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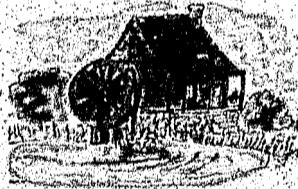
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Ending on a high note!

Congratulations to the Clarkston Middle School Cadet and Symphonic bands. Both bands, under the direction of instrumental music teacher Julie L. Mathews, received first-division ratings at the recent Michigan School Band and Orchestra State Festival. The cadet band earned all first-division ratings in performance and sight reading. The Symphonic Band also earned first-division ratings in performance and a second-division rating in sight reading. The two Clarkston Middle School bands earned the honor to compete at the state level by winning a first-division rating at the district band festival in March.

Future thespians wanted

Clarkston Village Players is having auditions for its upcoming youth theater production "Kilroy was Here." This is a patriotic musical salute to the GI Joes and Jills of the 1940s. Youths ages 10 to 17 can audition at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 5, and at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 7, at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. Be prepared to sing a song (a nursery rhyme is acceptable). The musical also calls for a female tap dancer. Play dates are July 23-25 and July 29-31.



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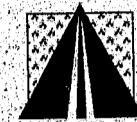
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Walters Road paving accelerates



The Oakland County Road Commission has jump-started the on-again, off-again paving program by agreeing to pick up whatever override costs might result from construction.

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Depending on what day it was last week, the paving project for Walters Road from Waldon to Flemings Lake Road was on, then off, then on again.

Now it's on again. The Oakland County Road Commission agreed late last week to step in and cover contingency costs associated with any overrides from the paving project.

At its May 18 board meeting, Independence Township trustees accepted a low bid of \$235,051 by Allied Construction for the paving job, the same amount Clarkston Community Schools board agreed to pay at its May 10 meeting. The required bids ranged from \$253,051 to \$257,000.

The township accepted the bid contingent on the school board's agreeing to pay costs up to \$300,000. This would include \$29,000 for engineering fees.

But when the township board sent a letter to the school district asking it to

agree to cover these and other costs, the school board stood firm with its earlier decision to only spend the low bid amount. Trustees had said at a previous school board meeting they wouldn't spend more because to do so would negatively impact the district's instructional budget.

Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart said he received a call from school superintendent Al Roberts early last week informing him the school

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Memories: Christine Schemel Palmer reminisces about her marriage to Jerry Schemel, who died in the Vietnam War while serving in the 101st Airborne division of the U.S. Army.

STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL



Out of uniform: The Jerry Schemel people remember was a young man ready to grab onto the future.

Bittersweet reflection

Vietnam War widow remembers her veteran

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Every day is a day to remember a veteran for Christine (Tina) Palmer, just as it is for many war widows and widowers.

She's the widow of Pfc. Jerry Schemel, a member of the 101st Airborne division of the U.S. Army. He was in a helicopter shot down in Vietnam on July 26, 1966 — just a short while after he landed there from basic training, just seven months after they were married, just after he and his buddies in the band,

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The Comrades: Jerry Schemel is the third band member from the left. The others are Ricky Stockwell, Bob Staton and Bill Goddard.



Sixty-plus years experience: Tom and Lee Brown are retiring after teaching more than 80 years each for Clarkston Community Schools.

Teaching spouses mark their retirement

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Sashabaw Middle School educators Tom and Lee Brown will soon lug home their last batch of papers to grade after more than 30 years of teaching in the Clarkston School District.

But hold the rocking chairs. And don't even mention that brochure entitled, "A Second Career in Real Estate Sales."

The Browns plan to begin their retirement off their rockers, working amid flora, fauna, fungi and free-spirited youngsters.

They're going camping.

In a recent interview with the couple, Tom Brown admitted the pair will trek to Oscoda's Camp Nisokone June 17 — the day after middle school gets out — to supervise 200 8- to 16-year-old campers for two months.

Brown said the duo isn't crazy, however. Just consistent.

He recently recounted how and when camping came into his life.

A yooper in a strange land

A native of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and a graduate of Northern Michigan University, Brown said

he experienced culture shock when he first became involved in YMCA camping in 1967 — the same year he was hired into the Clarkston School District.

"The summer of 1967 was the year of the Detroit riots and I started working as a counselor with the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit Camping Services at Camp Ohiyesa (in Highland)," Brown said. "There were kids from a lot of different backgrounds there. And I ended up learning more about people in that

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the Cornadoes, cut their first record for the Motown label Dot.

He was only 19 when he died in Vietnam. He was on the verge of climbing the ladder to be as big a success in the music industry as Jerry Lee Lewis and Stevie Wonder, according to his widow.

And he and Palmer were very much in love.

The letters she has from him attest to this. One, written from Florida while the band was on a tour included two new songs he and another band member wrote. He referred to them as the best he's ever written.

"You're an inspiration," he wrote her. "You'll be the one who put me there (the top of the music world)."

She caresses the last letter he wrote her from Vietnam. It was written the day he died. The Vietnamese doll he bought her is well-preserved. So are the photos and other memorabilia of their two-year courtship, December wedding and their too-short marriage.

Palmer will visit Schemel's grave tomorrow. She'll probably attend the Memorial Day ceremony and look at the Vietnam

veterans memorial with his name on it at the Waterford Community Activities building. She was told he was the first Oakland County veteran to die in Vietnam.

She has some strong views about Vietnam veterans, but it takes her awhile before she can share them. She's been led to feel, she said, like people don't want to talk about the Vietnam War.

"We have a Memorial Day to honor all of our fallen soldiers and I for one honor that day," she said. "I like to see the day come that's dedicated just to the honor of Vietnam vets that fought and died."

They all deserve a standing ovation. They deserve that honor; they deserve much more than they got. They had so much to contend with. The ones that are alive died a certain amount, too."

After she became a widow at the age of 17, Palmer went on with her life. She finds it ironic that her two sons from her second marriage enlisted in the armed forces.

Jamie Flanigan, who lives in Lake Orion, was in the Navy.

Shawn Flanigan is a staff sergeant with the 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C.

"He's making a career of it," said Palmer, now divorced. She works, caring for Alzheimer's patients.

Her daughter, Leah Flanigan, is a nurse and lives in Waterford. Schemel's parents are Cecil and Dorothy Schemel, formerly of Waterford.

Palmer and Schemel went to Waterford Kettering High School. He graduated in 1964 and went to college before enlisting in the Army.

But it's Schemel's success as a musician that Palmer likes to talk about.

"It was smaller around here back in the '60s. Everyone knew the band," she said. "They were doing real well. They had won the Battle of the Bands at the state fair, had performed with Jerry Lee Lewis, played in a lot of clubs."

That's how she met Schemel — while he was performing. The band pictures show Schemel as handsome, hair combed back in the style of the day, band members wearing slick suits with black collars and black bow ties.

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Memorial Day events honor veterans

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Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation.

This is the opening phrase of the Gettysburg Address given by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

He gave this speech at the dedication of the national cemetery in Gettysburg, Pa. A portion was being dedicated for the soldiers who died, and were yet to die, in the Civil War.

The Rev. Jonathan Heitman from Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church is probably more familiar than many Americans with Lincoln's speech. Heitman is going to repeat the famous words at the Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 31, at Lakewood Cemetery, 6150 White Lake Road.

"I've been reviewing the text and what strikes me about it is that it's so to-the-point," Heitman said. "Lincoln used a minimum of words to communicate a timeless message and those few words have been remembered down through the ages. They are simple words that spoke to the

heart of the people."

It's said the text is appropriate for Memorial Day because it was for an occasion where people were gathered to honor those who protect our country and for those who died protecting it.

The motto of freedom, speaks of hope and what

which was all long for — living together in peace and honoring those who gave their lives for that.

The ceremony follows the traditional parade, which begins at 10 a.m. Monday. It starts at the corner of Church and Franklin streets, progresses to Main Street, north to Washington, west to Holcomb and south on Holcomb where it ends at Lakewood Cemetery. Many groups will participate, including the Clarkston High School Marching Band.

In addition to the reading of the Gettysburg Address, the program includes traditional music, the roll call of decorated veterans, the presentation of the memorial wreath, a rifle volley and the playing of taps.

"It's a beautiful ceremony," said John Lynch, post adjutant of American Legion Campbell-Richmond Post 303. "This post is responsible for the parade and for the ceremony. A lot of people come just to hear the names of the veterans."

The other band members were Ricky Stockwell, Bob Staton and Bill Godard.

Palmer will shed some tears on Memorial Day, as other war widows and widowers will,

remembering her love from long ago.

She's likely to spend time with her pet dogs and work on the house she's redecorating.

And she'll remember a young

man who wrote her love letters, who bought her presents, who confided in her, and who died while fighting for a cause he believed in — freedom and democracy for all.

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one year than I did in four years of college."

So he returned to camping every year thereafter.

Over the next 32 years, his camp service paralleled — and even sometimes overlapped — his teaching career, he said.

In particular, Brown's YMCA involvement enabled him to successfully help usher in the sixth-grade camping experience for Clarkston schools' students in the 1970s. The popular outdoor education program continues to represent a rite-of-passage for

the district's sixth-graders today.

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Scenes from a marriage

So, maybe the couple wasn't grilling with a full pack of frank-

farters at the time. But judging by their interview, the spouses probably had some chuckles at the campground. They're good sports.

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ville and I was teaching at North Shashabaw —"

"I was teaching at Bailey Lake," Lee Brown softly interjected.

"At Bailey Lake. Right," he said. "We ended up meeting each other through various teacher friends — and we got married in '71."

(Four years after the Detroit riots.)

A shared history

Lee Brown said that in and out of school, it's been a good and solid partnership — if not always a memorable one.

"We support each other," she said. "If something is important to him, it's important to me. And if something is important to me, it's important to him."

Brown, a Highland native, said that she came to the Clarkston School District fresh out of Eastern University. Though she's officially logged 31 years as a Clarkston teacher, she said she's actually been in the district 33 years, figuring in various child-care leaves.

The couple's three children —

Shane, 24; Jeremy, 21; and Heidi, 19 — have all grown up in

and graduated from the Clark-

ston school system.

For the past 12 years, the spouses have taught in the same middle school building and shared an interest in working with sixth-graders.

"I like the transition age," Lee Brown said. "These are kids who come to us who are still children and during the course of the year, we can actually see them become young adults. There's such inquisitiveness in them. And they're so eager."

Her husband concurred.

"This is probably one of the more critical ages," he said. "It's a transition into semi-independence. And you can really make an impact on kids."

But how do the two spouses manage to live and work together, and not go a little bonkers from all that togetherness?

"Well, some really potent java doesn't hurt," according to Tom Brown.

"She has her coffee cup and I have my coffee cup, and we drive to work and just stare ahead," he said with a chuckle.

Lee Brown said it also helps that the teachers don't often talk shop once they get home, preferring to focus on their family life and other interests and issues. She named reading and sewing as two of her hobbies.

Admittedly not much of a reader or a sewer, Tom Brown said he likes to listen to music.

He locks how many doors?

Still, the twosome won't be spending a lot of time at home in the evening.

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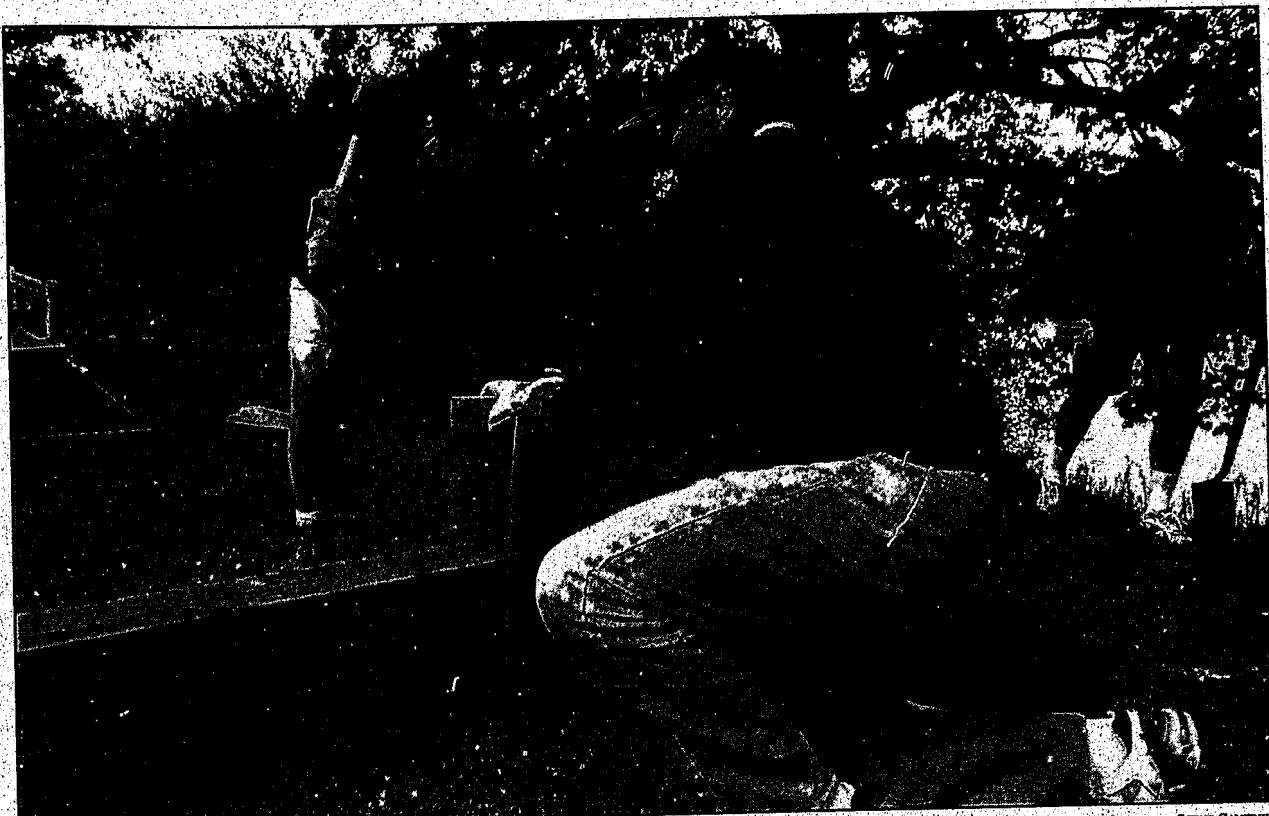
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Volunteers use elbow grease at county park



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Constructive work: Adrienne Bass builds steps to the fishing dock at Independence Oaks County Park.

Independence Oaks County Park is spruced up for Memorial Day weekend visitors, thanks to the volunteer efforts of several Leadership Oakland members.

Volunteers took time off from their varied professions Wednesday to work on park improvement projects.

They helped rebuild steps to a fishing dock, stain seating at the amphitheater and spread woodchips on the walkways.

"We've worked so hard and so well together this past year learning about our community and what we can do to make a difference in it," said Victoria F. Kohl. "Working to improve one of Oakland County's loveliest resources really felt good."

Victoria Kohl
volunteer



Sprucing up: Leadership Oakland volunteers Jonathan Liebman and Larry Weaver stain a park table.

Kohl is a member of the Leadership Oakland IX class. She works in government affairs at DaimlerChrysler Corp. The purpose of Leadership Oakland is to develop leaders by expanding their knowledge of Oakland County and its issues and needs. It also encourages its graduates to take leadership volunteer roles in their communities. It's been working with community leaders for almost 10 years.

■ We can keep one sheep, according to Independence Township, but we want to keep them both. Sheep are flocking animals and can't be kept alone.

—Linda Zbarcha
homeowner

Clark questioned whether the township ordinance really applies to an animal like Boaz that will never weigh as much as she does.

The sister asked the Zbarchas to take Boaz when she recently chose to return to religious life. Clark now lives at a convent in Texas.

Resident wants ZBA to address wooly problems

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Some people have dogs for pets; some have cats; some both. Stefan and Linda Zbarcha of Independence Township have sheep, and they're just as attached to them as pet owners are to their more traditional types of pets.

The Zbarchas are going before the township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Wednesday, June 2, to ask for a variance for their property in Oakhill Meadows subdivision so they can keep their rams, Ancillius and Boaz.

Their lot on Rama Court is zoned R-1R (Rural Residential). House lots are a minimum size of three acres.

Independence Township ordinances state that Class II animals may be maintained on R-1R zoning. A sheep is considered a Class II animal. The ordinance restrictions say, however, that

there can be only one sheep on the first three acres. To keep two sheep, one must have four acres.

That's what the Zbarchas thought they owned when they purchased their home and land almost three years ago. The appraisal done for the mortgage company said the house was on four acres. It's actually on 3.13 acres.

It wasn't until the township issued the Zbarchas a violation that they discovered they live on a smaller piece of property than they thought. The violation came after a neighbor complained about the two sheep.

Jason Hanson is one of the neighbors against the sheep living in the Zbarcha's backyard.

"It's not a personal matter; it's just simply that some of us in the subdivision feel the sheep shouldn't be there," Hanson said.

"The sheep are against the covenant in the subdivision's declaration of restrictions that

forbids any homeowner from having livestock on the property, even though the township allows them on our zoned property."

He explained some subdivision homeowners on the eight-house cul de sac are asking the ZBA to refuse recommending a variance since the subdivision restrictions state the Zbarchas shouldn't have any.

"We feel it's a clear issue," he added. "It's not a question they have one or two on their land; it's a question of following the subdivision's restrictions."

Linda Zbarcha wasn't aware of these subdivision restrictions when she and her husband purchased the house. "They weren't given to us when we bought our house," she said.

She also doesn't agree that her sheep fall under the usual definition of livestock. Ancillius and Boaz are pets that won't grow larger than a big dog. They are small-statured breeds of sheep used for wool. They're well loved by the Zbarchas, including their children, Lesley, 8, and Kelton, who is almost 4, and tolerated by their pet cats.

The Zbarchas are very worried about the outcome. They're afraid they might lose at least one, if not both of their friendly woolly pets and they're concerned about causing friction among the neighbors.

"I don't want to have any problems in our neighborhood. That's why I decided to ask the ZBA to review this issue. I don't want to cause any divisions in the neighborhood." She's also going to do some research, she said, on the subdivision regulations.

"We can keep one sheep, according to Independence Township, but we want to keep them both. Sheep are flocking animals and can't be kept alone."

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Good friends: Kelton Zbarcha, 4, and his sister Lesley, 8, spend some time with Ancillius, one of their two pet rams. Ancillius is from an Icelandic species.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships May 23-27.

Springfield police

Thefts

On May 25, a trailer and wood chipper were reported stolen from a location on Big Lake Road. The combined value of the items is approximately \$60,000.

Vandalism

On May 24, a vehicle parked on Holcomb at Springfield Elementary School was reported damaged with dents and scratches.

Thefts

On May 26, a purse and compact disc face plate were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Maybee Road.

Assault and battery

On May 21, a 29-year-old Ferndale man who works as a security officer at Pine Knob Music Theater was allegedly attacked by a 22-year-old Clarkston man outside the theater, located on

Pine Knob Road. The Clarkston man was issued an appearance citation for assault and battery.

Vandalism

On May 24, paint damage was reported to a vehicle while parked on Waldon Road.

Failure to pay

On May 23, approximately \$27.18 in gasoline was reported stolen from a gas station on Sashabaw Road.

Independence fire

Between May 23-27 firefighters responded to nine calls. Among them were seven medical calls, one building fire and one personal injury accident.

Memorial draws crowd to high school grounds

Rain mixed with tears of sorrow and remembrance Tuesday as students, staff and family members of Ryan Lorion gathered outside Clarkston High School to dedicate two symbols of his life.

Students at the high school donated funds to purchase a crimson maple tree and plaque in his honor. Lorion, a 16-year-old Clarkston High School junior, died of injuries relating to a car accident along Clarkston Road near Lakeview Boulevard last September.

After classes Tuesday, a group gathered before the tree and plaque, which have already been placed in the ground, to share a moment of silence. School social worker Jim Butzine addressed the crowd, huddled together near the tree.

"All who knew him will remember him well," said Butzine. "Ryan left us with his roots established. He continues to be with us."

Clarkston High School Principal Brent Cooley said it was a

very sad situation, and one that shows "how fragile life is." Students hugged one another and their eyes filled with tears.

"It's just good we have some way to remember Ryan," said Brent Willyard, a friend. "There's no better place at school. We see it at the door."

Donna Lorion, Ryan's mother, agreed that all students would see the tree and memorial plaque and be reminded of her son.

"It's placed where the children actually park so that they can see that on their way in or out."

While the Lorions intended to provide the tribute for their son, Lorion said, the youth's friends wouldn't let them pay for it. Everyone wanted to contribute, she said.

Lorion was proud to see the students contributing positively to the community.

"It was his parent's idea and we gave them the money," commented Willyard. "We had the idea to do something to remember him by."

Library collection expanded

The shelves at the Independence Township Public Library are getting fuller, thanks to contributions from the community.

The recent Meet the Challenge Campaign netted the library \$90,000. Pine Knob Music Theatre and Independence Township donated \$30,000 each to match funds donated by the public.

"And don't they did. "We did a direct mail campaign, the end of November and by March, people in the community had sent us the \$30,000 we needed," said Mollie Lynch, library director. "That enabled us to use the Pine Knob and the township matching dollars to

give us a total of \$90,000."

The newly purchased books are arriving weekly at the library at 6495 Clarkston Road.

"You can't imagine how thrilled we are with the response to this campaign," she added. "People really dug into their pockets and helped us out. It just shows what a supportive community we are in. Our thanks to everyone who helped."

The library staff is still busy selecting materials to purchase, ordering and cataloging them. They are selecting items for all the collections. Lynch said the library is splitting its funds among the youth, teens and adult collections.

OBITUARY

John Willard De Lind Jr.

John Willard De Lind Jr., of Clarkston died on May 25, 1999, at age 103. Mr. De Lind was the former president of Borg-Warner International and was a Clarkston resident for over 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margery Van Every De Lind. He is survived by his daughter, Margery D. Randall of Birmingham Ala.; his grandchildren, Robert and Nicole Randall; and his brother, Lanier De Lind of St. Petersburg Fla.

A funeral service was held

Clarkston spending reviewed

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Clarkston City Council members raised eyebrows over their spending practices for the past year.

At Monday night's meeting, Mayor Sharron Catallo noted that engineering and planning costs were "way over" the budget for the 1998-99 fiscal year. She attributed the extra costs to unexpected projects involving necessary road improvements.

"It's the unexpected cost of (Michigan Department of Transportation) scoping and Clarkston Road for the high school," she said. "That really took that out of whack."

But not all the news was bad. "We have some really positive things happening," said Catallo. "The police department has stayed very well within the budget."

She said both the Clarkston Police Department and Department of Public Works gave up things they "really felt they needed" to stay within the limitations of the city's budget.

Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston said the department spent \$42 more than last year. Council member Daniel Colombo said "we were under budget in a lot of ways."

However, the TEA-21 enhancement funding grant

project, a grant project with the Michigan Department of Transportation intended to improve Main Street and beautify downtown Clarkston, was identified as one unexpected cost that caused the city to surpass its limited budget. The grant application alone cost \$1,500 in planning costs. Participation in the project could allow for sidewalk and curb improvements, and possibly brick paving, trees, lighting and planters.

"These are better services we're providing," said Colombo, urging council members to see that improvement involved a fee.

Rather than ask for a tax increase, the city has opted for budget constraints. But some council members, like Walter Gamble, thought a tax hike could no longer be overlooked as an option.

"The value of property is directly related to the amount of services," he said. "It all goes hand-in-hand. I wouldn't shudder at the thought of raising taxes. With everything we have, we have to pass the costs along."

The millage rate is 12.3 mills in Clarkston. City Clerk Art Pappas said that maximum level could rise.

According to the proposed budget for the general fund for 1999-2000, taxable value is \$34,369,645.

"I don't think any of us expected to end up with these kinds of engineering and planning bills," said Catallo. "But several of the everyday costs are in line with what we said."

Catallo said that until she knows exactly how much the city will have to pull from reserves to make up for the expenses, she is not completely sold on the proposed City Hall addition project, which would cost approximately \$10,000 in planning before construction begins.

The council has been addressing the need for a larger facility for more than two years. At the same meeting, the building committee presented plans to hire an architecture firm to begin the process. It was voted down.

Kelley said he didn't believe the council had enough revenue to continue providing upgraded services to its residents; therefore a tax increase is needed.

Catallo again referred to projects like the TEA-21 program as unexpected hitches in ongoing plans, like the City Hall addition. She said too many projects are in the working stages for the village than they can afford to fund.

"I'm not real willing to do a tax increase unless there's no other way," she said.

The council is expected to vote on the 1999-2000 budget at its next meeting on June 14.

Paving

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board would not pay anything above the accepted bid amount.

"I called the Oakland County Road Commission to tell them what occurred," Stuart remarked. "They reviewed the matter and decided they would step forward and cover any contingency costs. Now we are back to where we will build the road.

■ We're thrilled that the project will get done ...

*—Al Roberts
Clarkston Schools superintendent*

The township is responsible for the safety path construction along that stretch of Walters Road, the school district's main bus thoroughfare to Clarkston High School.

The cost will be about \$27,000.

"We're thrilled that the project will get done, that the road commission stepped in and that the schools will be part of the solution," Roberts said. "We've been dealing with this for a long time."

He explained why the school board decided not to pay more than it had already agreed to pay.

"We had only agreed to budget \$250,000. The bid amount was already \$3,051 above that. Then we paid more than \$17,278 in design fees. From our viewpoint, that represents 90 percent of the cost of the paving project."

"We don't have an unlimited budget," he continued. "What with the Headlee roll backs and other budgetary concerns, these keep us from adding more dollars to the Walters Road paving project."

"We also have to ask where do the increases stop? That extra \$29,000 can be the cost of a teacher, a counselor or a computer technician for the schools — things that are sorely needed."

He added that the school district has spent more than \$1 million on road projects affecting the school already.

The Walters Road paving project is expected to be completed a few days prior to Aug. 30, which is the first day of school for the 1999-2000 school year.

Area students honored at convocation

Top graduating seniors from Clarkston-area high schools got a big salute at Cobo Convention Center in Detroit the night of April 26.

The youths were among the leading students from metro-Detroit high schools who were honored at the 51st annual Honors Convocation, sponsored by the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa. About 2,500 students, parents and school offi-

cials filled Cobo's Riverview Ballroom for the event.

Louis Kasischke, Detroit lawyer, author and climber of Mt. Everest, was the featured speaker for the program. Music was provided by the Wayne State University Wind Symphony.

More than 3,200 graduating seniors in 156 public, private and parochial high schools in southeast Michigan who main-

tained a 3.75 grade point average were invited to the convocation and each received a certificate from the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa.

Honorees from this area included: David D. Dixon; Jennifer D. Gifford; Mindy M. Jensen; Scott T. Krull; Jonathan J. Moniaci; Jeremy D. Parrott; Eric Romein; Michael C. Savas; Catherine R. Thorndycraft; and Sarah Uchman.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVER

Jennifer A. Hancock of Clarkston has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of her outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve child care by evaluation and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care. The first credential was awarded 20 years ago, and now

46 states plus the District of Columbia include CDA in their child care licensing regulations.

Parents who use child care are especially concerned today about their children's welfare. With this in mind, as part of the CDA assessment process, every candidate for the CDA credential is observed working with young children by an early childhood professional. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate an ability to work with families to develop children's physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.

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Patterson: 'Shall-issue' law unnecessary

BY PAT MURPHY
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In case the Legislature is wondering what to do about the pending "shall issue" legislation to ease restrictions on permits to carry concealed weapons, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has some advice.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," Patterson said Friday, about 48 hours after he was part of a high-profile coalition that on Wednesday pledged to initiate a petition drive on behalf of a referendum on easing the requirements to obtain gun permits.

Patterson said he'd just as soon the legislature forgot all about passing so-called "shall issue" legislation requiring gun boards to approve permits to applicants who meet minimal requirements — such as not having a criminal record or history of mental illness.

"That would save us (the coalition) of a petition drive," said the former county prosecutor who said easing gun permit requirements would be disastrous, leading to numerous shootings, accidental or otherwise.

Since the coalition's press conference, Patterson said he had received "generally positive feedback" about his opposition to making guns more easily available. "People have strong feelings on both sides of this issue," he said. "But I think most people don't want more guns on the streets."

The State Senate last week approved a

"shall issue" proposal. The measure was sent to committee for modification before a vote by the entire legislature. Law makers are particularly concerned about guns in public places like theatres, malls and sports arenas.

Two people guaranteed to be following any legislative progress are Marj Jackson Levin of Michigan Citizens for Hand Gun Control in Birmingham and Michael A. Carson, chair of Brass Roots, which calls itself as "Michigan's most aggressive pro gun organization."

Levin praised the coalition and predicted that getting about 190,000 signatures to put the referendum on the 2000 ballot would not be particularly difficult. Particularly in the wake of the school shootings in Colorado and Georgia, she said, people do not want easier access to handguns, she said.

People may have legitimate reasons for owning handguns, Levin said. Her organization is not opposed to responsible people owning handguns. But they don't want more school shootings, she said.

Members of Brass Roots, however, see efforts to ease restrictions on gun permits as legitimate and long overdue, according to Carson, a 1981 graduate of Athens High School in Troy.

The legislature should ease gun permit restrictions, said Carson, to better enable ordinary people to exercise their Constitutional right to bear arms. A coalition's efforts to the issue on the ballot — once the legisla-

CONCEALED WEAPONS

ture eased gun permit restrictions by passing "shall issue" legislation — would be a call to arms for sportsmen and other groups, he said.

"It would be time for sportsmen and others who see bearing arms as a Constitutional right to see the threat and to get into the game (of politics)," Carson said.

Asked to elaborate on the term "threat," Carson said his organization and other pro-gun groups are committed to the concept of carrying guns as an inalienable right. "Other Constitutional rights are not put on the ballot," he said. "Why should the general public — which may not understand what's involved — be asked to vote on the right to bear arms?" Carson asked.

"That's the threat I see," he said.

In a political dog fight, Brass Roots would be formidable, Carson said, possibly more formidable than the National Rifle Association (NRA). "We only have about 800 dues-paying members statewide," he said, including about 200 in Oakland County.

"But we're very focused," he said, "and we are local. And we don't forget."

Helping hands



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNTK

Cooperative spirit: Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson (left) shakes hands with Pontiac Mayor Walter Moore. Both attended the kick-off campaign for the second annual "Arts, Beats & Eats," held recently in downtown Pontiac. This year's fine art, music and food festival, held over Labor Day weekend, is expected to attract more than 700,000 people.

Oakland County leaders rally to feed the hungry

BY SAM TRICOMO
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A soup kitchen may have seemed like an unlikely place for some of Oakland County's most upwardly mobile residents to eat their dinner, but the group of 50 that did so last week could not have seemed more at home.

The 50, all members of Leadership Oakland, attended fund-raiser at the Oakland County Food Bank in Pontiac to raise

money and awareness for the estimated 65,000 people in need of food every day in Oakland County.

"People tend to think Oakland County doesn't have problems like this. They tend to focus on it being one of the wealthiest counties in the nation but figures show we have a large population of people in need of food," said Dawn Magretta, executive director of Leadership Oakland.

Leadership Oakland was started in 1990 as a means for com-

munity and business leaders to act as a team in tackling county-wide problems. The group is formed like a nine-month class where members participate in regular seminars and discussions designed to teach them about the workings of various Oakland County government and social programs.

In the case of the Oakland County Food Bank, Leadership Oakland members began their tenure with the group by learning about hunger in the county.

In one of their first encounters as a group, Magretta said members learned how the food bank serves more than 140 agencies that provide services and food to about 65,000 people in Oakland county.

The group raised more than \$5,000 for the food bank with donations and a silent auction, Magretta said.

Guests were treated to a bowl of soup and slice of bread from the Unique Restaurant Corp., which operates the Northern

Lakes Seafood Company in Bloomfield Hills among other kitchens.

"We did that purposely so those attending could realize some of what it feels like to be hungry. Fund-raisers tend to have large selections of food," Magretta said.

In 1997, the food bank distributed more than 2.7 million pounds of food to needy people in Oakland County.

By 1998 that amount increased to 3.8 million pounds.

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The CRC is at 154 North Foundation Hall. Spring and summer hours are

Tuesday-Thursdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (248) 370-3263 for information. Services are free to OU students and alumni.

Please Understand Me, helps assess personality types. The CRC also just created a web page to help students with their career developments needs: <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu/crc/>.

After students decide on career paths, they can visit Placement & Career Services to find career-related full-time, part-time and seasonal employment. P&CS maintains an extensive library of employer information, career guidance materials, job search information and career publications and periodicals.

Ninety-seven percent of Oakland University alumni are employed six months after graduation.

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Next fall, the CRC will offer workshops on subjects such as what to do with a liberal arts degree.

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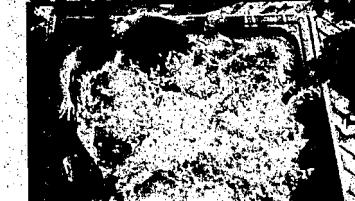
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Engrave jewelry
for a sentimental
Father's Day gift

THE JEWELRY
LADY



Dear Jewelry Lady,
I'm stumped. I don't know what to get my dad this Father's Day. I don't think he needs another tie and he already has every gadget under the sun. Furthermore, he obviously doesn't wear as much jewelry as my mother does. Do you have any suggestions?

Stumped

Dear Stumped,
Dads do create a gift-giving dilemma because, unlike moms, a new charm or a bunch of flowers just won't do it for them. If you're looking to your jeweler to find the right gift for dad this year, think luxury. If your dad is typical, you'll probably be getting him something he would never buy for himself, and that's a good thing. Does he have a money clip? How about one of those fine writing instruments (code words for pens over \$50), or a new tie rack for all those ties you've given him? What about a new watch? They're a great gift for dads since they have gadget appeal but are, essentially, jewelry. For a special touch, choose something you can have engraved. Dad might be more sentimental than he lets on. If those ideas don't appeal to you, stop by your jewelers and poke around a little bit. Chances are, the sales clerks will have a slew of Father's Day gift possibilities to show you.

Dear Jewelry Lady,
Cartier put out a cigar-band ring approximately 20 years ago. Would you know where I could purchase one in this area?

Cigar Aficionado

Dear Cigar Aficionado,
With all the new smoke shops around town and plethora of cigar smoking these days, you would think The Jewelry Lady would have the answer at her fingertips. But, alas, her search was to no avail. Worse yet, jewelers at Cartier at The Somerset Collection informed her there was no such ring currently available. On the other hand, Cartier would be delighted to special order the ring. (The Jewelry Lady's search, including one on the Internet, also failed to yield information about finding a similar ring. So, if there are jewelers out there who can help the Cigar Aficionado, please contact The Jewelry Lady.)

Dear Jewelry Lady,
I have some costume jewelry that is older than me, 39, and I would like to find out its worth, and where to sell it. I also have pieces of religious jewelry that I would be interested in having appraised. Can you help?

Faux but Beautiful

Dear Faux,
Costume jewelry is an entirely different animal than fine jewelry, and The Jewelry Lady is not as knowledgeable about it as she is about fine and precious baubles. However, she does know that unless costume jewelry has antique or collectible value, it won't be worth much. Most antique dealers buy and sell it - how else would they get new stock? - and there are several antique dealers in the metropolitan Detroit area. Visit at least three dealers for an appraisal. They may offer to buy your jewelry or to sell it on consignment. If your religious jewelry is 14K gold, go through the same process with jewelry stores that carry estate jewelry.

Consider pink jewelry, too

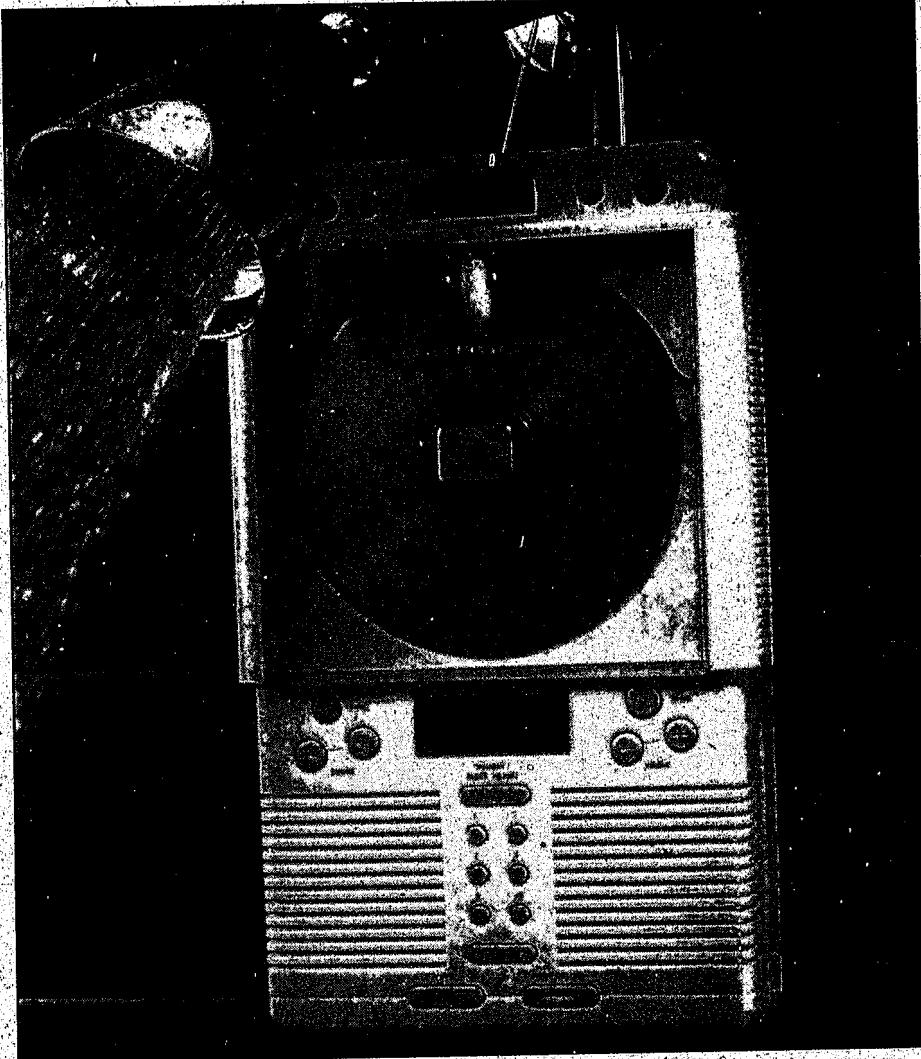
Think pink, says The Jewelry Lady. Basic black is boring, especially compared to the colorful pastels making their way down fashion runways this season. Pink gems, like pink tourmaline and pink pearls, are in vogue this season but so is, you guessed it, pink gold. Generally called rose gold in the United States, pink gold is quite popular in Europe, but growing in popularity as a precious metal of choice here.

Send your questions to The Jewelry Lady by e-mail, rodgers@mitch.com, fax, (248) 582-9223 or mail, The Jewelry Lady, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Gifts for graduates



Cool and collected: The Sharper Image's Palm V electronic organizer fits in the palm of your hand and tracks schedules, to-do lists, e-mail messages and more, \$449.



Shower power: For singing in the shower, the CD Shower Companion has an AM/FM radio with 10 preset buttons as well as a waterproof compact disc player, \$189 with a \$9.95 optional AC adapter. The Sharper Image, The Somerset Collection in Troy.

High-tech gadgets enhance college days

BY LARRY RUEHLEN
STAFF WRITER

For parents of children who like hi-tech gadgets, graduation gift ideas abound.

To begin with, what college-bound student wouldn't like a wireless phone with distinctive style. Nokia has teamed up with AirTouch Cellular to offer phones in radical colors for students.

Each lightweight model has 75 memory locations, up to 2 hours and 45 minutes of talking time or 40 hours of standby time, dedicated voice-mail key for one-touch retrieval and caller identification capabilities. Retail price of the phones is \$129, but Air Touch often runs promotions that are tied to service contracts so interested parties should call 1-800-AIRTOUCH to find the best deal.

The Sharper Image at The Somerset Collection in Troy has several high-tech products well-suited for high school graduates who plan to continue their studies.

Just about every college-bound student should have, for example, a capable micro-cassette recorder. Sharper Image offers a Sony version for \$75. It is equipped with an especially sensitive, voice-activated microphone capable of capturing lectures from long distances for up to 19 hours on

two AA batteries.

Sharper Image also offers a way for students to organize their schedules, addresses, to-do lists, expense accounts and e-mail messages. The device, which fits in the palm of the hand, is called the Palm V and retails for \$449. The sleek, battery-operated organizer also allows students to exchange information with home personal computers.

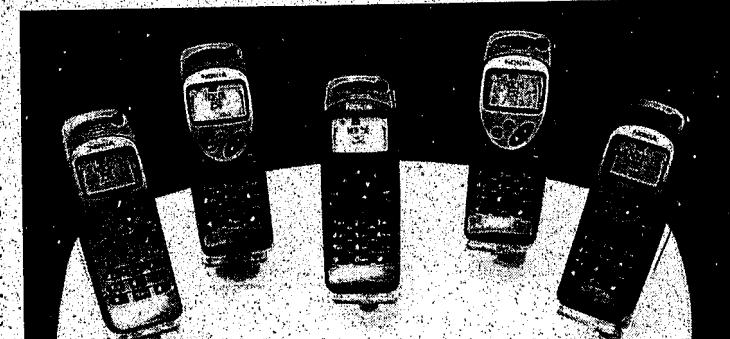
An optional modem, for \$169, adds e-mail capabilities. The Palm V's rechargeable batteries last up to a month, and information can also be

beamed to other Palm platform devices using the unit's infra-red port.

Another nifty gadget for students comes from A.T. Cross Pens, which recently introduced the first portable digital notepad.

The CrossPad bridges the gap between paper and personal computer by allowing users to write in ink on a standard pad and then upload handwritten notes directly on to a computer.

Once transferred to a computer, handwritten notes can be filed, reorganized, faxed, e-mailed and even



Cellular style: Lightweight, sleek and colorful, these cellular phones by Nokia and AirTouch Cellular retail for \$129.

searched by keyword or date.

Available at major retail computer stores including Staples and Comp USA, the CrossPad retails for about \$299.

For students who like to sing in the shower, Sharper Image suggests their new waterproof compact disc player with AM/FM radio.

The CD Shower Companion runs on four C batteries in the shower or with a \$9.95 optional AC adapter. It comes with a countertop stand and hanging hooks and a wall-mount bracket for the shower.

Radio features include 10 preset buttons and the ability to play broadcast television stations. The retail price is \$189.

Small dorm rooms often prevent students from taking their home stereos with them to college. But most students simply want something that sounds good, is compact and looks like it belongs in the next millennium.

Fisher has come up with such a product, the Fisher Slim Stereo, which is available for \$199 at Sharper Image. Only 19 inches wide, 14 inches high and 3 inches thick, the stereo mounts on a wall, looks good and delivers quality CD and AM/FM radio sound.

It also has a SUREWAKE alarm, which is designed to rouse even the sleepiest student in time for exams.

Somerset hosts first Art With A Heart event

The Somerset Collection in Troy was built for shopping, but it's about to become an art gallery, too.

Art work created by more than 150 children from 65 metropolitan Detroit schools will be displayed and available for purchase through a silent auction June 5 and 6 at the Somerset Collection North to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit.

The mall's first Art With A Heart event recognizes the 20th anniversary of the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, a home away from home for families of sick children. About 1,000 families annually stay at the house on Beaubien Street near Children's Hospi-

tal of Michigan.

Among local students who submitted artwork are 11-year-old Birmingham student Courtney Young. Courtney's mother and brother stayed at a Ronald McDonald House in Minneapolis when their brother was undergoing treatment for a serious illness. Their sibling did not survive, and, since Courtney was never able to meet her uncle, she decided to create a painting for Art With A Heart in his honor.

Walled Lake Elementary School student Haley Mitchell, who recently lost her father, also conveyed personal feelings in her painting. Haley's classmates

raised money to have a tree planted in Israel in honor of Haley's father. Although Haley has difficulty talking about her loss, her painting of a girl sitting underneath a newly planted tree is clearly an expression of her feelings.

Art With A Heart will culminate in a free, carnival-style celebration from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 6 in the North Grand Court of The Somerset Collection.

Also, three pieces from the art exhibit have been selected for reproduction on an outdoor mural at the Ronald McDonald House.

By Special Editor Nicole Stafford

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

BILL BLASS FOR FALL
The Fall 1999 special order collection of Bill Blass will be presented at Saks Fifth Avenue, The Somerset Collection in Troy, through June 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

BADGELEY MISCHKA FOR FALL
Saks Fifth Avenue, The Somerset Collection in Troy, presents the Fall 1999 special order collection of Badgley Mischka through June 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor.

GIORGIO ARMANI TRUNK SHOW

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

View Armani's Fall/Winter 1999 collection for women at Neiman Marcus, The Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with informal modeling 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Galleria, third floor.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

JENNE MAAG TRUNK SHOW
Scott Gregory, 6525 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, hosts a trunk show of Jenne Maag's Fall 1999 collection through June 5. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

JOANNA BARATTA APPEARANCE
Jacobson's in Birmingham hosts founder of Giovanna-Italy skin care products Joanna Baratta through June 5. Limited consultation appointments are

available, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Cosmetics Department. For an appointment, call (248) 644-6900.

LINDA BERGMAN APPEARANCE

Meet jewelry designer Linda Bergman and view her latest collection, featuring Tahitian, South Sea and cultured pearls at Neiman Marcus, The Somerset Collection in Troy, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

SOCK HOP

Wonderland Mall in Livonia holds a sock hop with Dezine Intent as part of its Dine & Dance series, 5-9 p.m., Food Court.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

LEATHER FURNITURE SHOW

Art Van Furniture presents a trunk show of Italian leather furniture with presentations by experts who will answer questions, 1-3 p.m., all stores.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2855 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it.

WHAT WE FOUND:

(A clarification: reasonably priced maternity clothes are available at Saver's on Wayne Road between Warren and Ford roads in Westland.)

Alexander DeMarkoff products are carried at the Fairlane Lord & Taylor.

Both Yardley English Lavender products and Almay Moisture Renew can be purchased through the Beauty Boutique catalog, (440) 826-3008.

Matrix Amplified root lifter is carried by BoRics Salons in Michigan.

Monica Lewinsky wore a lipstick by Club Monaco Cosmetics called "Glaze" with a lip pencil called "Bare." To order, call (888) 580-5084. Also, Sephora, a new store at Lakeside Mall, carries Club Monaco products.

Sam's Club stores carries Dundee's grilling seasoning.

The company Weaver Aluminum is now called Mirro Company, (800) 343-2376.

The school library or the central office of Highland Park schools (ask for Greg) might be able to provide school yearbooks.

Frank's Nursery and the Solution catalog, (800) 342-9988, carries pantry moth traps.

Call DDS Dymont.

(800) 348-4696, to obtain a *Jeep Wagoneer owner's manual* (the cost is \$6.00 plus shipping).

We found: a 1964 World's Fair ashtray, a Fisher Price dollhouse and garage, lyrics and music of the "50 Nifty United States" and a Detroit Tigers 1984 World Series flag.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Terese is looking for Alexander Julian perfume and powder and Orlane makeup.

Henrietta would like to find folding Jaylin plastic draperies made in 1970.

Liz wants Shira cologne in cherry vanilla.

Joyce is looking for the Wacoal Bra, as advertised on the Oprah Winfrey Show, and a Barbizon cotton batiste nightgown.

Veda is looking for a video tape of Elton John's "The One."

Sharon is looking for Chanel nail polish in "Iridescent" and Revlon refillable eyebrow pencil in "Black" or "Charcoal."

Jim needs three posts and six rails for a two-rail split fence.

Pam is looking for a "Graduation Barbie" doll, preferably wearing orange and blue school colors.

Roberta is looking for Soft & Dry cool breeze deodorant.

Grace wants a 1999 Detroit Commerce High School yearbook.

Mona would like to find blackberry wine vinegar for salads.

Katy is looking for five pairs of red Adidas Gazelle tennis shoes in size 9 1/2 and larger.

Barbara is looking for Décor Plus bathroom accessories.

Ruth is looking for His-

toric America dishes by Hancock House of Boston and Johnson Brothers of England. Hudson's carried them in 1953.

Marguerite is looking for a wind bonnet made of net/nylon, not plastic, that ties in the back and GHL hair products.

Marcie is looking for Family Circus Christmas ornaments made about 10 years ago.

Kelly is searching for Clinique Touch Base eyeshadow in "Brown Grape."

Jennifer is looking for Victoria Secret's Raspberry Glace lotion.

Betty needs piano sheet music for "I Dream of Lilac Time."

Marilyn wants a 1950 Central High School yearbook.

Lori would like to find 1997 Stanley Cup baseball caps in black with beige leather bills.

Lois is looking for a decorato Scotch tape dispenser but not with a Walt Disney or Warner Brothers motif.

Faye wants a 1953 Central High yearbook.

Pamela is looking for a washable Quartrine couch at a bargain price.

Julia is looking for a blue Millstream gravy boat.

Elaine would like to find Moondrops lipstick in "Little Red Red."

Judy is looking for Revlon lipstick in "Suitably Ruby."

Mrs. Hamilton is still looking for Scalelectric model cars on tracks.

Evelyn is looking for a 1952 Dearborn Fordson yearbook.

Mike would like to find 1968 and 1969 Clarenceville yearbooks.

Nancy is looking for a product that stops children's thumb-sucking.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

a la carte STUFF WE CRAVE



Beaded charm: Simple in design and high on style, nikki b's beaded jewelry is available exclusively at Tender in Birmingham, \$35-110.



Outdoor elements: Weathered-looking J-boats are made of hand-carved mahogany and topped with tea-dipped canvas sails, \$209 to \$399, New England Home store, Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills and Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

New In town: Beauty retailer Sephora has opened a store at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights and has plans to open another location later this summer at The Somerset Collection in Troy. Sephora not only carries Monica Lewinsky's famous Club Monaco "Glaze" lipstick but also tends a full line of skin, cosmetic and bath products in a unique hands-on, self-serve retail environment. Sephora's own "Note Rose" bath gel, \$10.

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ROAD WATCH**FISH LAKE ROAD**

Road improvements could cause delays on the following Oakland County roads. Roads are open unless noted. Alternative routes are advised in all instances.

NORTH HOLLY ROAD

From: Lahring to the county line

Community: Holly Township

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

14 MILE ROAD

From: Stevenson Highway to Bellevue

Community: Troy, Madison Heights, Clawson and Royal Oak

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

WOODWARD

From: at 14 Mile Road

Community: Royal Oak and Birmingham

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

BALDWIN ROAD

From: North of I-75

Community: Orion Township

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

NINE MILE ROAD

From: In the vicinity of Novi Road

Community: Novi

Details: The City of Novi is reconstructing and widening Nine Mile (a city street) near the intersection of Novi Road (a county road). The work on Nine Mile is expected to affect traffic on Novi Road and delays are expected on both roads. Completion is expected during the summer.

GRISWOLD ROAD

From: At both 8 Mile and 10 Mile Roads

Community: Lyon Township

Details: The Griswold Road approaches to both 8 Mile and 10 Mile are being paved. Completion date is unknown.

ADAMS ROAD

From: At Dutton Road

Community: Rochester Hills/Oakland Township

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

ALLEN ROAD

From: At M-15

Community: Brandon Township

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

MILFORD ROAD

From: At Holden Road

Community: Milford Township

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

MILFORD ROAD

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

Community: Lyon Township

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

CROOKS ROAD

From: Approximately 600 feet north of Long Lake

Community: Troy

Details: A turnaround in the median of the road is being relocated. There will be some closures of the inside north and south bound lanes. Completion date is May 28.

E. HOLLY ROAD

From: Road Road into the Village of Holly

Community: Holly Township and Village of Holly

Details: Water and sanitary sewer lines are being extended along this stretch of E. Holly Road to accommodate the new high school under construction. One lane of the road will be closed during daylight hours. Completion date by the end of July.

Oakland University announces merit scholars

Oakland Community College's Merit Scholarship Committee has announced the names of 55 scholarship recipients for the fall 1999 and winter 2000 semesters. Merit scholarships of \$1,500 have been awarded to 45 area June high school graduates and 10 adult/alternative education students planning to attend OCC on a full-time basis this fall and winter.

The high school awardees, listed by school, are:

Renita Bradley, Birmingham Groves; David Joye, Brandon; Leanna Peters, Brandon; Erin Ingham, Clawson; Molly Harrison, Hazel Park; Victoria Richmond, Hazel Park; Jennifer Semenko, Hazel Park; Lacey Hinton, Holly; Charles Chill, Lakeland; Rachel Ferguson, Lakeland; Adam Harding, Lake Orion; Alycia Mills, Milford; Bryan Dotson, Madison Heights

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The adult/alternative education awardees are:

Amy Martin, Avondale; Chantel Cooley, Farmington; Lavell Kirkpatrick, Farmington; Zetar Esters, Hazel Park; Lesley Fisher, Holly; Jennifer Cripe, Huron Valley; Kelly Sullivan, Huron Valley; Rachel Schumaker, Royal Oak; Anna Ferguson, Walled Lake and Dawnia Johnson, Walled Lake.

OCC teams with hotels for maintenance program

Oakland Community College's Workforce Development Services has teamed with Marriott Hotels and Double Tree Guest Suites to offer training and career opportunities in facilities maintenance.

The 17-week program, validated by engineering supervisors currently working in the hotel industry, features credit and non-credit course work, including hands-on instruction in heating, ventilation and air-conditioning, and general maintenance training.

Supportive course work in computer literacy,

customer relations and conflict resolution is also part of the program, which confers 19 college credits.

Cost to enroll in the Facilities Maintenance program is \$3,500. Michigan residents may be eligible for governor's career scholarships which cover fifty percent of the program's costs. Other types of scholarships may also be available.

For further information, call Shelley Kaye at (248) 276-6475.

College offers potential machine-tool workers an introduction

Oakland Community College will offer training in machine tool technology for beginners in this field, or employers seeking accelerated training for their employees.

Entry-level positions in the metal-cutting industry currently pay \$8-\$12 per hour, depending on the level of skills.

The program is offered at OCC's Auburn Hills Campus in a continuous format of seven instructional modules that repeat every three weeks. Participants will train for 20 hours per week, Mondays and Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesdays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The first module introduces participants to machine and safety methods. Subsequent seg-

ments include working on wax on manual machinery, instruction in computer numerical control, and an introduction to computer design. Credit is awarded as the student demonstrates mastery of each competency.

Tuition is \$300-\$350 per module, including fees, books and supplies. Michigan residents may be eligible for governor's scholarships which cover fifty percent of costs. A free information session for employers will be held 7:30-9 a.m. Monday, June 14, in Room T1 of the Auburn Hills Campus Advanced Technology Building. A continental breakfast will be provided.

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HOME SENSE



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Be bold, invite 'herb' into your home and life

Herbs are a wonderful fat-free, salt-free way to add flavor and zest to your meals. Be creative and bold with new seasonings in your favorite dishes.

Many herbs can be purchased fresh year-round. If you have a choice, use fresh herbs. One tablespoon of fresh herbs is equal to one-third to one-half teaspoon crushed or dried herbs.

Dried herbs have more concentrated flavor than fresh. If you are unfamiliar with the flavor of a certain herb use a small amount, you can always add more later.

Herbs are generally added toward the end of the cooking time. For soups or stews, add herbs the last 45 minutes of cooking. Extended cooking destroys the taste of many herbs. For cold foods, add herbs several hours before serving to allow flavors to blend.

Strong flavors

There are strong or dominate flavored herbs. These flavors really stand out so handle them with care. Bay, cardamom, curry, ginger, hot pepper, mustard, pepper, rosemary and sage are all strong flavors.

Here are some ways to try some of these herbs:

- **Bay** – beets, carrots, potatoes, tomatoes, fish, meats
- **Cardamom** – poached apples, curries, rice pilaf, stews, sweet potatoes
- **Curry** – chutney, chicken, fish, soups, mayonnaise
- **Ginger** – beets, carrots, squash, meats
- **Mustard** – chicken, pot roast, snap beans, Brussels sprouts
- **Rosemary** – turnips, potatoes, beef and pork roasts, oranges
- **Sage** – peas, Brussels sprouts, chowders, meats

Medium flavors

Medium flavored herbs are basil, celery seed and leaves, cumin, dill, fennel, French tarragon, garlic, marjoram, mint, oregano, winter and summer savory and thyme.

- **Basil** – potatoes, spinach, eggs, pasta, fish
- **Celery seed** – tomatoes, cabbage, meat stock
- **Cumin** – sauerkraut, beans and rice, tomato sauce
- **Dill** – broccoli, potatoes, fish, cheese dishes
- **Fennel** – bread, salad, squash, rice
- **Tarragon** – lima beans, cauliflower, fish, meats
- **Marjoram** – carrots, spinach, potatoes, fish
- **Oregano** – beans, potatoes, tomatoes, salad dressings
- **Savory** – peas, stews, meats, lentil soup
- **Thyme** – lima beans, beets, carrots, chicken

Delicate flavors

Delicate flavored herbs are used in larger quantity or combined with other herbs. These include burnet, chervil, chives and parsley.

- **Burnet** – salads (has a delicate cucumber flavor)
- **Chervil** – omelets, chicken, veal
- **Chives** – salads, potatoes, salmon
- **Parsley** – Use on almost anything

When using herbs with meats, work the herbs into the meat by rubbing them on with your hands. The flavors will penetrate better. If you accidentally "over herb" a dish, add a peeled raw potato to the dish. It will help absorb excess flavor.

Fresh herbs are perishable so use them shortly after purchase. Fresh herbs can be stored in a container of water (like flowers) except cover the whole container with a plastic bag secured with a rubber band.

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An eye for potatoes

STORY BY RENEE SKOGLUND • PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Unloading spuds:
Truckloads of up to 85,000 pounds of potatoes roll into storage bins at the Better Made potato chip factory in Detroit. Most potatoes are processed into chips the same day.



One potato, two potato: After being washed, millions of potatoes lose their skins in automatic peelers. Peeler blades are constantly cleaned and sharpened. Next stop is the slicer.



Chip heaven: Sorters pick out "bad" chips before they reach the bagging process. The chips, still warm from being fried, have already been salted.

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Ready for stores: Workers box bags of chips according to size. From beginning to end, a potato's transformation into a potato chip is often no more than 25 minutes.

Potato Chip History

- **1853** – Potato chips are created. Railroad magnate Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, dining at a resort in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., didn't like the fried potatoes he ordered for dinner. He sent them back to the kitchen, complaining they were too thick.
- Taking offense, chef George Crum sliced more potatoes paper thin, fried them to a crisp in boiling oil, and salted them. Vanderbilt loved the "crunchy potato slices," and "Saratoga Chips" became a restaurant fed with the resort's socialite patrons.
- **1880** – William Tappenden of Cleveland starts delivering his homemade chips to neighborhood stores in a horse-drawn wagon. Orders increase, and his barn becomes the first potato chip factory.
- **1886** – Chip-maker Laura Scudder of Montgomery Park, Calif., invents the first potato chip bag by ironing sheets of wax paper into bags. She fills the bags with chips and irons them shut. Before this, retailers kept chips in cracker barrels or glass displays.
- **1897** – The National Potato Chip Institute (now the Snack Food Association) is founded to educate retailers and consumers on the proper use of potato chips. They can't be used like soap chips to wash clothes. They are not good poured into a bowl with sugar and cream.
- **1943** – During World War II, production of potato chips continues but ingredients are firmly rationed.
- **1946** – Fifteen-year-old Dorothy Fagnano of Yonkers, N.Y., is crowned the first Potato Chip Queen for her "Potato Chips à la Gorton" casserole made with potato chips, carrots, onions and cheese.
- **1949** – The Vincent Lopez Orchestra and the Martin Sisters record a song for the National Potato Chip Institute titled "Potato Chips," which aired along with tunes like "Rum and Coca Cola" and "The Popcorn Polka."
- **1970** – Potato chip sales reach \$1 million.
- **1973** – Chip industry takes a beating as prices for gas, used to fire their cookers, soar. Potato prices also go through the roof after a bad growing season.
- **1983** – Thicker, ridged chips made especially for dipping are introduced.
- **1995** – Low- and no-fat potato chip sales increase.

Information from the Snack Food Association, snax.com on the Web

Save some chips for these delicious recipes

Recipes compliments of Better Made potato chips. From "Prize Winning recipes starring potato chips," published by Potato Chip International, Cleveland.

CHIPPIE CHEESE STRAWS

- 1 package pie crust mix
- 2/3 cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup finely crushed potato chips
- 1 egg white
- Salt and cayenne pepper

Prepare pie crust according to package directions and roll very thin in a square shape. Combine cheese with potato chips and

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sprinkle half of mixture over half of dough. Fold over. Sprinkle remaining mixture on one-half of folded dough. Fold again. Roll out to one-quarter inch thickness. Brush with egg white and sprinkle with salt and cayenne. Cut in strips 1/2-inch by 6 inches. Bake at 450°F until crisp and golden brown.

CHIP-COATED OVEN-FRIED CHICKEN

1 1/2 cups finely crushed potato chips
1 teaspoon salt (may eliminate)
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Dash of paprika
2 to 3 pound fryer (cut in pieces)
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1/4 cup milk
1/4 cup butter or margarine
Combine crushed potato chips, salt, pepper, and paprika. Combine eggs and milk. Dip chicken first in egg and milk mixture, then in chip mixture.

Melt butter in baking dish. Add chicken (do not stack) and bake at 325°F for 45 minutes or until tender.

TUNA CASSEROLE

3 tablespoons chopped onions
3 tablespoons chopped green pepper
1 tablespoon melted butter or margarine
2 tablespoons diced pimento
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can cream of celery soup (can substitute cream of spinach or cream of asparagus soup)
2/3 cup milk
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 cans (7-ounces each) tuna drained and flaked

2 cups coarsely crushed potato chips.

Sauté onion and green pepper in butter or margarine three minutes or until tender. Remove from heat. Combine sautéed onion and green pepper, pimento, soups, milk, lemon juice and tuna; mix well. Place 1 cup crushed potato chips in bottom of lightly buttered 1 1/2-quart casserole; add tuna mixture. Sprinkle remaining 1 cup of potato chips on top. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes. Makes six servings.

BARBECUED CHIP BURGERS

1 pound ground beef
1 can evaporated milk
1 package onion soup mix
1/2 cup crushed potato chips
Barbecue sauce for basting

Combine all ingredients and shape into 1-inch thick patties. Place on grill about 2 inches from flame. Baste with barbecue sauce.

MAGIC POTATO CHIP COOKIES

1 1/3 cups sweetened condensed milk
2 cups shredded coconut
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 cup crumbled potato chips

Mix condensed milk and peanut butter. Add the coconut and potato chips. Drop the mixture by spoonfuls on greased baking pan. Bake at 375°F for about 15 minutes.

SAVORY CHIPPER LOAF

2 pounds ground beef
1 egg, slightly beaten
1/4 cup minced onion
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 can condensed vegetable soup
2 cups crushed potato chips
Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Blend together. Shape into a loaf and bake uncovered in a shallow pan at 350°F for 1 1/2 hours. Serves 6-8.

Made

But that's history. The real story remains the process by which potato chips are made, the potato's journey from field to bag of chips.

Spuds to chips

Everything starts when a truck carrying 45,000 to 85,000 pounds of potatoes arrives at Better Made and backs onto a lift. The lift raises up the entire truck at an angle, allowing the potatoes to tumble into a conveyor, which shakes off excess dirt.

The conveyor then feeds the potatoes into storage vats that hold up to 50,000 pounds. From the vats, it's a short ride on a hopper to the water-filled "destoner." All stones and field debris are then removed.

From the destoner, the potatoes head to the peeler, where they're stripped of their skins by 23 abrasive rollers. Once peeled, the "bad" potatoes are picked off by inspectors.

Next comes the revolving slicer, followed by a wash in a rotating drum to remove most of

the starch. Afterward, the slices are blown dry and ready to be fried. The oil (90,000 pounds a week) is pumped into the fryer through overhead tubing from huge heated vats in an adjoining room.

"We use nothing but cottonseed oil. It's the most expensive now because of the drought in Texas, but we refuse to change our formula," said Moceri.

After a short fry, the chips are salted and whisked along a vibrating conveyer belt under sharp eyes of a chip inspector to the final bagging process.

The entire frying process, from peeler to salting, takes seven minutes, said Moceri. A truckload of potatoes can be transformed into chips in just 25 minutes.

Lots of potatoes

Better Made processes 200,000 pounds of potatoes a day, or 40 million pounds a year. The potatoes are specially grown varieties, like Atlantic's or Snowdens.

"More solid, less sugar, which keeps them nice and white," said Moceri.

In the spring and summer, Better Made gets their potatoes from Florida and other southern states. For the rest of year, it's Michigan spuds.

Although most of Better Made's potato chips fry up a nice pale yellow, a few fry up brown. But don't dare call them "burnt."

Those dark brown chips, called "rainbows," result from a more sugary potato, not overfrying.

Rainbows have their own devoted following.

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Use fresh herbs to bring out the flavor of foods

BY MELANIE POLK
SPECIAL WRITER

When health experts recommend that we eat more plant foods, they don't mean just fruits, vegetables and grains. Herbs are also an important source of phytochemicals, those substances in plants that are not vitamins or minerals, but possess a wealth of health-protective benefits.

Herbs have always been prized for a variety of healing properties, and in recent years cancer prevention has been added to the list of potential benefits. The compounds that produce flavor in rosemary and sage, for example, possess strong antioxidants which help fight cancer. Chives, along with garlic and onions, belong to the Allium family and are rich in sulfides and other cancer-protective substances. Using herbs to bring out the flavor in recipes is also a great way to reduce your use of fat for flavoring.

When purchasing fresh herbs, look for unblemished leaves and avoid those that are wilted, bruised or discolored. Store sturdy herbs like rosemary, thyme, sorrel, marjoram or sage wrapped in paper towels inside a plastic bag in the refrigerator.

CRACKED WHEAT AND BASIL PILAF

1/2 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper to taste
Prepare cracked wheat or bulgur according to package directions.
In heavy frying pan, heat oil. Add onion and cook, stirring over medium heat until tender. Stir in garlic and mushrooms and cook until mushrooms are tender, about 2 minutes.
Stir in tomato, cracked wheat, basil, almonds, salt, and pepper to taste; stir until mixed and heated through.

Nutrition information: Each of the 6 servings contains 172 calories and 6 grams of fat.

More delicate herbs, including basil, chervil, tarragon or mint, can be stored in the refrigerator in a glass of water, stems down like flowers to keep them a little longer.

In cooking, use two to three times the quantity of fresh herbs when substituting for dried herbs, since their flavor is much more subtle. Most cooking calls for herb leaves, but cut stems usually have the strongest flavor. Robust herbs retain their flavor even if cooked for a long time, but fine herbs should be

added to dishes just before serving.

Basil's mildly peppery flavor is delicious in tomato sauces, salad dressings or grains. Chervil's part-anise, part-parsley taste makes a delicious addition to cottage cheese or green beans. The mild, sweet onion taste of chives is perfect for salads or potatoes. Fennel's flavor is a nutty anise/celery blend that is excellent in soups, salads and breads. Marjoram, with a mild oregano taste, can be used with lamb, eggplant or squash. Mint

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■ Leftover fresh herbs: Small amounts of fresh herbs, such as basil, oregano, cilantro, or a mixture of any of these, are the basis of easy herb cream cheese or herb margarine spread.

Mix 2 tablespoons of chopped fresh herbs with 1 minced clove

of garlic or 1/2 teaspoon bottled minced garlic and 8 ounces of nonfat or low-fat cream cheese or light margarine.

Try a little herb cream cheese on a bagel or a dollop of herb margarine on a baked potato. You'll find lots of uses for these treats.

■ Dried herbs and spices: Always store herbs and spices in airtight containers (glass jars recommended) away from heat and light.

In general, whole spices and

herbs will keep for about 1 year, though some may retain their flavor for as long as 3 to 4 years. Ground spices will keep for 6 months to 2 years.

When the aroma becomes faint, use more of the spices and herbs to compensate for flavor loss.

■ Acidic foods: Vinegar and other acidic foods can react with aluminum, untreated carbon steel and cast iron, possibly causing the food to taste metallic and bad.

Another method is to place

nuts on a baking sheet and roast them in a 350 F oven for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

If you prepare extra to freeze, you'll have a ready supply for future use.

■ Roasted garlic: Add roasted and peeled garlic cloves to your

favorite spaghetti sauce or stew, mashed potatoes or cold pasta salad.

Puree roasted and peeled garlic and brush on toast, corn-on-the-cob, or pizza dough before you add the sauce and toppings.



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Savory side dish: Cracked wheat and basil pilaf is a delicious way to enjoy basil.

Melanie Polk is Director of Nutrition Education for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Veggie pork stir-fry quick dish

diagonally into 1/2-inch pieces

1 sweet red or green pepper, cut into 1/4-inch strips
2 small yellow squash, sliced
2 small zucchini, cut into julienne strips
1/2 cup sliced green onions
6 ounces fresh or thawed frozen Chinese pea pods
2 cups broccoli flowerets
2/3 cup beef bouillon
1/3 cup dry white wine
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon sugar
Hot cooked rice (optional)

refrigerator 4 hours or overnight. Pour oil around top and sides of preheated wok; heat for about 2 minutes at medium-high. Add marinated pork (undrained) to wok; stir-fry for 3 minutes. Add carrots and red pepper; stir-fry for 2 minutes. Add yellow squash, zucchini and green onions; stir-fry for 3 minutes. Add Chinese pea pods and broccoli and continue stir-frying for 2 minutes. Combine beef bouillon, wine, 1 tablespoon cornstarch, remaining 1/2 tablespoon soy sauce and sugar; pour over vegetables and pork. Stir-fry over medium heat for 3 to 5 minutes until sauce is thickened and bubbly. Serve immediately over hot cooked rice, if desired.

Nutritional facts per serving: 247 cal., 31 g pro., 17 g carbo., 6 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 66 mg chol., 903 mg sodium.

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CONVERSATIONS



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Three words sum up Stone's years in gallery business

Given 24 hours notice before an on-the-record interview, Elizabeth Stone said she would definitely "give some thought to the meaning of the past 10 years."

The topic: Lessons learned in the first decade of her gallery in Birmingham.

It's only fair to give Stone time to come up with some deep thoughts.

Her gallery of original, limited-edition lithographs and prints of children's book illustration is only one of



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Soul food: Elizabeth Stone, (left), and artist Cyd Moore are dedicated to stories and illustrations that have a timeless influence.

three in the country.

The other two galleries are in L.A., a.k.a. LaLa land, where illusion is reality, and reality is based on the findings of a marketing strategy.

The strategy at Stone's gallery is refreshingly simple, and quite different from Every Picture Tells A Story and Storyopolis book stores in L.A.

Feed your soul.

There aren't books derived from Disney formulas or other gimmicks on the shelves at the Elizabeth Stone Gallery.

For Stone, if the story and illustrations resonant like those classic tales that are read again and again from generation to generation, then it finds a place on the shelf.

At the Elizabeth Stone Gallery, the person whose name is on the business also serves as critic and curator.

"The gallery is a jewel," said Cyd Moore of Beverly Hills whose illustrated books include "I Love You, Stinky Face."

"What better way for a child to get turned on to art. This gallery is about books that feed your soul."

State of mind

Apparently, Stone is feeding the souls of more than the art collectors in metro Detroit. Her reputation has spread world-

wide. Thanks, in part, she said, to her web site.

Because of her in-depth knowledge of children's book illustrations and her first-hand grasp of today's most compelling artists Stone is also a popular speaker at schools and conferences.

Actually, if anyone can be considered as a diplomat of the art form, and a crusader for the civilizing influence of the stories and images of illustrated books, it's Stone.

Don't mistake Stone's warmth, friendliness or choice of promoting "children's art" as reasons to believe her tastes are mauldin or that she's a softy.

You don't stay in the art gallery business for 10 years simply because of pretty pictures.

The art on the walls and on the pages of books could be considered as

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Bloomfield Hills resident stars in MOT opera

Samson and Delilah

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On an unexpectedly cool, blustery afternoon in late May, Irina Mishura sits demurely in the Madison Lounge on the first floor of the Detroit Opera House. Rehearsal has ended early, and the mezzo-soprano whose passionate performances in "Carmen," "Aida" and "Madame Butterfly" won her international critical praise settles in to a reflective mood.

There is little hint of the defiant seductresses, Delilah, who Mishura will portray in Michigan Opera Theatre's "Samson & Delilah," opening this Saturday.

Not long ago, Mishura may have been content to just sit in the lobby of any opera house and talk about her aspiration for the stage.

So much for inevitability.

For the last three years, the Bloomfield Hills resident has strapped her career to a rocket headed to the operatic stratosphere, performing in opera houses in San Francisco, Toronto, Vienna, Lisbon and Brussels. Next fall, Mishura will make her debut at the Met.

Ask her about her schedule for the next six months, and in her heavy Russian accent with near-perfect

English diction, she'll explain that she'll have to get back to you.

Busy! There's probably an itinerary just to schedule the itinerary. Mishura has just returned from trips to Helsinki



PHOTO BY SCOTT SAZMAN

Temptress: Irina Mishura first performed the role of Delilah in Tel Aviv last year as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of Israel. She recently performed the role with the New Orleans Opera.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Detroit Women Writers celebrate a 'Century of Voices'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

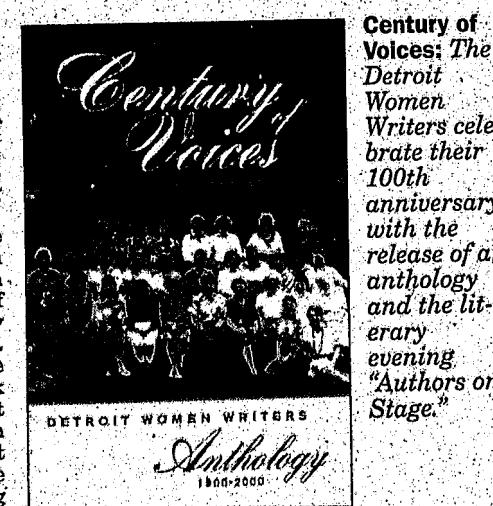
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Alice Elinor Bartlett would have probably gasped in horror over the graphic language and sexual descriptions in Julia Grice's suspense novel "Jagged Light."

In 1905, Bartlett, a founding member of Detroit Women Writers, was writing flowery poems about the parson coming to tea.

Ninety-nine years to the day, the Detroit Women Writers will kick off a year-long celebration of their 100th anniversary with a literary evening. The Birmingham Village Players and Cranbrook Writers Guild will present both works along with selections by Margaret Hillert, Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli, Naomi Long

Madgett, Kathleen Ripley Leo, Joyce Carol Oates, Linda Nemec Foster, Ruth Ryan Langan, and S.K. Wolfe of Livonia.



Century of Voices: The Detroit Women Writers celebrate their 100th anniversary with the release of an anthology and the literary evening "Authors on Stage."

Bob Carington's job is to put the authors of the Detroit Women Writers recently published anthology "Century of Voices" on stage and "make it entertaining." As director of the Birmingham Village Players production with his wife, Jerri, Carington realized his biggest challenge was to trim the selections chosen for "Authors on Stage" Saturday, June 5. The book stands on its own when it comes to taking the reader through a roller coaster of emotions from laughter to surprise.

"There's everything from tough hard-hitting stuff to fun things. From soup to nuts, there's a lot of variety," said Carington of Bloomfield Village. "We're making them into little one acts. From Julia Grice's hard hitting 'Jagged Light' to a poem by the first president (Bartlett) that's very old-fashioned and charming. We try to mix the evening up."

Evolution of a project

Originally "Century of Voices" was intended to chronicle 100 years of Detroit Women Writers history. Marion Tuttle Marzof had been taking oral accounts from older members for a decade when Carolyn Vosburg Hall, who calls herself an idea person because of the 12 published crafts books she's orches-

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A masterpiece of fascinating rhythms

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His work has the symmetry of classical style, the warmth of folk art, and the simple approach to form and content that is primitivism.

Yet Andrew Lidgus said his artwork is simply his way to tell a story.

His "American Popular Music Series" at Birmingham's Masterpiece Gallery runs through July 10. The exhibit pays tribute to the stories and songs of America's greatest composers including George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Harold Arlen and Duke Ellington.

Using layers and strips of hand-made paper, oil pastels, crayons and panels of rich wood, Lidgus weaves elegant collages, or more appropriately, musical montages.

"I love to tell stories" said Lidgus, who is also an accomplished pianist.

"I did my own storytelling of what I thought the lyricists and composers were trying to get across."

In "Fascinating Rhythm" Lidgus evokes nature's

rhythm with undulating waves, forest and sky. In another nod to Gershwin, his "Summertime" shows fish jumping and a man reaching out of the water towards the sun in reference to the classic "Porgy and Bess" refrain about spreading your wings.

For Duke Ellington's "Day Dream," Lidgus used patterns based on Ashanti textiles to show a man floating between two castle walls.

His tribute to Harold Arlen's "It's Only a Paper Moon" shows the entrance to a tent and, of course, a paper moon, sailing over a forest of trees.

"I use a lot of trees. Nature is a big theme in my work," said Lidgus, who grew up in a Chicago neighborhood, one of eight children.

"It's one of the few things in this world that is honest. We can't corrupt it. We can, in terms of the environment, but a tree is still a tree."

And a rose, by any other name, would smell as sweet. Lidgus also draws heavily on classic literature, including Romeo and Juliet. In his largest work, a four-panel folding screen 12-feet wide and 7-feet high, Lidgus captures the

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Literary Montage: Andrew Lidgus's four-panel screen depicts Romeo and Juliet at the moment after they were married.

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trated, came up with the concept of combining history and the writings. Archives of the Burton Collection at the Detroit Public Library were combed for material. Current members were asked to submit selections as well. Then the work began for co-editors Vosburg Hall, Corinne Abatt, Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli, Tuttle Marzolf and Doris Schanberg.

"It's what people are writing," said Vosburg Hall, Cranbrook Writers Guild president and a Bloomfield Hills resident. "It's what people are thinking. It's what women thought. They take a different slant on the world. They give us a glimpse of what life was like back then."

Women today enjoy the freedom to write about subjects never dreamed about 100 years ago. As the Detroit Women Writers celebrate their 100th anniversary with the release of "Century of Voices," there's plenty to be thankful for.

History

The Detroit Women Writers was started by 13 women, most of whom were members of the Women's International Press Union, on June 5, 1900. Bartlett, whose pseudonym was Birch Arnold, was typical of its membership. A columnist for the *Detroit Journal*, as well as a novelist, poet and librettist for at least one comic opera, Bartlett's first novel, "Until Day Breaks," was published in 1877.

"With 'Authors on Stage' we went for quality and dramatic impact with the idea of bringing good literature to people," said Vosburg Hall.

Abatt and members of the Cranbrook Writers Guild chose the selections to be staged at the Birmingham Village Players Theater. Abatt, a former arts editor for the *Eccentric Newspapers*, will read her winning fiction at the Detroit Women Writers Spring Readings 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at the main branch of the Detroit Public Library.

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exceptionally talented, but uncommonly down-to-earth.

Shortly after immigrating from Moldavia, Mishura found a home at the Jewish Community Center where she practiced her singing. People would gather and listen. Soon, she had a list of students to whom she taught voice. Then, Mishura began to sing in choruses and at synagogues.

A stint as a waitress at DePalma's Restaurant in Livonia brought her in contact with a many of her future colleagues in the local opera community.

Salute

"It's a nice evening to salute the Detroit Women Writers because not only does it represent an aspect of Detroit history and the Detroit Womens Press Club but whets your appetite for the book and shows the broad spectrum of what women in this area have done in the past century," said Abatt. "All the writers who started this were professional people. It was exciting to really see the book go together — poetry and romance and murder and essays, and how are we going to put all this together."

Talk about the book first came up while the Detroit Women Writers were celebrating their 75th anniversary. A history had been assembled then, and Kathleen Ripley Leo was looking 25 years down the road to the next milestone.

"The Detroit Women writers started out before women got the vote," said Ripley Leo, who just completed a two-year term as Detroit Women Writers president. "We asked do we want these voices to go into oblivion so we started looking at an anthology. We used money from an earlier book, 'Voices on Writing Fiction,' to seed it. MSU and Wayne State presses were interested, but their timetable didn't mesh with the 100th anniversary."

Since the beginning, the Detroit Women Writers has had only 500 members. Their annual writers conference, held in October at Oakland University in Rochester, brings together aspiring and professional writers with New York editors and agents not to mention established authors and literary experts.

"It's important because DWW has been a lifeline to women writers who are looking for professional companion writers," said Ripley Leo. "We've been pursuing the written word from a time when women didn't have the vote to a time when we have male members. And it's cross genre, everything from poetry to romance and suspense novels."

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When Dave Coleman was 9 years old he saw Louis Armstrong on TV.

"He was on stage having so much fun. I decided that's what I wanted to do," said Coleman. "I learned how to play trumpet."

Now assistant music director at Ferndale High School, Coleman, who also teaches at Coolidge Middle School, is passing the tradition of jazz onto the next generation.

On Saturday, June 5, his bands will be among the 13 professional, high school and middle school jazz bands playing at Jazz

Fest '99, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., in the Ferndale High School Courtyard, 883 Pinecrest, between Coolidge and Livernois, south of 9 Mile Road. All day admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students, children under 6 free. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on. Call (248) 547-1700 Ext. 5115 for information.

The event evolved from a concert to a longer concert to an all day come and go as you please jazz festival. Food and beverages will be offered for sale in the courtyard throughout the day. In case of rain, the festival will be held indoors.

"Last year was incredible," said Coleman about the festival

which drew professional and student jazz groups. "My only regret is that there were only 150 people there. We're hoping to get as many people as possible this year."

The festival offers an opportunity to hear local youngsters and professionals such as drummer Miguel Gutierrez and his group Truth.

For the students, it's a chance to shine. "The kids love to perform at the end of the year when they're at their best," said Coleman.

Here's the JazzFest Schedule:

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12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. — Best Vocal Jazz Ensemble

1:10-1:50 p.m. — Keith Gamble

2:20-4 p.m. — Tim Flarity Trio

2:50-3:30 p.m. — Berkley High School Jazz Band

3:40-4:20 p.m. — "Truth" featuring Miguel Gutierrez

4:30-5:10 p.m. — Detroit High School of Performing Arts

5:20-6 p.m. — The Jamie Hughes Quintet

6:10-6:50 p.m. — Pine Quest

7:40 p.m. — Ferndale High School Jazz Ensemble

7:50-8:30 p.m. — Ferndale High Vocal Ensemble

8:40-9:20 p.m. — Staff/alumni

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ARTS & HUMANITIES

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council have launched a new statewide arts and humanities campaign.

The campaign's theme is "Arts and Humanities... adding balance to our lives!" According to promotional material, the campaign was developed to emphasize the essential role of the arts in developing a sense of family and community.

For the past five years, according to the governor's office, Michigan has ranked in the top 10 states in financial support for the arts. Funding from state arts and cultural grants reaches all of

Michigan's 83 counties. For more information, call (517) 372-7770.

BBAC POTTERY SALE

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center will hold its annual spring Pottery Sale 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 12.

The sale will feature a wide range of art and functional pieces produced by students of the ceramic department at the BBAC.

The BBAC is located at 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham.

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DaimlerChrysler will support the Celebrate Michigan Artists exhibit and the Art & Apples Festival. The annual festival is organized by the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester.

For the first time, the exhibit featuring Michigan artists will be on display at DaimlerChrysler headquarters in Auburn Hills, from Aug. 20-Nov. 6.

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star-crossed lovers at the moment after they are married, but before Romeo has to flee.

"Romeo and Juliet are at the top, kind of hovering over the world oblivious," he said.

"Emanating from them is an aura that is symbolized by squares, and in those squares are hearts, the symbol of love, roses, and also an eye, the sym-

bol of perception and knowledge."

For Lidgus, art, music and literature have always been interwoven, and his artwork reflects this fabric of knowledge. As a painter uses a brush, Lidgus creates his vignettes with paper and scissors.

"I like the control of paper," he said. "With paper and scissors,

you have to make linear and spatial decisions, and I like that. It forces you to think differently."

The several dozen mixed media collages in this show are from Lidgus's most recent works. From here, the exhibit travels to Florida, and then Marbella, Spain.

For Georgia Nadhir, who, along with co-owner Kimberly

Salman, opened Masterpiece Gallery two years ago this August, the decision to bring this exhibit was an easy one.

"I looked at it and loved it," said Nadhir. "His work has the dimension and depth you get with textile, but it's done with papers."

"It has a very soothing, calming effect. It gives good Chi."

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exclusively for children as much as a majestic crescent moon and the grandeur of a starlight sky are only to be appreciated by people under 12.

As Stone teaches: Art, like age, is a state of mind.

A descriptive word

By the time the on-the-record interview rolls around, Stone has obviously given some thought to the last 10 years.

Her answer is prepared.

She paraphrases renowned illustrator Wendell Minor's response when asked how he can sustain his level of work.

"I've added a word to Minor's answer of 'passion and persistence,'" said Stone.

Then, she hands over a white sheet of paper with a single word

written on it. "I'm not sure how to pronounce it, but I like what it means."

The word she has written is "perspicacity," which means insightful or having acute perception.

In many ways, when it comes to her contribution to the growing international appreciation of the art of children's book illustrations, Stone personifies the word.

When she started out 10 years ago, Stone was encouraged by the artists who supported her. "Initially, the public perception was

that this type of art wasn't worth much," she said.

"I soon realized that I had to educate people. I looked at it less as an obstacle and more like an adventure."

It's hardly a coincidence that as collectors have become more educated, the value of children's book illustrations has steadily increased.

A watercolor valued at \$3,000 15 years ago is now worth \$50,000.

In essence, Stone's adventure has meant greater public aware-

ness of Michigan artists, and contemporary illustrators, such as Minor, Gennady Spirin, Chris van Allsburg, Maurice Sendak, and Arthur Rackham.

Ten years ago, obviously Stone knew all about perspicacity.

It just took a decade or so before she was comfortable enough to pronounce it.

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Jazz lovers to gather for brunch

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Larry Nozero's memory of his father playing clarinet around the house from the time he was a child is a powerful one. Nozero, a saxophonist with 40 years in the music business, never learned to play the Italian folk songs of his father's native country. But he did learn to love music.

Nozero is bringing his jazz quartet and guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell to the Father's Day Brunch at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The brunch is a benefit for the July 18 Michigan Jazz Festival which has been moved this year from the Botsford Inn to Schoolcraft College.

"My father was a natural player. There was always music around the house," said Nozero. "He taught me the basic reasons for being a musician. He taught me about expression. That it's a way to express your feelings."

The first jazz record he heard, by Benny Goodman, hooked Nozero for life. Before long, he was listening to Art Pepper and Charlie Parker, and finally his own career took off. In the early years, he toured with a number of legendary jazz musicians including Stan Kenton, Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, and Henry Mancini. Nozero's own group was the first American quartet to play the Montreaux Jazz Festival in Switzerland when it originated 19 years ago. In 1997, he was inducted into the Legends of Jazz International Hall of Fame. In December he was a featured guest with the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra and plans to do more appearances with community orchestras in the 1999-2000 season. In fact, his latest CD "Warm" was recorded with full orchestra.

Nozero began recording his own music 15 years ago. For decades before that, he was a studio musician with Motown. After 40 years in the business, Nozero is still proud of his roots.

"I was a little kid in the early '50s in Detroit listening to Kenny Burrell and Yusef Lateef on the street corners," said Noze-



Fund-raiser: Larry Nozero and his quartet will be joined by guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell at a Father's Day brunch to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival.

ro, a faculty member in the Wayne State University Jazz Studies Program since 1982. "Jazz music for me is a viable thing even though we don't have the music (recording) industry any more in Detroit. During those days at Motown we were making a lot of music."

Even though Nozero enjoys playing club dates (he'll be at La Bistecca Italian Grille in Livonia on June 7), he thrives on performing in the jazz festivals because they're usually day or weekend-long events which spotlight a variety of styles. This year, in addition to the Michigan Jazz Festival, Nozero will play at the Birmingham Jazz Festival and the Ford Montreaux Jazz Festival in Detroit.

"The festivals are important to us musicians and also the jazz

folks that we have venues to be together," said Nozero. "It's difficult. Jazz music is not often well represented in area venues. The Michigan Jazz Festival helps keep the music exposed plus the music is free."

Midge Ellis plans to keep it that way, but she's worried because the fifth annual Michigan Jazz Festival will cost more to produce than in the past due to the change of venue. She's hoping the Father's Day Brunch will raise part of the estimated \$22,000 to \$25,000 it will take to produce the festival.

"It's a great event for people to take their fathers to and hear the music they grew up with and love," said Ellis of Livonia who is helping coordinate the brunch and festival. "Some people will buy a table of eight so the whole family can go."

During the festival there will be four stages with continuous music, the same as at the Botsford Inn. Both the upper and lower level of the Waterman Center, Forum Recital Hall, and an outdoor stage in the heart of the campus will treat jazz fans to the music of Bess Bonier, George Benson, Matt Michaels with Jack Brokensha, SCool JAZZ and Prime, the Janet Tenay Trio, and Big Bands such as the Brookside Jazz Ensemble, Eddie Nuccilli, and the Larry Teal Saxophone Octet. New this year is Sheila Landis.

"We're moving it mainly to house a bigger audience," said Ellis. "We just plain ran out of room. Schoolcraft College is accessible. There's unlimited parking. At Botsford the crowd ran around 5,000. We feel we'll get more than that at Schoolcraft."

Funding

Ellis expects staging, sound and lighting to cost around \$2,000 per stage. Add to that fees for set-up, security and the more than 170 musicians. Half of the total cost for musicians will be paid for by the Music Performance Trust Funds through the U.S. Recording Companies as arranged by Local No. 5,

American Federation of Musicians. Figures aren't in yet from the Clarenceville Jazz Series held this spring, but the fund-raising concerts, which featured tributes to jazz greats, will help with some of the cost. Proceeds from the Father's Day Brunch and a Givingthanksforjazz Brunch in November help pay for printing fliers and other expenses. Major backers, including the Lear Corporation, have already promised support, but Ellis is still looking for sponsors.

"We're trying to raise more money," said Ellis. "It's going to be a great event. The American Harvest Restaurant will be open for gourmet dining, the food will be absolutely fantastic. A food court will be located near the outdoors stage."

Ellis hopes jazz lovers attend the Father's Day Brunch Sunday, June 20.

"A lot of people have a conception of jazz that it calls for a cellar and smoke-filled rooms," said Ellis. "Jazz belongs on the concert stage. Those of us who love it we're aging and if we don't get the word out to the young people, jazz is going to die."



Poison singer happy to be back with group

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Poison lead singer Bret Michaels can't express how excited he is to be back on tour with his band's core line-up.

"I said this before and I'll say it again. I am totally psyched," Michaels said. "The most important reason is having C.C. back in the band along with Rikki and Bobby. It just feels right. Rikki, Bobby and myself have grown up together since we were in junior high.... It's just such a great feeling having C.C. back and having him coming back clean and sober."

Michaels, along with drummer Rikki Rockett, bassist Bobby Dall and guitarist C.C. DeVille, return to Detroit on Sunday, May 30, to play Pine Knob with Ratt, L.A. Guns and Great White. But don't call this a reunion tour, Michaels explained. Poison best known for its hits "Every Rose Has Its Thorn" and "Talk Dirty to Me," never ever broke up.

"What we did was, at the end of '92, we went our separate ways. We had just been doing it way too long," he said of the two-year tour.

Two years ago, Poison reformed with guitarist Blues Saraceno, who replaced axemen Richie Kotzen and DeVille, to record "Crack a Smile." During the recording process, tragedy struck, bringing DeVille and Michaels together.

"I got in a car wreck, a pretty severe car wreck. I was in the hospital and C.C. called me. We just started talking and we realized, 'Hey, we're really good friends.' We were like two brothers who got in a bad fight," he said.

"We immediately started talking and at that point he needed to go get sober and clean."

DeVille did just that. Instead of releasing "Crack a Smile," Poison's former label, Capitol Records, opted to put out "Greatest Hits 1986-1996," an album that eventually turned gold, selling more than 500,000 copies.

Poison, Ratt, perform at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 30, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets are \$20 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn for the all-ages show. Call (248) 377-0100.

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'Lucky Man, Lucky Woman' tells a heart-wrenching story

Lucky Man, Lucky Woman
By Jack Driscoll
(Pushcart, \$24.50)

Mystic, Conn., and its environs form most of the picture's backdrop for this heart-wrenching story of love, loss and human limitations. Michigan author Jack Driscoll has also set part of "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman" in the Traverse City area.

At the center of the novel is New London County parole officer Perry LaFond. Although he sometimes thinks of his clients as "deadbeats" and "self-righteous slackers," he's essentially a guy with a heart who's trying to give most parolees the benefit of the doubt. After all, he's seen his own share of troubles. He is still haunted by the drowning death of his sister, Janine, when they were children growing up on a Michigan cherry farm. It was an event that changed his life and his family's life forever. And it also was an event for which he, to some extent, blames himself.

Now, as he approaches middle-age, he finds himself thinking about Janine's death through the hideous nightmares he suffers.

"Lucky Man, Lucky Woman" is not merely a look at Perry's past, however. In fact, it is essentially a look at the present and how it is inextricably knotted up with the past.

Fortunately, other characters do much to enliven the story. One of the most convincing is Perry's buddy, Wayne, a scarred Vietnam War veteran who lives on a houseboat in the Mystic River and "seldom comes ashore."

Having met on the UM campus, Perry and his wife, Marcia, have been married 14 years. Their marriage has produced no children, a fact that has come to lend an aura of sadness to their lives. Marcia, her biological clock

ticking down, submits each morning to costly shots of a fertility drug, administered by Perry himself, although he's not even really sure anymore that he wants children. Maybe it's too late already, he silently reasons, imagining himself "a grandfather, some little tyke fatiguing, in fifteen hyperactive minutes, this gray-haired guy with an inhaler and a smoker's cough." But Marcia, who he loves deeply, is willing to do almost anything, to make almost any sacrifice in order to give birth to a child. And so, he acquiesces to her wishes.

Though their failure to have children has certainly imposed a painful pressure on their marriage, other problems are beginning to emerge in the couple's relationship. When, one day, Perry finds himself strongly attracted to the wife of one of his parolees, he tries to do the right thing. But he can't stop thinking about Angela, who resembles a very tearful, very sad Jamie Lee Curtis when he comes to visit. To say that Perry begins to feel morally agonized is putting it mildly.

Compared to Perry, Marcia is a little flat on the page, maybe because he doesn't seem as conflicted. She's apparently led a rather sheltered life; she's a beautiful woman with a positive, healthy outlook and a teaching job she loves. Probably most important, she knows what she wants. But none of this makes her nearly as interesting as Perry. She seems a little distant and nearly perfect, a goddess posing as a woman.

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■ Sunday, June 20, 2-4 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Haggerty-Six Mile roads in Northville Township.

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PERSONAL SCENE


WOMEN SEEKING MEN

LET'S ENHANCE OUR LIVES!
Very pretty, energetic, sports
nous, petite SWF, 43, long
blonde/hazel, N/S, tall, loves
traveling, the arts, reading, dancing, conve
sation. Seeking same and more.
In handsome, intelligent man.

#3164

Pretty/Femme Fatale:
Fun, sophisticated, kind, outgoing
PF interior designer, seeks Ralph,
Lauren type, male, 55-65, from
Birmingham area. #3407

LOVE A MAN IN A BIG TRUCK:
If you're looking for a tall, strong
man, who loves to drive, how
to treat her man, look no more!
Seeking SM, 35-43, who appreciates
children, for fun times, and
quiet evenings. #3521

BRINGS HOME THE BACON:
Very attractive, DWF, 48, long
blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'5", full
figured, no dependents. Seeking
N/S, tall, honest, traveling,
life. Talk to you soon. #2903

SPARKLING BLUE EYES:
Attractive SWF, 50, blue-eyed
blonde, medium build, seeks tall
WM, 50-60, tall, strong, loving,
kind, considerate, good sense of
humor. #2756

PROFESSIONAL AND SEXY:
N/S, yes that's me, looking for the
same. SF, 55+, 5'5", blonde,
professional, marriage-minded,
intelligent SWCM, 24-43, I live
water heat, so bring swimwear,
cigarette Christian, need apply.

CHRISTIAN CUTIE:
Catholic, 43, 5'5", blonde,
seeks attractive, well-built, tall
professional, marriage-minded,
intelligent SWCM, 24-43, I live
water heat, so bring swimwear,
cigarette Christian, need apply.

BEST FRIENDS POSSIBLE:
Petite DWF, 34, blonde, mother
of two, very honest, sincere,
loving, responsible guy, who isn't
afraid of a challenge. #24016

YOUTHFUL:
Versatile, creative, spiritual,
romantic, adventurous, eye
minded SWF, 41, N/S, enjoys
organic gardening, ethno and veg
cuisine, nature, animals, traveling,
music, dancing, reading, writing,
painting, canoeing, bonfires, horses,
motorcycles, billiards. #3308

SUMMER DREAM:
SWF, 35, seeks to find a special
down-to-earth guy, who shares
my love for sharing, picnics,
ball games, and the summer.
#3376

SOFT INTROVERT:
Artistic SWF, 31, 5'7", N/S,
no dependents, seeks cultured,
gentle, kind, considerate, good
proportioned, no dependents, for
friendship and more. #3644

HUMOROUS & PASSIONATE:
SF, 28, 5'3", auburn/green, HW
proportionate, loves good
times, loves to laugh, loves
children, for friendship, possi
ble LTR. #3519

IS THERE?

ANYONE OUT THERE?
SF, 25, 5'9", short blonde, loves
traveling, seeks someone who
seems special. Seeking honest
and the unexpected. #3341

BEST KEPT SECRET:

Attractive SWF, 30, social
drinker, who enjoys golf, sports,
boating, travel. Seeking attract
ive, friendly, a ready wit.
Must be healthy, have wide
horizons. #3372

STATE OF BRUNETTE:

Feminine, 35, dog, seeks tall
(8'), active, intelligent, class,
kind-hearted SWDM, a ready
wit, good moral character and a
ready smile. #3323

BROWN-EYED GIRL:

Attractive SWF, 28, brown/brown,
enjoys skydiving, camping, cas
ual, seeking attractive, good
sense of humor, for friendship,
possibly LTR. #3381

AMERICA'S ANGEL:

Slim, educated, financially secure,
Jewish, 5'4", 120bs, blonde/blue,
brown/blue, N/S, tall, loves
traveling, seeks attractive,
financially secure woman, who
is ready for possible LTR. #3328

LOVING FOR A HERO:

Attractive, kind, affectionate,
down-to-earth DWF, 55+, 5'7",
120bs, blonde/blue, N/S, tall,
child, enjoys traveling, seeks
attractive, kind, considerate,
financially secure woman, who
is ready for possible LTR. #3389

STABLE, SMART:

Attractive blonde, 41, looks 31,
5'6", nice figure, tall, good
sense of humor, likes to keep
an active, lively, life. Seeking
devoted, secure, intelligent man
Scrabble is the only game I play.
#3397

MALE WANTED:

by pretty, blue-eyed blonde, young
and full-figured, 49, bright, warm
and friendly, seeking attractive
woman, 35-55, for romance
area. Boston. #3379

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SWM, 53, refined yet down to earth,
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and more, with gentleman, 53-65, who's tall, more cerebral
than physical, who dislikes country

music. #33512

LOVING SOUL:

Perky, petite, youthful, honest
blonde, very thoughtful non
smoker, into high-tech gadgets
Mac computers, cats, collecting
stuff, take-home. Seeking SWM,
50-60, for friendship leading to
pilotage. #3381

PROFESSIONAL AND SEXY:

N/S, yes that's me, looking for the
same. SF, 55+, 5'5", blonde/brown,
blue eyes, well-built, tall
professional, marriage-minded,
intelligent SWCM, 24-43, I live
water heat, so bring swimwear,
cigarette Christian, need apply.

CHRISTIAN CUTIE:

Catholic, 43, 5'5", blonde/
blue eyes, well-built, tall
professional, marriage-minded,
intelligent SWCM, 24-43, I live
water heat, so bring swimwear,
cigarette Christian, need apply.

BEST FRIENDS POSSIBLE:

Petite DWF, 34, blonde, mother
of two, very honest, sincere,
loving, responsible guy, who isn't
afraid of a challenge. #24016

YOUTHFUL:

Thin, spunky, unique, loving SF, 44,
5'5", long naturally curly hair, steel
blue eyes, into self-growth, medita
tion, health, yoga, exercise, humor,
honesty, laughter, spirituality, involvement.

ANGEL ON EARTH/GEM:

Pretty, slender, petite, perky
yellow/gold eyes, 5'5", brown/
brown, seeks attractive, sensitive
SWM, under 30. #3373

DESIRABLE:

Happy-go-lucky, slender, cuts,
cuddly, SF, 55+, 5'5", blonde/
brown, seeks attractive, sensitive
SWM, under 30. #3373

I DARE YOU:

Call this independent free DWF,
40+, smart and challenging, this
isn't your average woman. Seeking
SWM, 45-55, for late, romantic
escapes, SF, 55+, 5'5", blonde/
brown, seeks attractive, sensitive
SWM, under 30. #3375

WANT TO DANCE?

Professional SWF, 46, 5'6",
medium build, no dependents,
loves doing/watching all sports;
traveling, reading, and dancing.
Seeking romantic, outgoing, drug-free
man, who is not interested
in an independent woman. #33809

WANTED:

Romance specialist

Elegant, attractive SWF, 44, 5'
redhead, N/S, social drinker,
employed homeowner, no depend
encies, many interests. Seeking
attentive, romantic, SF, 45-55,
for relationship leading to pilotage.
#3381

ONE MORE TIME!

Spontaneous SF, 53+, redgreen,
smoker, looks for honest rela
tionship. SF, 53+, 5'5", blonde/
brown, seeks SF, 53+, 5'5", blonde/
brown, for playmate. #3370

COFFEE, ANYONE?

DWF, 55, autumnal, N/S,
active lifestyle, enjoys movies,
concerts, sports, travel, SF, 55-60,
for friendship leading to pilotage.
#3381

CHRISTIAN CUTIE:

Catholic, 43, 5'5", blonde/
blue eyes, well-built, tall
professional, marriage-minded,
intelligent SWCM, 24-43, I live
water heat, so bring swimwear,
cigarette Christian, need apply.

SHOW ME YOUR WORLD:

Easygoing SWM, 43, enjoys
culture, current events, traveling,
seeking radiant, responsible,
romantic lady, with charm, for
dating, possibly more. #33745

DO YOU HAVE CLASS?

Loving, artistic, SF, 55+, blonde/
brown, seeks SF, 55+, blonde/
brown, for pilotage. #33743

GROUNDED CONSERVATIVE:

Smart, firm with a professional
SWM, 35, darkbrown, who enjoys
cultural activities, sporting events,
day trips, dining out, hanging out
with friends. SF, 55+, 5'5", blonde/
brown, with similar interests. #33809

DOWN-TO-EARTH:

Down-to-earth, family-oriented,
SF, 55+, 5'10", 145bs, interested
in sports, books, hobbies, SF, 55+,
5'5", blonde, for down-to-earth
SWM, 21-30. Kids welcome. #33811

ADAM LOOKING FOR EVE:

Spontaneous SF, 53, darkbrown,
who enjoys cultural activities, seeking
SWM with similar interests and
lifestyle. SF, 53+, 5'5", blonde/
brown, for pilotage. #33809

RICHARD GERE EYES:

Considered very attractive, rom
antic, educated business owner, 53,
5'5", 150bs, brown/blue, SF, 53+,
5'5", blonde, for pilotage. #33809

ARTIST GEEKS MUSE:

Eclectic, creative, honest, intelli
gent, introverted, SWM, 35, 5'7",
160bs, brown/blue, enjoys art,
reading, music, theater, SF, 55+, 5'5",
blonde, for pilotage. #33809

BROTHA:

WITH DENZEL APPEAL:

SWM, 29, chocolate brown skin,
black hair, college-educated,
under 30, tall, handsome
SF, 55+, 5'5", blonde, for pilotage.
#33809

UNCLAMED TREASURE:

Sensitive, kind, intelligent,
attentive, SF, 55+, 5'5", blonde,
spiritual, sensual, sensitive, enjoys
boating, volleyball, art, falls, out
door activities, SF, 55+, 5'5", blonde,
for pilotage. #33809

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This attractive, fun, sensitive, car
ing SWM, 40s, 6'2", light
brown/blue, petite, seeks SF, 40s,
5'5", 150bs, who's open minded,
kind, considerate, for possible
relationship. #33809

FAIRY TALE WILL

start my days, fill my nights, SWM,
father of one, seeks active, in
shape, SF, 40s, 5'5", 150bs, who's
open minded, kind, considerate,
for possible relationship. #33809

NEW BEGINNINGS

Female, 30s, 5'5", 150bs, SF, 40s,
5'5", 150bs, who's open minded,
kind, considerate, SF, 40s, 5'5",
150bs, for possible relationship.
#33809

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LINKS TO THE GAME



MICHAEL SHIELS

Club steps back in order to move forward

A distinguished recognition of the past and an innovative development for the future has been established on a panoramic and natural setting in Northern Oakland County. Oakhurst Golf and Country Club, now in its first full season of play, has taken one step back to take two steps forward.

Located off of Clintonville Road near I-75 in Clarkston, Craig Valassis' 810-acre residential and golf project takes its name from the historic Oakhurst Club in West Virginia, which was founded in 1884 as the first golf course in America. Here in Southeast Michigan, the new Oakhurst is quickly becoming known as the first private golf club of its kind. Oakhurst is the hottest new club in Michigan, and distinctive because, like its namesake, it breaks ground by featuring the new breed of golf enthusiasts.

"The average age of our members is just over 40 years old," says Valassis, "and we want to create an atmosphere in which the first-time country club member can feel comfortable."

Indeed, the 42 year-old Valassis, head of Franklin Golf Management, recognized that the priorities and needs of modern golfers were changing.

Respect for the game is still fashionable and, in this case, apparently sincere and heartfelt. Young and successful entrepreneurs and executives, however, no longer have the time or the inclination to tolerate the pretense and stiffness that can sometimes permeate the private club atmosphere. The demands now placed on the modern business professional and working parent make time-management and family involvement a leisure-time necessity.

"I wanted Oakhurst to be a relaxed club with a family-friendly atmosphere," Valassis explains. "I thought there was a real void in the private club market for the kind of place that I could even bring my kids to." Valassis' sons, young Matthew and Andrew, seven and two years old, are as welcome as any of the children who enjoy the youth and family activities featured at Oakhurst. A Kids Night at the Movies, Halloween Brunch, Santa Brunch, and Easter Egg Hunt are some of the novel activities Oakhurst has offered. A pool, tennis courts, fitness center, and babysitting area are being developed, and Oakhurst offers athletic, social, and an associate membership that allows prospective members to sample the club for a year. The non-equity golf memberships are 100% refundable. 510 home sites are also available.

A gathering of like-minded people from varying backgrounds typically manage to bond in an environment suitable to kindred spirits. "I'm amazed at the way that the Oakhurst members have really taken such pride in the club," Valassis beams. "Our membership and Board of Governors are enthusiastically and actively involved in both protecting and growing our club. There is a real sense of pride, care, dedication and investment. We have a very strong membership committee that makes new members feel welcome and introduces them to our idea of a perfect golf club." Valassis says Oakhurst is receiving inquiries each week, and the current total of 144 members includes young local luminaries like Tiger great Kirk Gibson, Pistons President Tom Wilson, skating sensation Todd Eldredge, and WXYZ TV's Dave Lewellen.

It can be a nebulous task to describe the kind of responsible regard that community members can have for a club and the game. The tranquil beauty of a naturally scenic golf course has been known to inspire grown men and women to exhibit magnanimous respect for the windswept grasses, aged trees, and, in this case, 250 acres of protected wetlands that comprise the golf

Falcons give Clarkston soccer tourney boot

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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With absolutely nothing to lose, Clarkston almost played the role as giant killer Wednesday on the soccer pitch.

But in the end it was Rochester which arose from the dead.

After holding a 1-0 lead with just less than 16 minutes to play, the floodgates opened as the Wolves fell prey to the Falcons in a 2-1 Division I district semifinal loss at Clarkston.

Rochester (9-8-3) was scheduled to meet third-ranked Rochester Adams Friday night in the district finals at Adams. Clarkston finished the season 2-13-3.

"The girls really stepped up and gave

it everything they had," said Clarkston coach Tami Mitchell. "I think Rochester thought that they were going to come in here and walk right past us. We put a huge scare into them, though. We really made them earn it."

After intermission, Rochester came out and controlled play, but it was the Wolves who got on the scoreboard first by scoring on their first of just two second-half shots.

Freshman midfielder Lauren Weibourn began the play with a cross from the right wing into the penalty box.

After a collision of Rochester sweeper Sarah Corra and goalkeeper Heidi Schaefer, Clarkston senior forward Alaina Dodds was there at the far post to slide the ball over the line with just 15:59 remaining in the contest.

"We just came out and we were

sleep-walking out there," said Rochester coach Erick Pfeifer. "We were just not ready to play at all. I think their goal kind of put the fear of death into us. We seemed to wake up after that point."

It took just 1:23 for the Falcons to net the equalizer, when junior forward Kimberly Raetz knocked in a rebound off her own shot that rang off the crossbar. And with 12:37 remaining, junior

midfielder Kelly McDermott headed in a long throw-in at the far post from classmate Lauren Chutorash to conclude the scoring.

Rochester, which hit the goalpost and crossbar twice apiece, outshot Clarkston 33-12, including 24-2 in the second half. The Falcons had several opportunities late to blow the game open but were stymied by Wolves sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Morgan.

Morgan was stellar between the pipes, recording 20 saves, including four on second-half breakaways.

"Phenomenal, absolutely phenomenal," said Mitchell of Morgan. "She's been doing that to teams all season long. People think because we have a losing record that they are going to score lots of goals on us. But Sarah has played like that all season. She kept us in a lot of ballgames."

NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

Dragons scramble

The Lake Orion Dragons Championship Football Team Golf Scramble and Fund Raiser is set for Friday, June 25, at Heather Highlands Golf Course in Holly.

Cost is \$75 per person, which gets the player 18 holes of golf with a riding cart, a buffet luncheon, a collectible Lake Orion football golf towel, a sleeve of balls and tees. Check-in is at 8 a.m., with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a hole can do so for a tax-deductible \$100 donation, which includes an ad sign or name at the hole and an ad or name in the program.

Officials will raffle off a \$250 golf outing at Paint Creek Country Club, along with more than 90 other prizes.

Registration is due by June 3. The event will be limited to 36 foursomes. Make checks payable to Lake Orion PEPP Supporters and send to coach Chris Bell, Lake Orion High School, 495 E. Scripps, Lake Orion, MI 48360. For more information, call 693-5420.

Fife/Lowney camp

Dan Fife and Ann Lowney Boys Basketball Camp is set for July 6-9 from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$80 and the camp is limited to the first 85 boys who sign up.

The camp will be run by Clarkston High School boys varsity coach Dan Fife and girls varsity coach Ann Lowney. The coaches will focus on fundamentals from shooting to defense.

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

One-on-one camp

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

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

■ Session I — for girls in grades 1-3, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$45.

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

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

Individual skill work concentrates on shooting, passing, catching, ballhandling, defense, balance, speed and peripheral vision. The coach-to-camper ratio is 8-to-1. All sessions are limited to the first 45 girls who sign up.

Make checks payable to Ann Lowney and send them to Prep Sports Consultants, PO Box 316, Clarkston, MI 48347.



Not quite: Oxford's Willie Breyer had the ball, but Clarkston's Chris Mitchell (21) beat the play at third during the Wolves' 10-4 prep baseball win over the Wildcats Friday.

Tourney tested

Wolves tune up by beating Wildcats

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Clarkston and Oxford decided to play an originally-unscheduled-non-league prep baseball game Friday



Prime pitch: Clarkston's Ryan Marino was one of three pitchers to stop Oxford Friday.

before heading off to the Memorial Day weekend.

The result matched the bright, sunny afternoon for Clarkston. For Oxford, not so much.

The Wolves broke open a close game with six fourth-inning runs and never looked back, posting a 10-4 win over the host Wildcats beneath clear skies and with temperatures hovering around 80.

Clarkston's Chris Mitchell, Ryan Marino and Spencer Hynes combined to slow the Oxford offense, and the Wolves took advantage of five Oxford errors to pick up their 20th win of the season.

"The kids did a nice job," Clarkston coach Art Marcell said. "They play in a tough league (Oakland Activities Association Division I), and when you're in a league like that you can play. When we play those kinds of teams and we don't play our best, we're going to get beat."

Clarkston faces a pre-district matchup with Lapeer East Tuesday at Lapeer. Oxford has a non-league game against Auburn Hills Avondale Thursday, then plays Ortonville-Brandon in a district semifinal June 5.

The Wolves and Wildcats traded two-run innings, Clarkston getting

its runs in the first. Bret Gove singled and scored on Chris Mitchell's double. Mitchell scored on a grounder by John Drallo.

Oxford tied it in the third with two runs on consecutive singles by Dave Hein, Kendall Chudy, Jon Strauss and Pat Jacobi.

But Clarkston, with help from the Oxford defense, scored six times in the fourth to pull away. Mike Simko drove in a run with a walk, Brett Crawford had a two-run single and Spencer Hynes chipped in an RBI-single in the spurt.

"Clarkston's a good team," Oxford coach Art Marcell said. "They play in a tough league (Oakland Activities Association Division I), and when you're in a league like that you can play. When we play those kinds of teams and we don't play our best, we're going to get beat."

Clarkston added a run in the sixth and another in the seventh. Josh Rigg reached base leading off the sixth and went to third on a single by Nick Beadle. He scored on a grounder by Drallo. Clarkston may have scored again, but Beadle was thrown out trying to advance on an

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Please see GOLF, C2

Lake Orion hands Kettering 1st loss

BY BRAD KADIRCH
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For minutes it was Lake Orion's player appeared to think Captain's Dempsey was confident in his talent required in a 2-pitcher situation with Michelle Perron covering on a feed from Aubrey Keller.

The defensive breakdowns proved costly for Lake Orion, which actually bottled up Crumpton and fellow All-State midfielder Kristin Fisher for most of the match.

The Dragons (9-4-4) drew four Captain calls in the game's first 10 minutes but they had no match for Crumpton's speed. On an innocent-looking play Adrienne got to

I was ready to play this team, and I think that might have had a little to do with it.

Bobbi Conner
Lake Orion senior

The Dragons jumped out front in the first inning of the nightcap. Libby Nelson started it with a single and Conner and Dempsey drove her home with singles. Kettering tied it in the fourth, and Davis made defensive changes in the fifth that swayed the outcome. He moved Conner, who had started at shortstop, back behind the plate and shifted Nelson to short.

Hillsey started the Kettering fifth with a single and moved up on Hillstrom's single. Kelly Malone then laid down a sacrifice bunt to score Hillsey. The Captains looked like they'd break the game open, but Conner caught Hillstrom napping off third and worked a rundown perfectly with Nelson covering third. Dempsey then got Theresa Flowers to pop to Conner behind the plate to end the threat.

"They'd been running a lot, and I decided I couldn't let them," Davis said, explaining the shift of Conner to catcher. "That rundown was huge."

Lake Orion rode the seven-hit pitching of sophomore Jodi Dempsey to a 3-2 win in the nightcap, spoiling Kettering's unbeaten OAA season. Though it didn't get her team a win, Conner was outstanding in the opener.

"Things were working," she said. "I was definitely throwing harder. I was ready to play this team, and I think that might have had a little to do with it."

The first game was a classic pitcher's duel between Conner and Kettering sophomore Jessica Brubaker. Conner held the Captains without a hit until Andrea Hillsey's fourth-inning triple. Hillsey scored on a grounder by Devon Hillstrom.

Lake Orion's first hit came with one out in the fifth, a single by freshman Breeanne Hoffman. Senior Tami Ledbetter singled in the eighth, and the Dragons scored their only run in the ninth when Tracy Jones was safe on a two-base error by Hillstrom and scored on Conner's double down the third base line.

Dempsey gave up a one-out single to Hillsey in the seventh, but Nelson backhanded a grounder in the hole by Malone and threw her out on a bang-bang play to end the game.

"That's a big win for us," Davis said of the second-game victory. "These kids believe they're as good as (Kettering)."

Oxford's McKinnon sets new shot mark at FML

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enjoyed a stellar day for the Wildcats as she topped the field in the 800 (2:25.2), 1600 (5:29.8) and 3200 (12:10.3).

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"During a round of Inverness in Toledo, Arthur asked me what kind of golf course I wanted Oakhurst to be," Valassis recalls. "He then used his expertise to build a course that, for men and women, was challenging, natural, and at the same time, demanding. Players have to think their way around this course and its intricate green complexes. Oakhurst is very fair. I lived every step in the development of this project, and I am so happy to finally be able to share it."

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MEETINGS
TROUT REGULATIONS
The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is holding a series of public meetings to gain input on proposed changes in trout fishing regulations. Meetings will be held 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, at the MSU Extension and Human Services Building in Adrian; Thursday, May 27, at the Port Huron Township Hall; Tuesday, June 1, at the Day Cross Montessori School in Ann Arbor on N. Zeeb Road, north of I-94 next to the fire station; Wednesday, June 2, at the Westfield Activity Center in Trenton; and Tuesday, June 8, at the Oakland County Sportsman's Club, on Waterford Road off Dixie Highway in Waterford. For more information call up the DNR's web site at www.dnr.state.mi.us or call the fisheries division at (517) 378-1220.

CLASSES/SEMINARS**BACKPACKING ESSENTIALS I**

The first of a two-part course introducing beginner backpackers to the joys and essentials of backpacking, begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at REI in Northville. Participants will learn how to plan a trip and how to choose the right gear. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

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FLY FISHING SCHOOL

The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for June 6 and 19, July 11 and 26, August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 to register and for more information.

FLY TYING

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

MORE FLY TYING

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CLIMBING CLASS

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FISHING TOURNAMENTS**TOP BASS**

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OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team open tournament beginning at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, May 30, on Kent Lake. Entry fee is \$80 per boat and there will be a \$5 late charge for entries received after May 26. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254.

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By Marty Majchrzak
Avanti NewsFeatures

Pontiac's 1999 Grand Am delivers power and performance. It handles like a Hot Wheel car that I had when I was a kid. You remember Hot Wheels—the cars that rode on the track with sides so they wouldn't fall off.

The Grand Am wheelbase was extended 3.6 inches longer this year, but the overall length was slightly reduced to put the wheels farther out at the corners for better handling. They matched that up with some new touring tires and boy does this car handle great.

Getting the Grand Am out on the open road was the fun part because it literally drove itself. Maybe because of that so-called wide track stance it held the lane without me even holding onto the steering wheel.

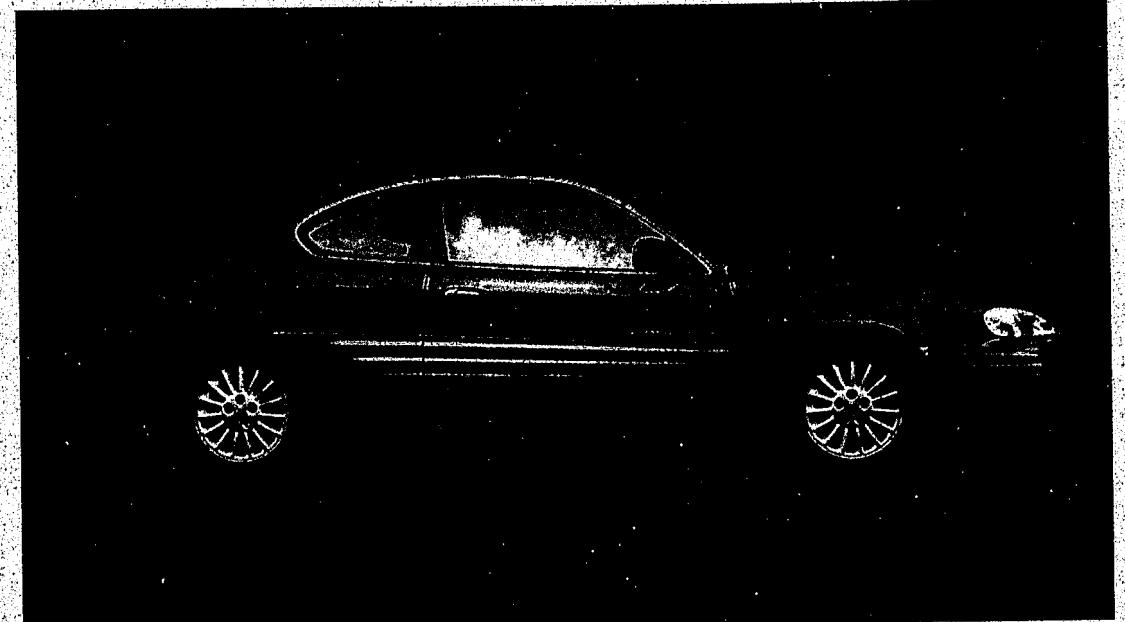
I took my son Jason cruising down the expressway to see an RV show in the Grand Am. Flying along at 70 mph and barely holding on to the steering wheel, I wanted to see how much more power we had left. Mashing the gas pedal to the floor, the Grand Am dropped out of overdrive and took off. To my amazement going from 70 to 100 in seconds was no problem for this car and it still had some gas pedal left.

Power is something Pontiac gave the Grand Am, which comes with a 3.4-liter V6 engine with fuel injection and a 4-speed automatic transmission. Power is delivered at both ends, low end for trying to get out into traffic and like I told you at high end if still has that extra kick to rocket the speedometer to new level.

Gas mileage if you can drive this car at normal speeds can give you 20 miles per gallon city and 28 miles per gallon highway. The people from Pontiac said if you think the Grand Am SE has plenty of power wait until you drive the GT model. They boosted the engine size again with a 3.8-liter V6.

Pontiac put all the standard features in

1999 Grand Am makes the blood race



Handling, power, fun - the 1999 Grand Am has it all!

this car, like air-conditioning, tilt, cruise, power windows, power locks and plenty of storage places for just about anything.

Handling, power—the Grand Am has it all. But I was surprised to see that it doesn't have four-wheel disc brakes. Anti-lock brakes are on the car but I was really looking for four-wheel disc.

The first thing I noticed before I even got in the car was two humps where the speedometer and tachometer should be. It reminded me of the Batmobile back in the 1960s—it had two big humps where the

speedometer to new level.

The Grand Am makes you feel in charge because it has a great layout of all instruments and quality-control knobs. And the cloth seats are nice.

The Grand Am I tested had convenient features like AM/FM stereo, cassette player and a seven-magazine CD changer. Volume controls and seek and scan with preset options all can be controlled from the steering wheel.

Something unusual that Pontiac did with

the 1999 Grand Am and I still can't figure out is the driver's seat has manual adjust to slide the seat back and forth and power to the up and down motion. There is also a manual lumbar under the front seat with a big control knob that was difficult to reach and operate.

My 13-year-old son Jason thinks the Grand Am would be cool if it came in a convertible. His reasoning: "The windshield is

already at a sharp angle. If they made the top retract and if they had a hard cover like the Corvette, it would be awesome."

My son, the car designer.

Write: Marty Majchrzak at

avanti1054@aol.com.

1999 Grand Am

Vehicle class: Comes as a coupe or sedan.

Power: 3.4-liter V6 engine.

Mileage: 20 city / 28 highway.

Where built: Lansing, Mich.

As tested: \$19,900 (coupe).

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Art Cervi

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Art Cervi

One of the big pluses to doing "Let's Talk Cars" is getting to meet so many nice people. Last week was stellar. I had the opportunity to interview Rich Zavodsky and his wife, Audrey, both Ph.D.s. They both work at Ford, Rich as Manufacturer Engineer, Vehicle Operations, and Audrey as an R.N. What enthusiasm! They're involved (heavily) in a program called F.M.E. (Ford Motorsports Enthusiasts). What an active organization! Starting out just a little over three years ago, it has now grown to over 1200 members. Included in this number are many top level executives at Ford who really are enthusiasts themselves. Rich was

telling me that membership is only one dollar a month, and you don't have to have a car, just appreciate them.

Each month is planned out months in advance. General meetings, picnics, club activities...trekking down to Milan to do a little straight line racing. They also have bus tours to various places of interest.

Rich and Audrey compliment each other so well, it is obvious they really enjoy what they do...their positions in the work force and their passion for the automobile. Seems a while back Rich gave Audrey a race car as a present. She has always loved racing, and started her own career by going out to Bob Bondurant's Driving School. It was interesting to note that there are progressive steps to racing. You

start at the bottom and work your way up. Waterford Hills, right here in our own back yard, is another good track to train on. As Audrey tells it, every step of the way one must be certified, then proceed to the next rung on the ladder. Then you wait for the big one. It came in the form of an inaugural Women's Global GT Series at Road Atlanta. All the GT's were done by Panzer, and were identical, except Audrey's car which carried the Visteon and XI-R Performance Lubricants banners. She had to work for it, but she did it...she won the very first Women's GT Series race. When Audrey talks about it she beams and grins from ear to ear, it's evident she loves to race. Rich is so proud of her and it shows.

After they left the studio I got to wondering how many of the other automobile companies have an organization such a F.M.E. and we don't know about it. If you have one where you work, perhaps you can drop me a note...I'd like to hear about it.

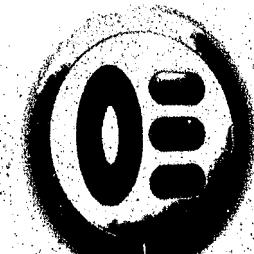
When you do what you really love to do, whether it be in your work or your hobby...that's great. When you have both...that's fantastic! Good show gang!

Next week I'll try to talk about Indy, the "Let's Talk Cars" crew went for Media Day...what a blast, especially the pit crew contest...where are they when you need to change a tire in the rain...till next week...

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ASK THE EXPERT

*Opaque
stains for
driveway
don't last*

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Q: Is there any way to put a permanent black stain on a concrete driveway?

A: No. Opaque penetrating stains for concrete are available, but the color will probably last just three to five years. The stain colors the top surface and, depending on the porosity of the concrete, penetrates no more than one-eighth-inch below the surface. It is particularly difficult to keep a uniform dark color on a concrete driveway because of the bleaching effect of the sun, the weathering, and wear from car and foot traffic. Also, if the porosity of the concrete varies along the driveway, the stain will be uneven and blotchy. If you want an even black color, you will have to re-stain periodically. Proper preparation of the driveway is important. It must be clean and dry. The stain is applied with a garden pump sprayer.

If staining and restaining at considerable expense for only a temporary solution to your driveway color problem does not appeal to you, you might consider having a layer of blacktop applied over the concrete in much the same way that a highway department resurfaces a concrete road with a deteriorated surface. While this would not be inexpensive, it would give you a permanently black driveway that could be kept up with occasional coatings of asphalt driveway sealer in the same way you would maintain an asphalt driveway. Since it would be black, it would not show staining like concrete.

To submit a question, write to Popular Mechanics, Reader Service Bureau, 224 W. 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10019. The most interesting questions will be answered in a future column.

This sub offers homes with 5 percent down

Greene Farms, a platted community in Ypsilanti Township, provides landscaping as a standard feature and enables qualified buyers to acquire a mortgage with as little as 5 percent down.

Some 160 lots have been developed in the first phase of the community, which is off Whittaker Road about 3 1/2 miles south of I-94. Livonia Builders and Curtis Building construct common plans on an alternating basis.

Eight plans are currently available. They range in price from \$154,900 for a raised ranch of 1,908 square feet with two bedrooms and a bath to \$186,900 for a story-and-a-half of 1,819 square feet with four bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths.

"We're always evolving," Bill Dempsey, sales representative, said of floor plans. "This is a culmination of several years of the best houses of these builders."

"It's more economical to do it this way, share joint costs," said Melvin Menuck of Curtis.

"I think this (Ypsilanti Township) is the next Canton — a large presence of large builders buying large tracts of land," said Danny Veri of Livonia Builders.

"It has a good school district (Lincoln Consolidated), great location for freeway access, great location with I-94 to Ann Arbor and Dearborn for Ford executives," Veri added.

"At this price range, we are adding a touch above what you normally find," Menuck said. "We give a turnkey house. We bring brick around the house to a certain level. We will make changes in our plans, which you generally won't find from builders in this market."

Crystal Skibinski, president of Mortgage Concepts, said some buyers have cash flow to make monthly payments but not a large down payment.

They appreciate the 5-percent down option (private mortgage insurance required) and \$1,800 credit towards closing costs offered at Greene Farms.

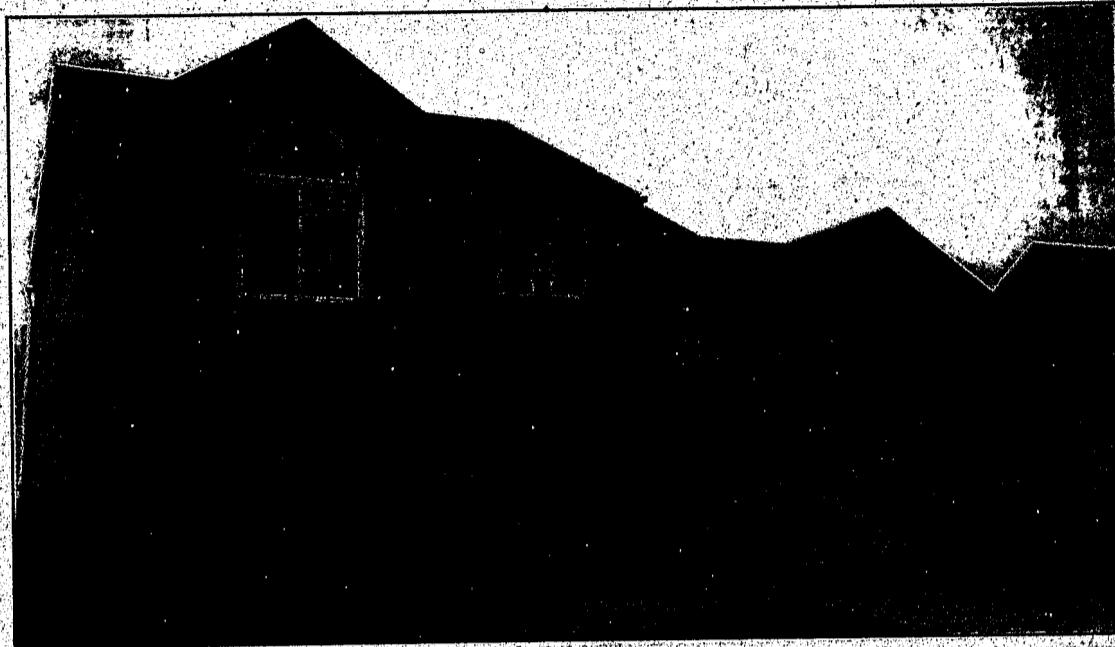
Prospective buyers who visit the site are impressed with other things, too, Dempsey said.

"People like the value of square footage for the dollar," he said. "They're very comfortable with us, our knowledge and experience. They respond well to the landscaping."

A two-car garage, range and dishwasher and carpeting throughout also are included as standard features in all plans. A first-floor laundry and basement are standard in all except the raised ranches.

Base price is \$179,900 for 1,624 square feet.

The Georgetown, also a work in progress, is a four-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath



Brittany model: This colonial at Greene Farms contains nearly 2,050 square feet of living space including four bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths.

Minimum lot size is 60-by-120 feet. Two models have been completed, and a couple are under construction.

The Brittany, a colonial of 2,034 square feet, features a living room, dining area, kitchen/nook and family room. The master, with shower and walk-in closet, is upstairs, as are three other bedrooms and a full bath.

Base price is \$179,900. The model, as is, sells for about \$15,000 more.

The Oakhurst, a traditional ranch of 1,500 square feet, contains a master, two other bedrooms and a second full bath and a cathedral ceiling over the great room and kitchen/nook.

Base price is \$174,900. The model is several thousand dollars more with upgrades.

The Yorktown, a story-and-a-half under construction, showcases a first-floor master with a combination tub/shower and two wall closets, plus a great room with sloped ceiling. Two bedrooms and a full bath are upstairs.

Base price is \$179,900 for 1,624 square feet.

The Georgetown, also a work in progress, is a four-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath

colonial of 2,136 square feet. A living room, dining room and family room also are included.

Base price is \$184,900.

Brick and vinyl siding are primary exterior materials.

Greene Farms is served by city water and sewers. The development will have sidewalks.

The property tax rate currently is \$37.55 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$180,000 house there would pay about \$3,400 the first year.

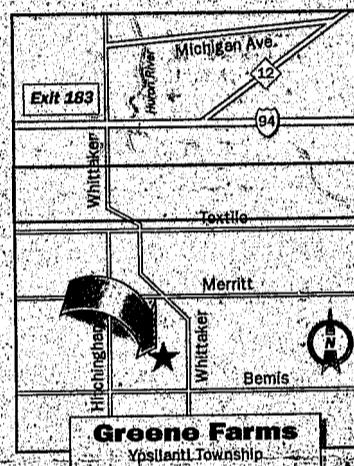
The annual association fee to maintain the entrance and common areas is pegged at \$300 the first year, \$200 annually after that.

Barb and Dave Clark, along with son Jacob, will be moving into a colonial.

"We really like the area," Barb said. "We kind of wanted to stay. We like the floor plans, the outside look of them. They seem to pay a lot of attention to detail."

And their plan, specifically?

"Across the back has an open, spacious feeling, a nice entryway," Barb Clark



said. "They (builders) have lived up to everything they've promised, and they're on schedule."

The sales office/models at Greene Farms, (734) 482-1220, are open noon to 5 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.

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Kitchen completely opens to family room

A family room at the back gives a spacious, open feeling to the compact Phoenix, a ranch-style home that fits on a standard lot. This single-level plan is well-suited to the needs of empty nesters, young families or singles.

The U-shaped kitchen is completely open to the family room, so the cooks and clean-up crew need never feel left out of family activities. Counter and cupboard space stretches along one wall and a pantry provides additional storage capacity. A cooktop and oven are built into a central work island that adds more counter space. Bring in a few stools and the island does

double duty as an eating bar.

Stacked windows brighten the living room, a quiet space at the front of the home. The corner fireplace serves as a focal point in winter, and its mantel offers a display area for family mementos.

Owners' suite and utilities are to the right of these gathering spaces. The walk-in closet is much larger than one expects to find in a home this size, and the private bathroom has a luxurious oversized shower.

Utilities are in a pass-through space, convenient to the kitchen, owners' suite and garage. Secondary bedrooms are on the left side of the

Phoenix, served by a bathroom with combined tub and shower.

If a basement is desired, stairs will be on the front wall of the family room, adjacent to the living room, decreasing the size of the family room.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$20 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, Ore. 97402. Please specify the Phoenix 10-061 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring over 250 home plans is available for \$12. For more information call (800) 634-0123.

Energy supplies stable now; price increases anticipated

How are energy prices going to impact life around the new home?

Gasoline supplies overall are expected to be in good shape for the summer travel season. Prices will be about 9 cents a gallon higher than last year.

Midwest utilities, again, have little reserve generating capacity. Michigan utilities have worked to assure adequate power supplies and have developed plans which draw on a diverse set of supply options.

These plans should meet most anticipated operating and weather conditions.

Those are among the findings in a report, "Michigan Energy Appraisal: Summer 1999," a review of projected prices and availability of energy in the state over the summer released by the Public Service Commission.

Here's an overview.

Electricity — Michigan electricity sales are expected to grow 1.5 percent in 1999, compared to a 3 percent increase in 1998.

The 2,200 MW Cook nuclear plant in southwest Michigan, owned by AEP, remains down for repairs. This has contributed to concern about meeting peak loads this summer.

At the Commission's request, Detroit Edison, Consumers Energy and AEP provided information on meeting summer capacity needs. The companies indicate that sufficient resources are planned to ensure a reliable summer supply.

Motor Gasoline — Gasoline demand in Michigan rose 2.2

percent from 1997 to 1998, after rising only 0.9 and 0.2 percent the previous two years.

Low gasoline prices last year contributed to the increase, and much of the annual increase was vacation-related travel in the summer of 1998.

Michigan gasoline consumption is expected to rise 1.5 percent in 1999, to an annual total of 4.8 billion gallons.

Even though gasoline prices rose 22.5 cents between early March and mid-April, the average Detroit area gasoline price on May 3, 1999 was only 1.6 cents higher than a year ago.

Gasoline prices are expected to follow the typical seasonal pattern this summer, with increases to near \$1.18 around Memorial Day and declining to around \$1.10 by the end of summer.

Petroleum — Crude oil prices in 1999 will be considerably higher than last year due to the reductions in world oil production and renewed growth in world oil demand as the Asian economies begin recovery.

This has resulted in higher prices for all petroleum products which were at record lows in the December-February period.

Gasoline prices this summer will be considerably higher than last year, according to the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) Short-Term Energy Outlook.

Retail gasoline prices nationally are projected to be between 9 and 10 cents above last year's levels. Gasoline prices are expected to peak in late May.

before beginning a decline over the summer months.

The price run up has been due to the increase in crude oil costs and a series of refinery problems in California that increased prices across the country.

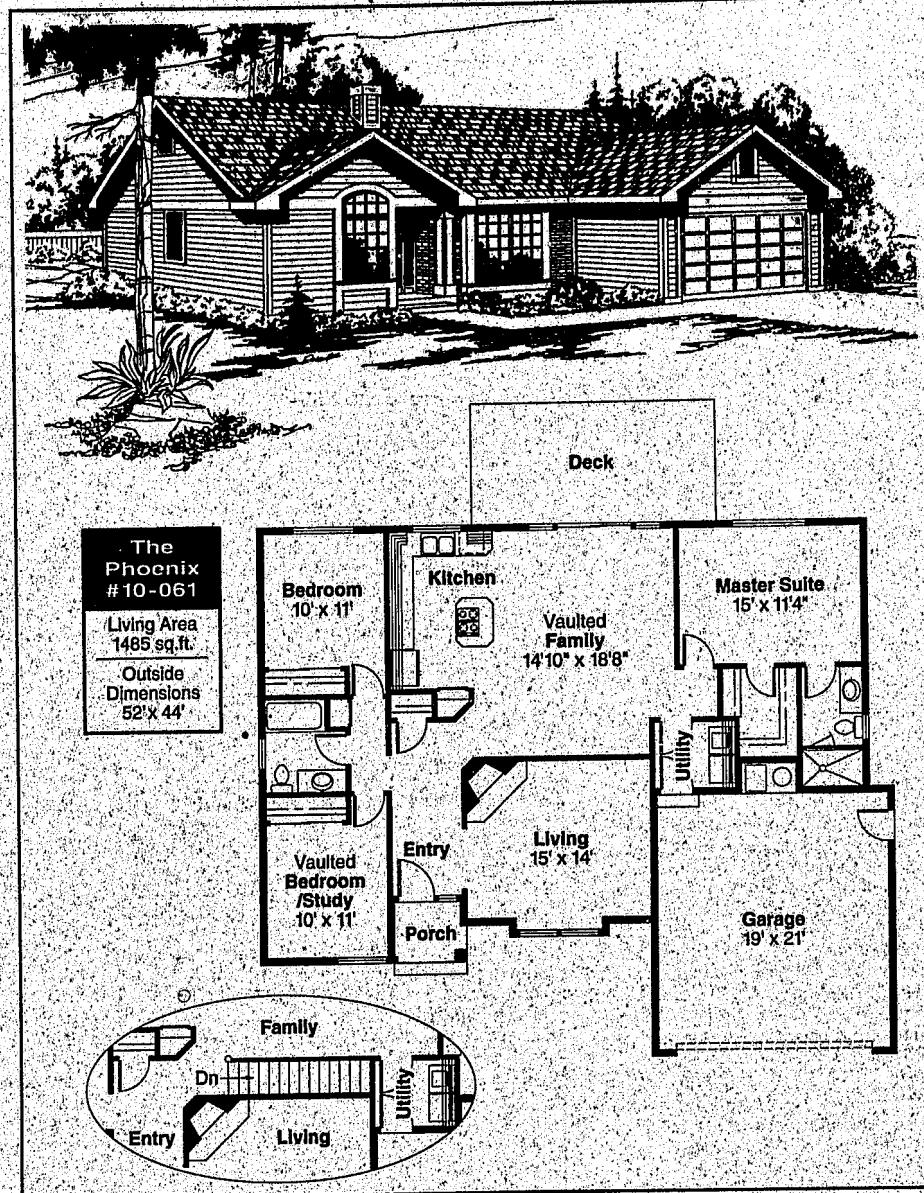
While the monthly jump in gasoline prices from March to April is the largest seen in 10 years, the current price after adjusting for inflation is still closer to the average levels seen prior to 1996.

Natural Gas — Natural gas demand is expected to increase to 916 billion cubic feet (Bcf) in 1999, about 8 percent above 1998 sales which were depressed because of the extremely warm winter weather.

Natural gas prices and supply are expected to remain stable over the next six months. Customer choice programs for Consumers Energy, MichCon, and SEMCO Energy gas companies provide customers with an opportunity to choose an alternative natural gas supplier.

The Michigan Energy Appraisal is prepared every six months. Copies of the report can be obtained by contacting the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), Executive Secretary Division, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, MI 48909 or by calling (517) 334-6252 or faxing (517) 882-6745.

The Energy Appraisal is also available on the world wide web at ermisweb.cis.state.mi.us/energy. The MPSC is an agency in the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.



Here come tree trimmers

Detroit Edison line-clearance crews will be working in more than 30 communities through June as the utility continues its year-round effort to keep trees and branches away from power lines.

Line-clearance crews will be working in Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Waterford Township and White Lake Township in Oakland County.

Targeted Wayne County communities include Livonia, Plymouth and Redford Township.

Utility workers maintain a 10-foot clearance between tree branches and power lines to reduce the potential for power outages and help ensure reliable electric service for customers.

"Summer months bring an increased risk of storms which can blow branches or topple trees

into our power lines," said Robert J. Buckler, president, DTE Energy Distribution. "By maintaining our year-round line clearance schedule, we can help prevent power outages."

Downed power lines, which also can result from contact with tree branches, pose safety hazards. Adults should remind young children to stay away from fallen power lines and anything they are in contact with because they are potentially life threatening.

Line-clearance work also helps avoid low voltage or outages caused by trees in contact with power lines during normal weather.

Edison's tree trimming crews follow International Society of Arboriculture standards, which are designed to maintain the health of trees. The National Arbor Day Foundation honored Detroit Edison for its tree-care practices.

How to maintain air conditioner

(NAPS) — Regular maintenance of a room air conditioner can mean increased comfort during those sweltering days as well as big savings on energy bills — up to 30 percent according to recent studies.

Here are several tips to help ensure that your room air conditioner is operating at peak efficiency:

■ Make sure you seal the area between the window and the top and sides of the air conditioner. If the foam strip that came with the appliance has worn out, use adhesive-backed weather stripping.

■ Check the coolant level regularly. A system that is 10 percent low on coolant will cost about 20 percent more to operate.

■ Install an air conditioner so it's level, rather than positioning the unit at an angle.

■ Draw blinds or drapes on the sunny side of the house to block out the sun's rays, keep the garage door shut and close all the windows in the house. By doing so, the house will stay cooler and you'll save money on cooling bills — not to mention wear and tear on your air conditioner.

■ At the end of the season, winterize your air conditioner. If you leave the unit in the window, wrap it with plastic and seal it with duct tape or buy an air-conditioner cover.

■ If you remove the air conditioner from the window, be careful

not to bend or damage the cooling fins in the back. And do not store the unit on a garage floor, because it could come into contact with corrosive salts that can drip off car tires.

■ Replace your room air conditioner filter every two months or use.

3M and the American Lung Association Health House Project offer a free booklet filled with more tips to improve air filtration in the home. To obtain a copy, call 1 (800) 388-3458 or send an e-mail request with your name and mailing address to: 3mfiltrete@3mservice.monagenet.com

Allow two to three weeks for delivery.

Call MISS DIG before digging

To avoid accidents, any planned construction sites, including those around the house, must be checked with MichCon and other utilities to identify underground gas pipelines.

At least three business days in advance of breaking ground, call MISS DIG at (800) 482-7171.

MichCon and other utilities will mark the underground lines at no charge to ensure a safe construction site. If damages occur and MichCon isn't notified, the property owner is responsible for repair costs to utility lines.

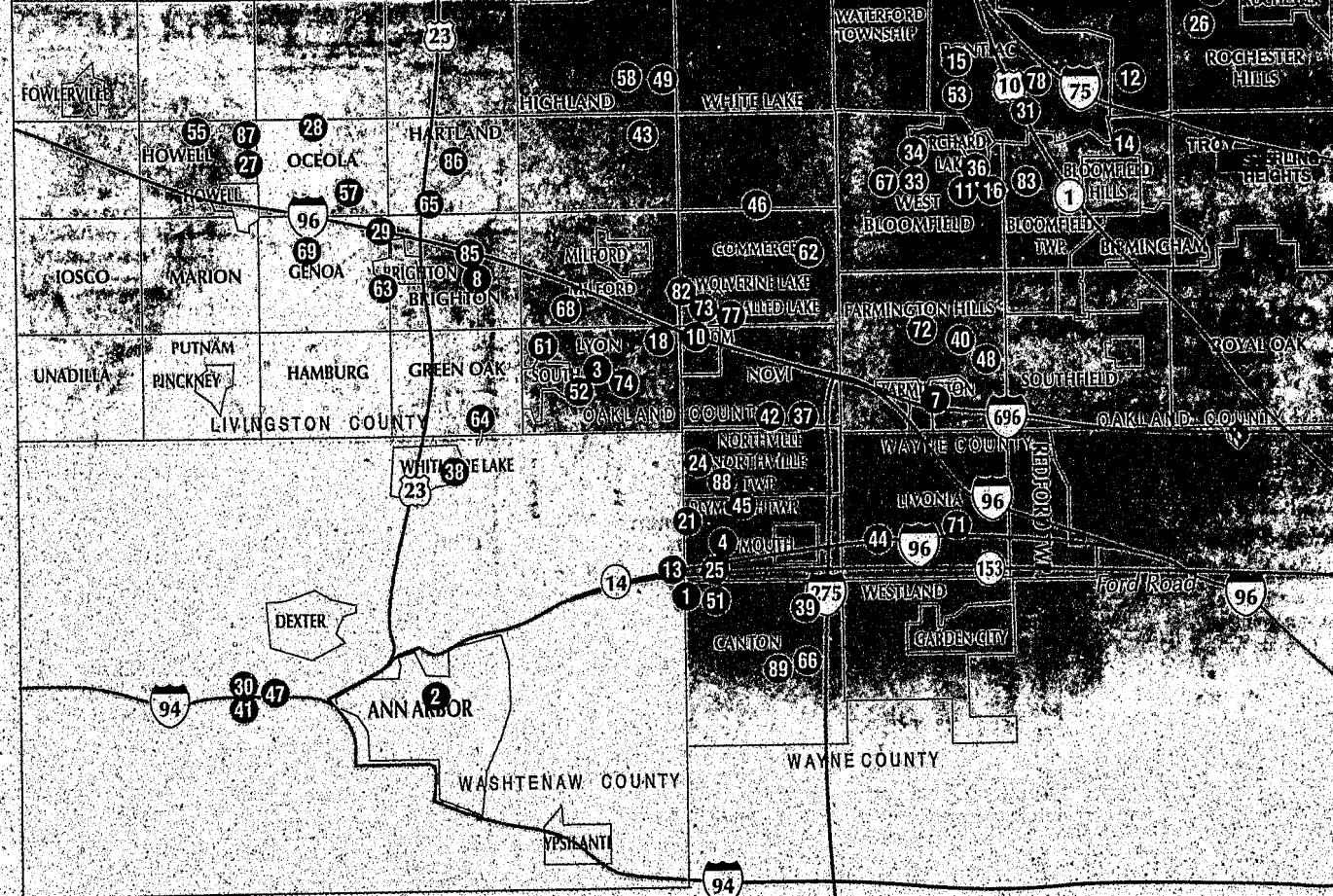
These pipelines are out of sight, so it's easy to forget about them. The use of sharp tools can damage lines, potentially causing serious injury and property damage to many customers or loss of service.

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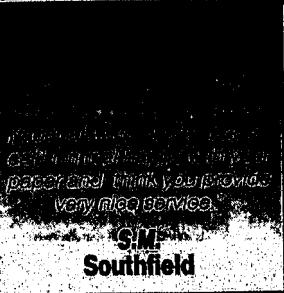
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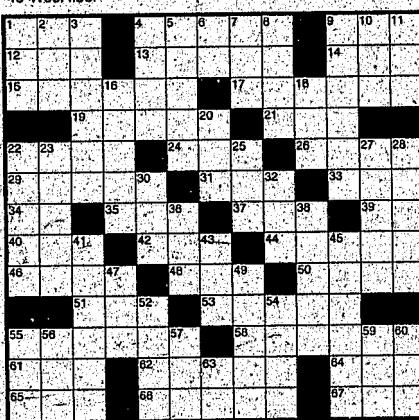
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Very pretty, energetic, spontaneous, perky, N/S, ND, loves horses; nature; hiking, traveling, the arts; reading, dancing, coffee, salons. Seeking same and more in handsome, intelligent man. **234101**

Pretty femme fatale
Fun, mischievous, kind, outgoing, PF, interior designer, seeks Rafa, Lauren, type male, 55-65, in Birmingham area. **234079**

LOVE A MAN IN A BIG TALL
Blonde, blue eyes, tall blonde who knows how to treat her man, look no more. Seeking SM, 35-45, who appreciates children, for wild times, and quiet evenings. **235211**

BRAINS AND BEAUTY
Very attractive, 40+, long brown hair, blue eyes, 5'6", full figured; N/S - no dependents. Seeking tall, intelligent, WPM, 38-48, for fun and dating. **235757**

LOOKING FOR FUN
Attractive SWF, 31, 5'4", blonde hair, blue eyes, tall, holding hands, movies, etc. Seeking tall SM, 33-43, who has morals and is looking for a fun relationship. **234029**

FIRST TIME AD!
Petite, fun loving SWF, who loves movies, swimming, jazz, seeks outgoing male companion, 30-35, N/S, with similar qualities and interests. **234028**

ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE
Petite, 34, brunet, mother, wife, seeking a nice guy, who isn't afraid of a challenge. **234018**

IRRESISTIBLE
with beautiful eyes. Sensuous, sexy SWF, 29, seek tall, dark, and handsome SM, 35-45, who thinks ok, for fun, and dating. **235950**

YOUTHFUL
Versatile, creative, spiritual, romantic, adventurous, eco-minded SWF, 41, 5'4", enjoys organic, healthy, ethnic, natural art, music, dancing, walking, swimming, canoeing, bonfires, horses, motorcycles, billiards. **235305**

SUMMER DREAM
SM, 35, seeking a guy with sense of humor, to share camping, picnics, ball games, and the summer. **235842**

SOFT SKINT INTRO
Artistic SWF, 31, 5'7", 120lbs, N/S, ND, seeking a tall, dark, well-extracted SM, over 30, 5'4, WPM proportionate, no dependents, for friendship and more. **235644**

HUMOROUS & PASSIONATE
DWF, 28, 5'3", auburn/green, HIV proportionate, seeks SWM, 29-39, who loves children, for friendship, possibly LTR. **235159**

IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE?
SF, 25, 5'9", single male, 40+, tall, athletic, intelligent, classy, kind-hearted, SWM, with good moral character and a ready wit. Must be healthy, have wide variety of interests. N/S, ND/no. **235153**

BEST KEPT SECRET
Attractive SWF, 30, 5'4", social drinker, who enjoys golf, sports, boating, travel. Seeking attractive, fit SWM, 29-35. **23572**

TALL
STATUESQUE BRUNETTE
Female, 35, with dark, wavy hair, 5'4", athletic, intelligent, classy, kind-hearted, SWM, with good moral character and a ready wit. Must be healthy, have wide variety of interests. N/S, ND/no. **235832**

BROWN-EYED GIRL
Attractive, college-educated DWF, 33, looking to share dinner, dancing, and spontaneous activities, when time allows. Seeking DWM, 35-40, who is ready to relax and enjoy life. **235993**

LET'S MAKE LIFE COMPLETE
Health, intelligence, classy, youthful. SWF, 5'4", blonde/brown, N/S, no dependents, enjoys biking, golf, theater, movies. Seeking educated SWPM, 45+, emotionally/mentally secure, who's ready for possible LTR. **235298**

LET'S START WITH COFFEE
Widowed WF, 60, 5'1", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially independent, seeks SWM, 40-45, who is ready to help with financials, secure WFM, 40-45, N/S, to enjoy life with. **235229**

LOOKING FOR A HERO
Attractive, kind, affectionate, down-to-earth DWF, 59, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde/green, N/S, ND, seeking a tall, dark, well-extracted SWM, 40-45, for fun, this Spring and Summer. **235448**

STABLE, SMART,
attractive blonde, 41 (looks 31), 5'6", nice figure, tall, ND, seeking a tall, dark, well-extracted SWM, 40-45, for fun, a fulfilling lifestyle. Seeking devoted, seedy, intelligent man with a handsome personality. Scrabble a plus. **235975**

MALE WANTED
big brother, plus size blonde, youth-looking, 49, bright, warm and full-figured. Seeking attractive, warm man, 35-55, for romance. Troy area. **235827**

AN ATTRACTIVE WOMAN

Pretty, slender, tall, intelligent, SWF, 53, refined, yet fun, smoker, seeks cozy dining, conversation, movies and more, with gentleman, 53-65, who's tall, more cerebral than physical, who dislikes country music. **235212**

DESERVING SOUL

Parky, petite, youthful, honest SWF, blonde, very thoughtful non-smoker, into high-tech gadgets, Mac computers, etc., seeks compatible, tall, Christian SWM who can give 100% for same in return. **235758**

A PROFESSIONAL AND SEXY

N/S, yes that me, looking for the same. SF, 5'5", 120lbs, blonde/green, seeking a tall, professional, marriage-minded, intelligent SWCM, 26-43, I live near water, am big swimmer, Christian, need apply. **235533**

SPARKLING BLUE EYES

Attractive SWF, 50, 5'7", blue-eyed blonde, medium build, seeks tall, WFM, 50-60, honest, fun-loving, career-minded, for LTR. **235244**

ANGEL ON EARTH

Pretty, blonde, 44, blonde/brown, N/S, ND, seeking a tall, dark, honest, down-to-earth, friendly, romantic, tall, drug-free man, N/S, who is not intimidated by an independent woman. **233374**

DESIRABLE ROMANCE SPECIALIST

Easypgoing, talkative, friendly, romantic, attractive SWF, 44, 5' redheaded, N/S, social drinker, employed home, many interests. Seeking attractive, honest, sincere, romantic, tall, drug-free man, N/S, who doesn't want to play games. **233370**

COFFEE, ANYONE?

DWF, 50, 5'5", auburn/red, N/S, ND, seeking a tall, dark, honest, friendly, romantic, tall, drug-free man, N/S, who is not intimidated by an independent woman. **233371**

ONE MORE TIME?

Spontaneous, SF, 5'4", blonde, seeking a honest, friendly, romantic, tall, drug-free man, N/S, who is not intimidated by an independent woman. **233353**

SEEKING A ROMANTIC CURE

Cute, SFPC, 33, medium build, seeks attractive, well-built, tall, professional, marriage-minded, intelligent SWCM, 26-43, I live near water, am big swimmer, Christian, need apply. **233370**

ONE MORE ADVENTURE

Stunning, SF, 43, blonde, green eyes, medium build, seeks tall, friendly, romantic, tall, drug-free man, N/S, who is not intimidated by an independent woman. **233351**

BEAUTIFUL

Young, spunky, unique, loving SF, 44, 5'7, long dark hair, blue eyes, into fitness, yoga, movies, dancing, etc. Seeking a tall, dark, honest, friendly, romantic, tall, drug-free man, N/S, who is not intimidated by an independent woman. **234076**

DESIRABLE

HAPPY HOPEFUL

Passionate, protective SWF, 38, 5'5", 112lbs, loves life, laugher, stable, spontaneous S/DWM, 30-40, N/S, for companionship, leading to relationship. **233353**

I DESERVE YOU

Attractive SWF, late 40s, 5'2", blonde, who enjoys dancing, boating, sailing, etc. Seeking a tall, dark, honest, secure S/DWM, late 30s to 40s. For dating. **233389**

I AM YOUR DAD

Attractive SWF, late 40s, 5'2", blonde, who enjoys dancing, boating, sailing, etc. Seeking a tall, dark, honest, secure S/DWM, late 30s to 40s. For dating. **233389**

I AM YOUR DAD

Attractive, successful, humorous, SF, 40s (looks 30s), blonde, green eyes, medium build, seeks professional, witty, fit, handsome, unencumbered male counterpart, 6', for travel and adventure. **233358**

SWING DANCING

Attractive, 40+, seeking a tall, active, fun-loving SF, 50+, seeks honest, sensitive, N/S, to share my heart and passion for life. **233192**

DOWN-TO-EARTH/POLISHED

Young, kind-hearted SWPF, 50, who loves to laugh. Seeking SWM, 50-60, who has interests in golf, boating, theater, home life. **233366**

SHOW ME YOUR WORLD

Attractive, down-to-earth, N/S, 30+, seeking a tall, dark, honest, intelligent, successful SWM, 45+, for possible LTR. **235238**

LET'S GO WORLD TRAVELING?

Pretty, slender, tall, intelligent, seeks a tall, dark, honest, friendly, romantic, tall, drug-free man, N/S, who is not intimidated by an independent woman. **233362**

SOMEONE'S SPECIAL

Do you have a secret? Help with her coat? Let her choose her favorite place? Willing to go forward with it? So if so, give this attractive DWF, 55+, a call. **234244**

ROMANTIC

Attractive, outgoing, humorous SWF, 45, 5'4", medium build, likes the water, up north, and Florida. Seeking total gentleman, who is honest, nice, kind, romantic, a one-woman's dream. **233304**

COULD WE...

have perfect chemistry? If you're a SWF, 45-57, N/S, fit, into games, who likes traveling, the star, beach; is honest; intelligent, fun, romantic, can't wait to meet him. Seeking SWM, 45-57, honest, SWPM, 45-57, N/S, who is ready to go. **235274**

UNCHAINED MELODY

Slim, attractive DWF, 51, N/S, with an active lifestyle, seeks professional S/DWM, 30-50, N/S, for GSW, dancing, rollerblading, going out, etc. **234203**

LOVE & COMPANIONSHIP

This active, attractive, caring, senior SWF, 55+, seeks tall, honest, stable companion, 55+, for possible relationship. **233527**

GIVE ME A CALL

Beautiful, intelligent BF, enjoys movies, tips, dancing, understanding, SF, 40+, who is ready to go. **233361**

NEW RECRUIT

Outgoing, SF, 40+, 5'5", blonde, medium build, N/S, social drinker, enjoys dancing, theater, movies, outdoors or just hanging out. Seeking a tall, dark, honest, SWCM, 35-45, for possible LTR. **233377**

LET'S LAUGH

Physically fit, attractive, intelligent, affectionate, outgoing, energetic, humorous DWF, 49, N/S, seeks a tall, dark, honest, friendly, romantic, SF, 40+, who is not intimidated by an independent woman. **233358**

TO MY ALL GROWN UP

Friendly, trusting, looking for a man I can count on. Must be muscular, tall, strong, not too big. **233361**

SEEKING A REAL MAN

Full-figured DWF, 42, loves life, nature, animals, card games, the theater, music, and most anything else. Seeking a tall, dark, honest, SWCM, 35-45, for possible LTR. **233350**

SERIOUSLY LOOKING

Attracted to SF, 40+, seeking his partner, like camping, the outdoors, movies, dining, dancing, etc. Seeking a tall, dark, honest, SWCM, 35-45, for possible relationship. **233373**

FAIRY-TALE ROMANCE

This attractive, fun, sensitive, caring, SF, 40+, 5'2", blonde/green, petite, has great legs, and loves to dance. Seeking a tall, dark, honest, SWCM, 35-45, for possible LTR. **233358**

NEW BEGINNINGS

DWF, 40+, 5'5", blonde, brown/blue, N/S, light, seeking a tall, dark, honest, SWCM, 35-42, for possible LTR. **233351**

SEEKING A REAL MAN

Attractive, SF, 40+, 5'5", blonde, seeking a tall, dark, honest, SWCM, 35-45, for possible LTR. **233353**

FLORIDA BEAUTY

Widowed female, 55, likes the outdoors, doors open, seeks a tall, dark, honest, SWCM, 35-45, for possible LTR. **233353**

JOIN ME

SF, 34, 5'4", brown/blue, veggie, healthy, loves life, my children, nature, hiking, camping, theater, movies, etc. Seeking a tall, dark, honest, SWCM, 35-45, for possible LTR. **233350**

QUIET STORMS

Seeking sincere SWM, 35-47, for long walks, outdoor sports, candlelight dinners, etc. **233358**

ANGEL LOOKING

Outgoing, friendly SF, 45, blonde, enjoys music, movies, concerts, reading and conversation. Seeking a tall, dark, honest, SWCM, 35-45, for possible LTR. **233351**

LAWNGARDEN SUNSHINE

Great-looking SF, 35, 5'11", sandy/blue, enjoys cottage, boat, motorcycle. Seeking SWM, 35-45, for possible LTR. **233351**

NEW TO AREA!

Easygoing, open-minded SWM, 31, 140lbs, 5'9", brown/blue, N/S, light, seeking a tall, dark, honest, SWCM, 35-45, for possible LTR. **23**

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PRETTY FEMME FATALE

Fun, mischievous, kind, outgoing PF, interior designer, seeks a partner, 34, 5'5", 140bs, brown/blue eyes, Boston area. **21479**

LOVE A MAN IN A BIG TRUCK

If you're looking for a beautiful, blue-eyed blonde who knows how to treat her man, look no further. She's a good listener, a good cook, and also children for wild times, and quiet evenings. **213521**

BRAINS AND BEAUTY

Very attractive DWPW, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'6", 140bs, gentle, kind, intelligent, seeking partner, intelligent, WPM, 38-48, for fun and dating. **213758**

LOOKING FOR FUN

Attractive SWF, 31, 5'10", blonde, who loves to laugh, loves to travel, seeking partner, 30-35, N/S, with similar qualities and interests. **214026**

ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE

Petite DWPW, 34, brown/blue eyes, gentle, kind, sincere, fun-loving, responsible guy, who isn't afraid of a challenge. **214165**

IRRESISTIBLE

With beautiful eyes. Sensuous, sexy SWP, 28, with a warm, smoky drinker, ok, for fun and dating. **213980**

YOUTHFUL

VERSATILE, creative, artistic, romantic, down-to-earth SWP, 41, N/S, enjoys organic gardening, ethnic and vegetarian cuisine, natural healing, art, music, dancing, walking, swimming, cooking, boating, tennis, motorcycles, golf. **213306**

SUMMER DREAM

SWP, 35, seeks to find a special down-to-earth guy, with sense of humor, to share camping, picnics, ball games, and summer. **213624**

SOFT INTROVERT

Artistic SWP, 31, 5'7", 120bs, N/S, no dependents, seeks cultured, extroverted SWM, over 30, N/S, for proportionate, down-to-earth man, with a sense of humor. **213644**

HUMOROUS A PASSIONATE

DWPW, 28, 5'3",ubrown/green, N/W, proportionate, loves good times, laughs, seeks SWDM, 28-35, who loves his/her friend, positive attitude. **213519**

IS THERE?

ANYONE OUT THERE? SWP, 25, 5'9", single mom, enjoys outdoors, movies, quiet times, eating, shopping, 7万里 to go forward with life? If so, give this attractive DWPW, 56, a call. **212445**

EVERY ROMANTIC

Outgoing, SWP, 5'7", 150bs, brown/blue, brown hair, seeks good-looking, refined, fit, romantic SWP, 35+, with a sense of humor, travel and adventures. **213692**

UNCHAINED MEDLEY

Smart, attractive DWPW, 51, N/S, with an active lifestyle, seeks professional SWP, 50+, medium build, enjoys gardens, plays tennis, golf, tennis, handbags, professional, N/S, with balance, acceptance, and bound, areas. **213304**

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Attractive, SWP, 30, social, creative, who enjoys golf, sports, boating, travel. Seeking attractive, intelligent, friendly, possible LTR. **213927**

TALL

STATUESQUE BRUNETTE Female, 35, with a statuesque body, intelligent, classy, kind-hearted SWP, with good moral character and a ready wit. Must be healthy, have wide variety of interests. **214026**

BRONZE GIRL

Attractive SWP, 26, down-to-earth, enjoys skydiving, camping, castles. Seeking attractive SWP, 25, 33, who knows what they want and is willing to try anything else. **213477**

LET'S MAKE LIFE COMPLETE

Health care professional, classy, elegant, youthful SWP, 5'4", blonde/brown, N/S, homeowner, no dependents, loving, good communication. Seeking emotional, financially secure, who's ready for possible LTR. **213928**

LET'S

START A COFFEE SWP, 60, 5'11", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financial, with a sense of humor, optimistic, with distinctive qualities, attractive, fun and informative, how about you? Seeking active, gentleman who is efficient, responsive, and has time to share the golden years with. **213881**

AMERICA'S ANGEL

Slim, educated, financially secure, blue-eyed blonde, 30s, 160bs, with dependents, with a sense of humor, optimistic, with distinctive qualities, attractive, fun and informative, how about you? Seeking active, gentleman who is efficient, responsive, and has time to share the golden years with. **213881**

STABLE, SMART,

attractive blonde, 41 (looks 31), 5'5", nice figure, 140bs, brown/blue eyes, N/S, seeks stable, intelligent, caring, active, fun lifestyle. Seeking SWP, 40-55, for friendship, possibly LTR. **213794**

IN THE STARS

Vivacious, shapey DWPF, 45, Virgo, professional musician, seeks college-educated, secure SWM, 40-50, with past for life, for possible LTR. **214322**

MALE WANTED

by pretty, blue-eyed blonde, youth-looking, 49, bright, warm and full-figured. Seeking attractive, warm man, 35-55, for romance. Troy area. **213827**

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Seniors

Second Time Around

Spunky, attractive, wife, SF, 5'3", 125bs, blonde/blue, seeks SWM, 60+, for fun, caring, camping, dancing, swimming, etc. **21208**

SEEKING GENTLEMAN

French, widowed female, teaches at home 3 days a week, seeks kind, widowed or Divorced male, 50+, who likes to dance, go dancing, for friendship, possible relationship. **21200**

A CLASSIC MINDED...

Smart, attractive, wife, 47, appreciates cars, art, in the arts, loves to travel, loves to live in the city, if you feel classic rather than old, please call me. **213755**

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