London and as in the other books, an update of plant nomenclature written by Peter Barnes.

Rather than bemoaning the fact that plants die and/or disappear during the winter months, he shows his pleasure in growing those plants that provide late-season beauty. We are drawn into his garden to learn about the autumn crocus, aster, cotoneaster and others. He isn't inhibited about his personal opin-

ions, which adds to the charm of the book.

Maria Rodale's "Organic Gardening" (Rodale, \$35) is a treatise on the subject. She is the granddaughter of J.I. Rodale, the founder of the organic gardening movement in the United States, so she is very well acquainted with the techniques of the non-chemical approach to gardening.

Whether you grow flowers or vegetables, she shares her insights as she guides through the seasons. Her interviews with accomplished gardeners and their approach are helpful as are the techniques about weeding, removing unwanted grass and harvesting the vegetable crop. A seasonal calendar helps with necessary chores.

The book showcases her talent as a photographer.

Two new books in Timber Press' Gardener's Guide series are "Daylilies," Diana Grenfell (\$29.95), and "Campanulas," Peter Lewis and Margaret Lynch (\$34.95).

In the first, Grenfell brings us up to date on the newest daylilies and explains how they can be successfully grown.

Experienced daylily growers will find something that will challenge. The author relates the history, explains the classification system and breeding techniques, and describes the many hybrids, which are arranged by color for quick reference.

"Campanulas" (the genus includes alpine and wildflowers as well as specimens for a "regular garden") is similar in format.

The authors have cleared up the mistakes that have occurred in naming specific plants, which will avoid confusion for the public. They share their expertise in growing campanulas in the descriptions; the beautiful photographs will make readers want to grow at least a few of these plants, whether their garden is large or small.

"Gardening With Stone: Using Stone Features To Add Mystery, Magic And Meaning To Your Garden," Jan Kowalczywski-Whitner (Macmillan, \$39.95), is now available.

Beginning with the history of stone in the garden, the photographs of gardens across the country aptly illustrate what can be accomplished with thoughtful

placement and proper use of the correct stone.

Learning why and how stones were used by the landscapers and gardeners is interesting. Listings and descriptions of plants for particular placement - i.e. for fissures, ledges, meadows and wetlands - add much value.

"Making a Garden," Rita Buchanan (Houghton Mifflin, \$35), is excellent for beginner gardeners, although those with more experience will find much of value here.

Buchanan's voice comes through loud and clear as she explains the steps necessary for a successful garden, whether it is a brand-new undertaking or a re-do of an "inherited" one. Her no-nonsense approach is refreshing. She suggests the first step is to photograph the site and later get a soil analysis, contrary to general advice.

Each chapter deals with a subject and explores it fully, such as controlling weeds, division, bulbs, ground covers and all other types of plants. Vegetable and herb gardening is included. The book is enhanced with illustrations by Steve Buchanan of their present and previous gardens.

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Beginning in this beautiful blue sky weather of May, succulent soft shell blue crabs will be shipped all over the country from the Southeast and Gulf coasts.

The season to buy fresh soft shells is May through mid-October — perfect for summer beach parties and seafood soirees.

A crab roast is an ultimate summer-time party. It gives guests an easy way to interact with one another and their food. Invite guests to roast their own crabs around a big bonfire. Roasted corn on the cob and spicy coleslaw make for the perfect accompaniments.

Serve with your favorite chilled wine, some tart lemonade or some icy Sangria loaded with citrus. Keep dessert light and frosty, or put together a huge fruit salad laced with fresh coconut and lemon-flavored yogurt or liqueur.

Use fresh kitchen towels instead of napkins, and accessorize with either a

seaside or citrus motif.

Be sure to have a grouping of those disposable cameras around for guests to take pictures.

Crabby tips:

■ Always buy lively crabs — make sure they aren't sluggish or dead.

■ Choose crabs with all of their limbs — this isn't the time to buy culls!

■ Don't buy crabs that have a fishy odor. They should smell like the ocean, fresh and salty.

■ Soft-shell crabs come in a variety of sizes from extra large (about 5 to 5-1/2 inches) to medium-sized (about 3-1/2 to 4 inches).

■ Never store cooked crabs and live crabs together.

■ It's always best to clean the crabs as soon as possible after purchase.

■ Refrigerate live crabs as soon as you get them home. Some people like to put them in paper bags for storage.

■ Use crabs within 24 hours after they die — sooner the better.

■ Kitchen scissors (kitchen shears) are a great tool in removing the head and eyes.

Hold an individual crab (stomach side down) in one hand, a kitchen

shears in the other.

Snip off the head and eyes. Lift up a side wing of the top shell, cut off the soft feather-like white gills attached to the body on each side (the little bits of stored fat located under the wings should be left on), discard the gills. Lift up the apron (the flap that folds under the rear of the body), and snip off.

Gently squeeze the center of the crab and force out the sand sack and the tomalley (greenish liver).

■ Place the cleaned crabs stomach-side up on a plate to keep them as moist as possible.

■ If you are a bit squeamish, ask your local fishmonger to clean the crabs.

■ Soft shell crabs are wonderful sautéed in: butter and white wine, sesame oil and garlic (served with a soy sauce and ginger-based sauce) or in some smoky chili-flavored oil.

They are great grilled or roasted over an open fire, deep-fried and ornately dressed in a tempura batter, or cooked and served on a long roll with a slather of flavored aioli (a mayonnaise-based sauce).

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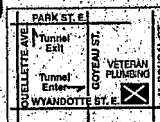
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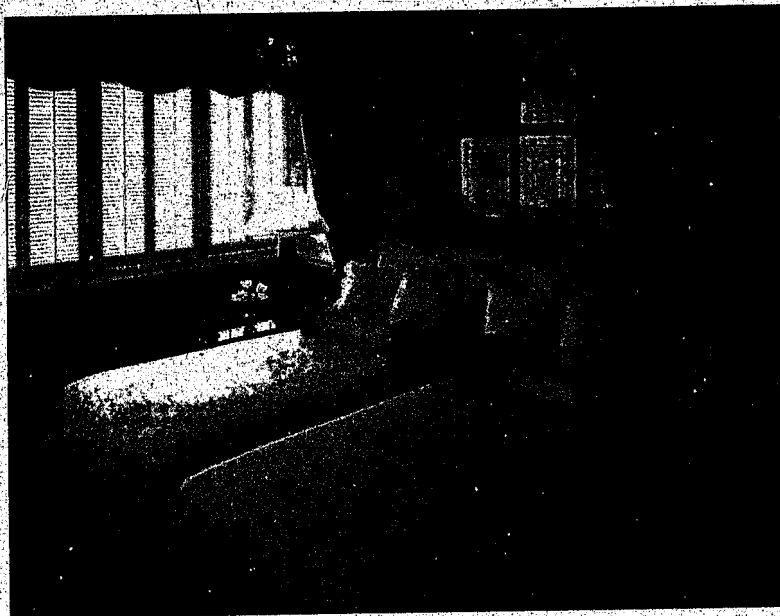
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Be my guest: Interior designer Diane Fishman extends a luxurious yet comfortable welcome at the guest room at her Farmington Hills home. Among the features are black floral-print chintz draperies and matching padded headboards (above). The room's predominant colors are white, black and lush green. (below). Photos by Scott Benjamin.



BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
Staff Writer

Rip VanWinkle would have slept another 30 years had he found a guest bedroom like the ones featured on these pages. "Comfort is the operative word," said interior designer Diane Fishman of Farmington Hills, who created a luxurious sanctuary for guests in her own home.

Everything about Fishman's guest room seems to say "welcome," from the handpainted, double-door chest (Fishman's own artwork!) that conceals a TV to the side-by-side twin beds dressed in white coverlets and mounded with pretty pillows.

The room's predominant colors of white, black and lush green offer contrast without competition. The accent lies in the black floral-print chintz draperies, the matching padded headboards and the dark, diamond-pattern needlepoint carpeting.

"I wouldn't go for drama or bright colors in a bedroom. This is a room for sleeping, not being jarring or harsh," Fishman said.

A great guest room is the sum of its details. In addition to a television, Fishman likes to include current reading material, flowers and snacks, such as a bowl of fruit.

"A good supply of hangers" is a must, she said, as well as a hair dryer, shower cap, robe hooks, a well-stocked medicine cabinet and lots of clean towels in the guest bathroom.

Fishman can't fall asleep unless the room is absolutely dark, so she's emphatic about good light control for guest room windows.

"My husband can't understand why I can't sleep if my eyes are closed. I wish the rest of me were as tired as my eyelids."

Location

Dennis Standhardt, an interior designer based in Birmingham, created a contemporary, tropical tone for his client's guest room, the perfect setting in which to display touches of her beloved Japanese art.

"I like the simplicity of it, the clean lines of it. I'm not a froufrou," said homeowner Brigitte Bingham of Birmingham.

Location enhances a guest bedroom, since distance translates into privacy, Standhardt said.

"It's a luxury to have a guest bedroom far away. The more the guests are removed from the master bedroom or other bedrooms, the more comfortable they feel."



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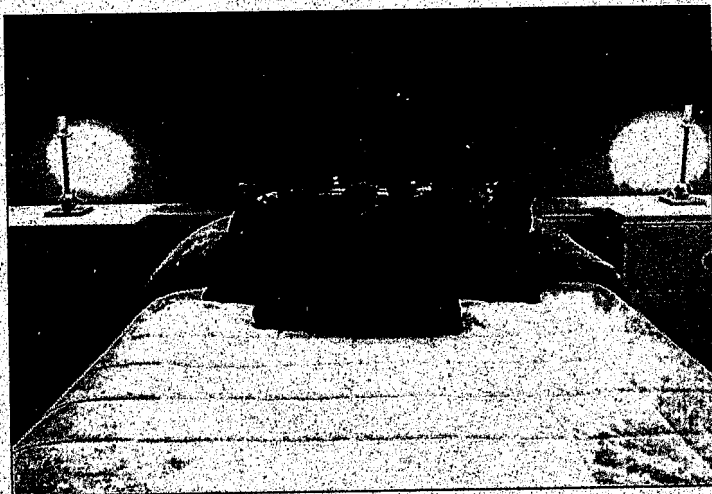
At Diane Fishman's home in Farmington Hills, a handpainted chest conceals a TV in the guest room. Photo by Scott Benjamin.



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Green scene:

Designer Dennis Standhardt created a tropical tone for a Birmingham client's guest room with greenery and fern-green walls (left). Clean lines give a contemporary feel (right) and a chaise lounge adds a romantic element (far right). Staff photos by Jim Jagdfeld.



ms offer special welcome

The Bingham's guest bedroom is ideally situated at the end of a long, wide hallway.

Standhardt used the 20-by-5 1/2 hall — and created a lovely preface to the room — by building half-wall shelving, seating and storage space, including a built-in curio cabinet for Bingham's prized "netsuke" collection (ancient Japanese purse string ornaments).

Standhardt cooled the warmth of the room's fern green walls by using a mushroom-colored, diamond-cut carpeting with accents of lavender and black. He enhanced the room's tropical theme with greenery.

As a final touch, Standhardt included a chaise lounge.

"They're wonderfully romantic and comfortable. It's nice to have something to stretch out on besides the bed."

Multipurpose room

"Generally the guest room is one of the last rooms people do. I have found the guest rooms today are very multifunctional. Not too many people have a room that's just a guest room," said Karen Corey, a designer for Gorman's Gallery of Fine Furniture and Interior Design in Southfield.

In many homes, guest rooms often do double duty as an office or a get-away room for the adults.

"I really see that trend," Corey said.

When discussing the design of a guest room with her clients, Corey asks a few core questions: Who will be using it? How often is it going to be used just for guests? How long will guests stay? Will college kids use it when they come home for a visit? Will twin beds or a full-size bed be more appropriate?

If guests stay for just a week, a sleep sofa is appropriate, she said. If guests stay for two weeks, she recommends investing in a bed.

Corey said a guest room's welcome is always in the details, like lots of pillows, luxurious bed linens, contrasting fabrics and romantic, soft window treatments.

"And inviting colors. Most people like warm colors. Having a warm palette works very nicely."

Family pictures also add an invit-

ing, inexpensive touch. She recommends sorting through photo albums for pictures that include your guests.

"These are fun things that make people part of the room."

And don't forget the robes, Corey reminded.

"I think it's wonderful if you provide robes for your guests. That's a wonderful touch."

So, fluff those pillows, stack those towels and get ready for your most discriminating guests. But before you do any inviting, heed these last words of advice from Fishman: Spend a night in your guest room.

"It's really a feeling of empathy for the people who are staying there."



Multipurpose: Guest rooms have many functions, says Karen Corey, a designer for Gorman's Gallery of Fine Furniture and Interior Design of Southfield. Use lots of pillows and soft window treatments, she advises. Photos by Bill Hansen.





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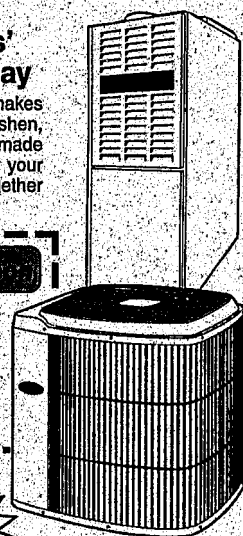
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Arts and Crafts artistry still strong

BY MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

At the turn of the century, Gustav Stickley's beliefs regarding his furnishings were as simple and straightforward as the pieces themselves.

"We're not building furniture for 30 years, we're building it for 300 years," said Stickley, a seminal figure in the Arts and Crafts movement.

Another century is almost here, and indications are that Stickley designs will last for at least 300 years. Any doubts would have been settled in the talk by Carolyn Audi, communication director of Stickley furniture in New York, who spoke at the Scott Shuptrine Showroom in Troy last Thursday.

"He wanted to bring art into the home," said Audi, who also spoke at three free public seminars at Scott Shuptrine showrooms in Troy and Novi last weekend.

"It's furniture that is so adaptable to various settings."

Stickley (1858-1942) was one of the first people to talk about "living rooms" instead of formal parlors.

Under illustrations of Victorian furniture in his magazine, *The Craftsman*, he deplored the Victorian style - popular from the 1860s - as "confusion, chaos and complexity."

He disliked ornamentation, instead letting the grain pattern of the wood be the decoration of a piece. The company fumed the furniture to color the wood. Features of the designs include clean lines, mortise and tenon joinery and solid vertical and horizontal members. Designer Harvey Ellis added inlay and other subtle elements.

Many institutions feature Stickley furniture, Audi said.

"The whole Yale law school is furnished with Stickley."

William Morris textiles and linens, earth tones and floral designs, go with the style, she said.

Among the celebrities who own Stickley pieces are Barbra Streisand, Steven Spielberg, Martha Stewart, author John Grisham and Billy Crystal. Brad Pitt owns one of only four original Stickley desks in existence ("I offered to go over there and fix the chips," Audi joked).

Stickley made "Als Ik Kan," Flemish translated as "As I Can," the company motto. The furniture, made from quarter-sawn oak, had such structural details as side guides to the drawers.

"The drawers are so strong you can actually stand in them."

Audi, the daughter of the current owner of the New York company, represents the third generation in the business, marking its 25th anniversary. Only 5 percent of manufacturers make niche furniture, and Scott Shuptrine is one of only 110 dealers in the country that handle Stickley, she said.

There are more than 600 pieces in the traditional line. Handcarving is done in all the traditional pieces, such as the shell design in a highboy, she said.

Stickley furnishings have increased in value: Money magazine wrote "Your grandchildren will bless you for buying Stickley," Audi said. At an auction in 1988, a Stickley sideboard expected to sell for around \$60,000 to \$70,000 went for \$363,000, she said.

Audi told about a woman from Georgia who contacted the company about a chair she bought at a flea market and thought was an original Stickley. She had paid \$60 for it ("My husband's going to kill me," the woman said).

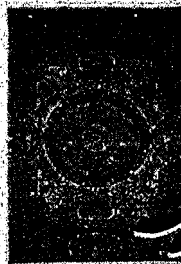
It turned out that the chair really was an original, and a collector was looking for it and willing to pay \$18,000. The company had the happy task of calling the woman back and giving her the good news. She was asked what she would do with the money.

"I'm giving \$60 to my husband and I'm going shopping," the woman replied.

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■ Cranbrook House and Gardens, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills, will be open for summer tours soon. Now through August, Cranbrook Gardens hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. Garden walk only is \$5. Free parking is available in Christ Church Cranbrook's lot across Lone Pine Road. For guided tours, fall hours and other information, call (248) 645-3147.

■ The 12th annual Flower Sale will come to downtown Northville Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, bringing with it a profusion of beautiful colors and varieties of vegetation. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Main Street, between Hutton and Center, will be closed to cars. Call (248) 348-0488. Annuals, perennials, shrubs, roses, exotic plants and herbs will be among the many spring and summer blossoms for sale.

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■ An iris show will take place noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, 3500

Marais, three blocks east of Crooks and three blocks north of 13 Mile. Admission is free. Entries are open to the public; entries will be named 8:30-10 a.m. Call (810) 293-4409.

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■ The Center for Creative Studies College of Art and Design Student Exhibition is open to the public through Sunday, May 30, at CCS, 201 E. Kirby in Detroit. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends. Admission is free. The display showcases a variety of more than 2,500 pieces of art and design work by students from the departments of fine arts, crafts, animation and digital media, graphic communication, interior design, industrial design and photography.

■ The Do It Yourself Center offers "How To Decorating Classes for the Talent Impaired." Scheduled sessions at the center's Oakland County location (Jossman and Grange Hall Road in Ortonville) include "Classic Armoire," Thursday, June 3; "Glass Painting," Tuesday, June 8; "Classic Armless Chair," Wednesday, June 9; and "E-Z Build Ottoman," Thursday, June 10. Call (248) 627-2068 for fees and other information.

■ The 27th annual Historic Indian Village Home & Garden Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 5, in Detroit. Tickets are \$11 per person in advance, \$15 per person on tour day. Advance purchase tickets are available at Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church, 2411 Iroquois at Vernor, and Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 East Jefferson at Burns. On tour day, tickets can be bought at those churches and at Detroit Waldorf School, 2555 Burns at Charlevoix. Call (313) 922-0911 for information.

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From the Service Connection

Thank you to all the consumers and clients who came out to the Novi Home Improvement Show last month. It was wonderful meeting everyone and talking about the contractors we were able to provide them with. Here are a few questions that came to our office:

Q: My family has been feeling bad for quite some time now; I would like to get some information on air duct cleaning. Our family doctor suggested having this done, because of the stuffy noises and sneezing from my husband and children. Can I do this myself or should I contact a professional to do the cleaning?

A: Air duct cleaning can be one of the most important things you can do for your family. It should be done every three to five years to maintain ideal breathing air.

Ideally many people may try to clean the air ducts themselves to save money—but my opinion is to get this done by a professional. We have companies that can perform the cleaning for you and they "know" what they're doing. The

professionals have the experience and the equipment to do the job quickly and efficiently.

Items that are found in dirty air ducts are mold spores, mildew, bacteria (including Legionella) and other health threatening microbial growth. Not only can this be a health issue, but it may also cause your utility bills to be higher. Many things can be found in your air ducts, and the best way to insure your family's safety is to get the ducts cleaned. Symptoms are: asthma complications, sinus congestion, allergy suffering, eye irritation, headaches, dry throat, coughing and sneezing.

An additional thought is the dryer vents; these are often forgotten by most consumers and can be extremely deadly if not taken care of correctly. The dryer vents are direct outlets to the outside of your home, meaning that small rodents and birds can get access to the vents. Nine times out of 10, if a bird enters the vent they will die. Thus, every time your dryer is used, those bacteria are blown on the clothing you're drying. Most air duct cleaners will include your dryer vents in the cleaning—but don't

assume they have been cleaned—ask! The bacteria is just one of the harmful effects of dirty dryer vents. Fires can be started very easily from a dirty dryer vent. Here are some figures from the Consumer Product Safety Commission: 46 deaths in the last three years, 325 injuries due to home fires caused by dirty dryer vents. The safety of your family is vital, be sure to take these small measures to ensure their safety.

Q: We are in need of a new driveway and friends of mine mentioned concrete pavers. Do you have any information on concrete paving companies?

A: If you are in the market for a new driveway, patio or pathway, you should check out some of the new pavers available. Pavers can give your home a custom look at about the same cost of having cement poured. The more detailed you get with the design the more the cost.

Some homeowners try to do the work themselves, but I would strongly urge you to contact a professional paving company to help you with the designing and installation of the bricks. A trained

and certified installer will stand behind their workmanship. There are several different types of methods to interlocking concrete pavers: stain, color, acid wash, stencil, coat, stamp and other concrete surfaces. There are different textures and designs: slates, fieldstones, bricks and other materials. The pavers are typically installed in a shallow bed of sand and this will create a solid interlock. Sand is added between the paver joints to make sure the bricks do not move.

Material prices of pavers tend to run from \$1 to \$3 per square foot. For a stamped concrete patio that looks like brick or stone, you're likely to pay from \$6 to \$8 per square foot. Take your time, talk to contractors and get involved with the designing. It can give your home a complete new look and increase the price of your home.

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LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

There's something very enticing about the thought of spending an evening at a local beach with your family dining on grilled chicken sandwiches, pasta primavera and fresh fruit as you watch the sunset.

The transition to warm weather and sunny, blue skies is inspiration for open air dining. It's picnic season - time to dust off the basket and freshen up the blanket.

Leaf through the recipe stash of family favorites to remind yourself of last season's successes. When you know grills are readily available at a select picnic site, plan your menu accordingly.

Opt for classics such as hamburgers and hot dogs. For variety, try grilling marinated chicken breasts, bratwurst, Italian sausage, steak, or seafood in a skewered combination of shrimp and scallops.

Complement your main course with favorite side dishes that can be prepared by other family members earlier in the day or even the night before your outing. Combine cooked and drained pasta with a light Italian dressing and fresh chopped vegetables for a pasta primavera.

Let your children loose with melon ballers to help create a colorful fruit salad. Mix the melon with raspberries, cherries, sliced kiwi, grapes, sliced strawberries, peaches, nectarines and bananas. Your children might even enjoy topping off the salad with a few handfuls of colored, mini marshmallows.

There are plenty of menu choices sure to please any palate even if your picnic site is grill-free.

On the lighter side, sandwich roll-ups are easy to make and fun to eat. Simply start with a large flour tortilla or lavash bread. Spread each person's favorite condiment, such as honey mustard or a dill sour cream mixture, onto the bread.

Place a few cleaned pieces of lettuce on next. Then layer with two to three slices of cheese such as havarti, your

deli meat (roast beef, ham or turkey) and, if your family prefers, sliced tomatoes, cucumbers and alfalfa sprouts.

Your children might ask for fillings that are completely different, including chicken or tuna salad, a hot dog with sliced cheddar, or cheese with tomatoes.

Involve your family in the process and be creative. Secure each roll-up in plastic wrap or roll each in wax paper, tucking in the loose ends before completely rolling up.

Half the fun of any family picnic is the presentation. When dining on roll-ups, be sure to decorate each person's with their name and a special, written message, whether you tape a note onto the plastic wrap or write directly on the wax paper with a crayon.

For the growing son and gymnast daughter, you might try "Michael's roll-up - sure to create the muscles of Superman," or "Susan's energizer" - for the super gymnast.

Incorporate fun foods to accompany your dishes. These might include cheese slices you cut into interesting shapes with cookie cutters, fresh vegetables cut in non-conventional ways, and sweet

treats packed into individualized, colorful bags that no one expects.

Instead of the typical white paper plates and clear or Styrofoam cups, opt to splurge. Visit the local party supply store and select plates, cups and napkins in a theme sure to brighten up any picnic.

Pack up your family vehicle with a cooler full of everyone's favorite beverages, a bag of favorite picnic activity equipment (Frisbee, horseshoes, baseball mitts and a ball) and beach chairs, if you prefer.

Tailor your picnic to your family's schedule. If a lunch or dinner picnic doesn't fit everyone's social calendar, try a breakfast or brunch picnic and pack accordingly. After all, your picnic can be as personalized as your family wants to make it.

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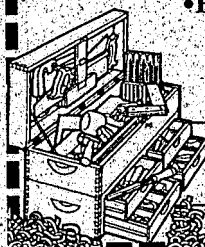
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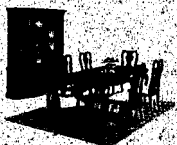
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