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#### Their biggest fan

John Diliegghio wasn't kidding when he said he plans to be highly visible to students in his first year as principal at Clarkston High School. Diliegghio drove to Oscoda last Sunday (Aug. 21) to watch the CHS Marching Band perform on the final day of an annual week-long band camp.

CHS band director Cliff Chapman introduced Diliegghio from a large crowd of parent spectators, remarking that the principal's surprise visit was a "first" for the band.

Diliegghio's impression of this year's 215-member marching band? Two thumbs up!

Band members' impression of Diliegghio?

Thanks for coming, Mr. DI (And, by the way, great cargo shortie!)

#### Anybody home?

People attempting to call the Clarkston Community Schools Administration Building or Clarkston High School on Wednesday, Aug. 25, were greeted by this recording: "Due to a high volume of calls, your call cannot be completed at this time."

The irony of the situation was that the buildings actually weren't receiving any calls at all, let alone "a high volume."

Lightning struck an air conditioning unit at the high school on the night of Tuesday Aug. 14, causing a power surge and knocking out the school system's phones for about a day, said Ellen Whitehead, secretary to the superintendent.



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## Security cameras to eye CHS

The shooting at Columbine High School and similar incidents at other schools around the country prompted Clarkston High officials to install an enhanced security system and re-evaluate the district's safety procedures.

By JAN BAKER  
SPECIAL WRITER

When your Clarkston High School student walks into the building for the first day of classes there tomorrow, an electronic eye will be watching him or her — and videotaping it.

According to John Diliegghio, first-year principal at CHS, 16 24-hour security cameras have been strategically placed throughout the school site

and are ready to roll for the new school year. Coordinating that beefed-up security effort, the building also houses a security control room — complete with a panel of television monitors that display activity at each camera site.

In a recent interview, Diliegghio emphasized that the security system was originally planned for the building

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Security room:  
Principal John  
Diliegghio  
shows off the  
new security  
control room at  
Clarkston High  
School, where  
television moni-  
tors show activi-  
ty at 16 cam-  
era sites.

STAFF PHOTO  
BY AMY E. POWERS

## Soccer Moms

THEY DON'T JUST CHEER ANYMORE

Having  
a ball:  
*Sally Hadden has coached soccer for about eight years for Independence Township Parks and Recreation.*



By CAROLYN WALKER  
STAFF WRITER

Sally Hadden is a big hit with the guys. Just ask Steven Demster and Paul Gunckle.

"I think she's better than a lot of coaches I've had. She's nicer and runs fun practices," says Demster, a 13-year-old seventh-grader at Clarkston Middle School.

Breaking his pace during a running drill, Gunckle, also a CMS student, takes time out to agree. "She's better than most of the other coaches I've had. She's nicer and knows how to get things done."

Hadden, who responds with a friendly — if perhaps unprecedented — "yes, honey" to one of her players' questions, has been a soccer coach for about nine years. She is one of several moms in Independence and Waterford townships who have devoted their spare time (Do moms have spare time?) to coaching — a former bastion of male dominance.

Like Hadden, many of the mothers who coach soccer, basketball, softball and in-line skating were drafted.

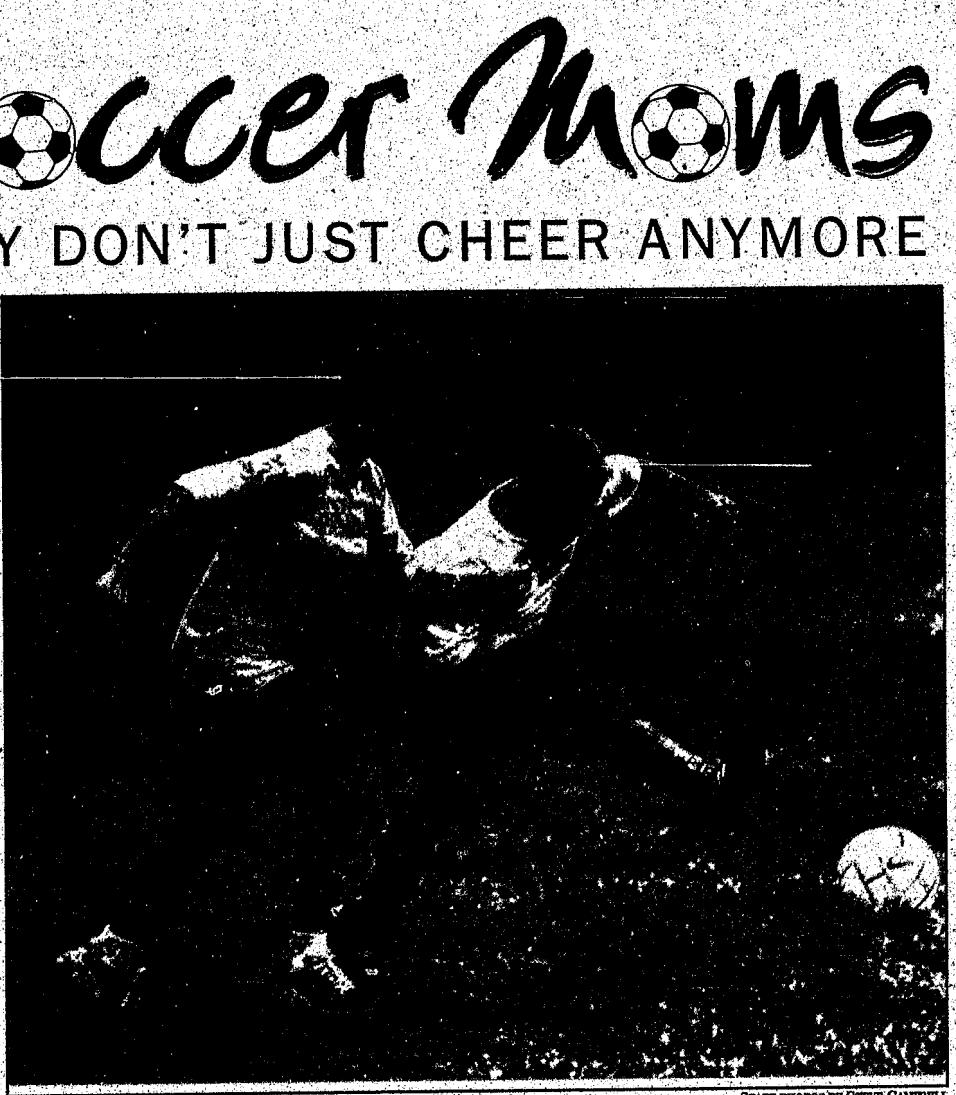
"They asked me if I would help out and I went to the meeting and they gave me a team," says Christine Walter who, along with Hadden, coaches children playing soccer through the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department.

Walter, who never played herself, has coached for about five years. She began with her son Zachary when they lived in Ontario, Canada, but now coaches her daughter Julia's team for girls under age 10.

Like many of the women interviewed for this story, Walter believes women bring a kinder and gentler influence — and less competitiveness — to their endeavors. Some have had intimidating experiences when dealing with male coaches from other teams as well as from some players' fathers. But all agree that, ultimately, it is an individual's coaching style, and not gender, that makes for success.

The good, the bad and the ugly, the women say, in so many words, can wear dresses or beads.

"I think a lot of women are just natural at nurturing," Walter says. "The women are just more emotionally aware of what the kids need to get out of the game, although the win is nice. We don't enjoy losing anymore than the guys do, but I'm more disappointed



Here's how: Coach Sally Hadden runs with a player on her U-14 boys team.

in my team if they're not trying."

Male coaches, she says, emphasize winning and will place their players in positions with the win in mind. "(With men it's) 'Where can I put everybody to win?'" she says. "I position the kids according to their personality."

Walter says she thinks there has been an increase in the number of women coaches during the past few years, but her views are not supported by recreation directors in Independence or Waterford.

"We've always had some women coaching," says Tom Newcombe, recreation supervisor for Waterford Township Parks and Recreation.



Team photo: The team gathers for a group shot.

One of Newcombe's basketball coaches, Lisa Page, who has coached elementary-aged basketball players for 13 years, says she wishes there were more women involved.

"(There's) still not as much as I'd like to see," she says. "There's one woman to every five to eight men."

A former basketball player who suffered a severe back injury in high school, Page, who is a Waterford Township resident, says she sees more politics among male coaches than among female.

"It doesn't matter if it's boys or girls (teams). There's more of an attitude. It's win-win-win

want them to know the game and I teach the game. I teach assertive ball, not aggressive ball."

"We learn to have fun and know the ethics. I love it when I go to our coaches' meeting and I see two or three more women," Page says.

Page, who contends she has been physically intimidated on the field by competitors' coaches, says that during her 13-year coaching experience, she has never encountered a rude or unkind female coach.

"Never," she emphasizes.

For Hadden, who gamely runs along with her players during practice, coaching her 18-member team is a love/love experience.

"I've learned by trial and error," she says,

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## Candles light the way for Clarkston woman's success

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There's nothing like success breeding success.

That's what Angie Klebba of Independence Township learned.

After 11½ years of working for an electrical systems support firm in Wayne County, she decided to try her

hand as a representative for PartyLite Gifts, the sales marketing company for Colonial Candles of Cape Cod candles and accessories. Its sales representatives market its wares mostly through home parties.

After little more than a year at her extra job out of her home, Klebba was able to leave her main job, stay at

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Business lights:  
Angie Klebba  
peeks through  
some of her  
PartyLite  
candles,  
which she  
and other  
consultants  
sell at home  
parties.

STAFF PHOTO  
BY GARY MALLER



**Baptism by water:** Dale Decker and his two sons, John, 10, and Matt, 8, of Clarkston are baptized by immersion last Sunday at a small pond in Independence Township.

## Plunge of faith

**New beginning:**  
Don Shoemaker (left) and Eric Jones of Clarkston are received by baptism into the Christian community of believers.



## Police search for vehicle in hit-and-run accidents

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Police are investigating two hit-and-run accidents possibly caused by one vehicle that occurred just minutes apart Sunday, Aug. 22, on Sashabaw Road.

No one was injured in either incident, according to the reports.

The first accident report came in to the Independence substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department at 11:20 p.m. Police took the second call at 11:25 p.m.

According to reports, the driver of a dark-colored, four-door Honda Civic was driving south on Sashabaw Road near Clarkston Road. The car crashed into the rear of a 1988 Chevrolet, pushing that vehicle into the rear of a 1996 Chevrolet. The driver of the Honda fled the scene.

The second accident was also on Sashabaw Road south but near Fleming Lake Road. A Honda Civic ran into the rear of a 1990 Mercury, which caused it to ram the rear of a 1992 Honda, which then hit a 4-by-4 pickup truck, according to witnesses.

The Honda also left the scene of the second accident. Police suspect the same Honda was involved in both cases.

Lt. Dale LaBair of the Independence substation asked that anyone with information on the accidents notify the substation at (248) 620-4968. The Traffic Investigation Unit of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department is investigating.

LaBair said it's very important for drivers to stay at the scene of an accident.

"It's actually a violation of the law for anyone to leave the scene

of an accident," he said. "Drivers have an obligation to stop and identify themselves to the other people involved, no matter how minor the accident."

He said not staying at the scene and/or failure to leave your name and address with the driver or owner of the other vehicle can result in a misdemeanor.

Violators can be sentenced to 30 to 90 days in jail.

If the accident results in serious or personal injury or death and the driver fails to stop, that can lead to five years in prison and a fine of \$5,000.

Drivers can get confused about when to make a police report,

according to LaBair. If damage from the accident is less than \$400, the drivers don't have to report the accident to police.

"But if one person wants to file a report with the police, then both drivers need to file and they should do it at the same time," he added.

Drivers also should always have with them their car registration, proof of insurance and driver's license.

LaBair urged anyone involved in a vehicle accident to stay at the scene and notify police.

"We'll come out to you," he said. "We want to see the damage and we need both drivers there."

He said some people think they have to leave the cars positioned in the road exactly where the accident occurred.

"Keep in mind that you need to stay safe," he urged. "If the accident is in the middle of an intersection, get the cars out of the road. Always keep yourself safe first."

Another reason both drivers should stay at an accident and give reports to the police is that drivers often give conflicting stories about how the accident occurred.

"If they each give us a different story, we can't investigate unless we see both cars at the scene," he explained.



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## School delayed one day at Clarkston Elementary

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Clarkston Elementary School students get to sleep in for one more day.

The first day of school for Clarkston Elementary students will take place Tuesday, Aug. 31. They will only be in session for a half-day on Tuesday. Full-day sessions begin Wednesday, Sept. 1.

The other schools in the Clarkston Community Schools district will start the school year one day earlier. School bells will be ringing for them on Monday, Aug. 30, for a half-day. They will attend school for a full-day on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

Al Roberts, superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools, made the decision to delay the start of school at Clarkston Elementary last Thursday after touring the building at 6595 Waldon Road.

"Delaying the start for elementary students at Clarkston Elementary School by one day will provide the time necessary to get our youngsters off on the right foot," he said.

"It's really important that students walk into a school room they can be proud of," he added. "I don't think the Clarkston Elementary classrooms will be cleaned up enough and ready for students by Monday. A one-day delay is an inconvenience but I

**I don't think the Clarkston Elementary classrooms will be cleaned up enough and ready for students by Monday.'**

—**Al Roberts**  
superintendent

want to ensure that our students are welcomed into a happy, clean and prepared classroom."

He also explained that delaying the start of school at Clarkston Elementary isn't a safety issue. He doesn't want parents to worry about that.

"The issues involved in this decision don't reflect safety concerns. Safety is always first and foremost when it comes to our students and staff," Roberts said.

Another issue of concern for parents and students is the paving of Walters Road between Maybee and Fleming Lake roads.

Roberts said the school district mailed a letter to all Clarkston High School students' homes to inform them and their parents that the paving won't be finished by the first day of school.

He found out from the Road Commission for Oakland County — the agency responsible for the

paving project — that the paving should be completed the week of Labor Day. Roberts learned one reason for the delay was the recent period of rainy weather.

"The situation on Walters Road is beyond our control," he said. "The schedule has to be left to the experts."

He suggested that students able to arrive earlier at school and leave a little later do so until the project is done. He also said car pooling and riding the bus instead of driving will help the situation of trying to get 2,000 students and 150 staff members in and out of Clarkston High every school day.

Clarkston Elementary is one of the schools undergoing renovations. The building has undergone major renovations.

The physical and technological work on Clarkston school buildings is part of a \$57.6 million bond issue voters approved in June 1997. Work on the different school buildings was broken into Tier One and Tier Two phases.

Tier One schools include Clarkston Middle School and the following elementaries: Clarkston, Independence and North Sashabaw.

Tier Two schools are Springfield Plains, Andersonville, Bailey Lake, Pine Knob elementaries and Sashabaw Middle School.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at the regular meeting on Thursday, September 9, 1999, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davison, MI.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input on reprogramming Community Development Block Grant funds from 1998 totaling \$1,500.00. Block Grant funds must be used to benefit low and moderate income population, prevention or elimination of slum and blight; or to meet an urgent community need.

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# Round-table: Key to safety is student involvement

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Al Roberts repeated a story about a phone call he received recently from a father whose child is starting kindergarten this week in the Clarkston Community Schools district.

"The father wanted my guarantee that his child would be safe at school," the superintendent remarked. "I told him there is no fool-proof plan, that I can only give him a 99-percent guarantee."

But Roberts, the school district's staff and community members are working on upping that percentage to 100.

The district on Thursday invited about 14 community members, school employees and representatives from the police community to discuss student safety in Clarkston schools.

The discussions focused on two types of safety — physical as well as emotional.

Patricia Brumback, assistant superintendent, led the informal gathering and by the end of the meeting, had a commitment from those at the round-table discussion to go the extra step — to develop and implement ways to provide safety to students on both levels.

She began by saying there are two ways of thinking that aren't acceptable in Clarkston schools.

"It could never happen here," is one of them. The other is, "There is nothing we can do."

She pointed out what the schools already are doing to try to provide emotionally and physically safe school environments for its students.

These include peer listening classes, peer mediating training, working cooperatively with the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth, training faculty and support staff in nonviolent crisis intervention, readying crises teams, treating students as valued individuals, recognizing diversity and much more.

But no process is perfect and, according to Brumback, it always needs fine tuning and readjusting.

"Safety is on our mind all the time. We are vigilant about this (safety)," she said.

Once the meeting was open to discussion, it went from one topic of concern to another. These included where anger comes from, how children react to rejection, how to spot students who might fall through the cracks, how to best listen to children and how to empower students so they can have some control with uncomfortable situations.

The key to the answers, the participants seemed to agree, is to involve the students, community members, police and school staff to find the answers.

"Kids must become part of the resolution of the problems we're facing," said



**School safety:** Security cameras are becoming a part of today's school environment, just as smoke and burglar alarms are a part of students' home environments.

Dave Bihl, a general education support at Clarkston High School. "We have to change the structure and change our behavior to help children open up to us."

Some of the people at the meeting were Lt. Dale LaBar from the Independence substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department; Detective Chuck Young, social liaison officer; Jim Butzine, school social worker; Jan Meagher, assistant principal at Clark-

ston High School; Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston; Don Kevern, director of support and programs at Clarkston United Methodist Church; Ann Conklin, director of Independence Township Parks and Recreation; Janet Thomas, Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education trustee; social worker Karen Weaver and Liz Jamieson, representing the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth.

## New law expels troublemakers

BY JAN BAKER  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Michigan Legislature must have stolen Sister Mary Rulerwhack's 1961 discipline handbook, entitled, "Cross Me and You're Toast."

Don't believe it?

Well, state officials recently enacted a law that requires Michigan public schools to toughen student discipline. And this is how the crackdown could play out in Clarkston.

If sixth-grader Johnny punches the kid from his second-hour science class next week, he could be expelled from his Clarkston middle school for the entire academic year.

If Johnny's 11th-grade sister phones in a bomb threat to Clarkston High School tomorrow — as, like, you know, a joke — she'll be out the door for the year, too.

That's right. No in-school suspensions. No Saturday school. No sentences to write. No parental heart-to-heart powwows with school administrators to smooth things over.

Just "Sayonara."

Clarkston school Supt. Dr. Al Roberts sent home a districtwide letter to parents and guardians last week advising them of the new law.

In his Aug. 18 correspondence, Roberts explained that expulsion will be mandatory this year for students in grade six and above for certain offenses.

Specifically, the law states: "The (School) Board shall expel a student in grade six or above for up to 180 school days if the student commits physical assault at school against another student; commits verbal assault against a district employee, volunteer or contractor; or makes a bomb threat or similar threat directed at a school building, property or a school-related activity."

Roberts told parents to make the

law clear to their children so that they are not "caught in the system."

"Share with your children the importance of good conduct and — in light of last spring's school tragedies — the lack of tolerance for mischief or 'practical jokes,'" he said. "As much as we want your children to feel safe and secure at school, they must also understand the impact of their actions."

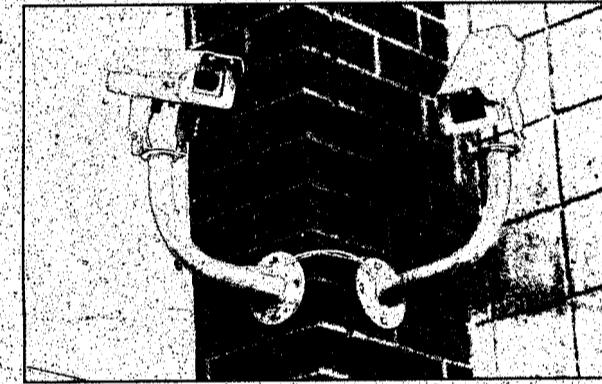
**■ As much as we want your children to feel safe and secure at school, they must also understand the impact of their actions.'**

— Al Roberts  
superintendent

"We already know it's not OK to say at the airport, 'I have a bomb in my briefcase,'" Brumback said. "It's zero tolerance and the public understands that. This (expulsion law) is a similar (zero tolerance) response to violence in the schools."

While district officials are still in the process of defining "what verbal assault means," the assistant superintendent said that consequences for physical assault and bomb threats were pretty clear. And Clarkston intends to follow the letter of the law.

"It's extremely important for both parents and students to know this legislation," she said.



**Candid cameras:** Sixteen strategically placed cameras record activity at Clarkston High School 24 hours a day.

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as part of the 1995 bond issue — not as a response to the Columbine High School shootings or its aftermath. However, he admitted that the events of last spring did prompt Clarkston school officials to re-evaluate the district's safety procedures.

Did Diliegghio think the school's atmosphere would become more institutional and impersonal with Big Brother watching?

"That's an issue," he said. "Geez, I want this to be a school for our kids. In a perfect world, I'd like to go back to the days when you didn't have to worry about whether or not somebody (dangerous) walked in, when you didn't have to have security or police liaisons."

"But we don't live in that world anymore, I guess — and that's unfortunate. So you take the precautions that you have right now."

The principal said he hoped CHS students would understand that the enhanced security system was installed for their safety.

"I don't think the kids will feel that institutional part because

it's our job to still make it a school," said Diliegghio. "The security system is there, but it's in the background. We have smoke detectors and alarm systems in houses now, and kids still think of those places as their homes."

The principal said he thinks the community wants its kids to be safe at their high school. The electronic system increases those efforts.

Along with security cameras, Diliegghio pointed out that the school is equipped with motion detectors that run in the evening. And in terms of human effort, a building aide will man a desk at the building's front door throughout the school year to monitor visitors. During after-school hours, two security people — a retired teacher and a retired police officer — and the high school custodial staff will be watchful. That crew works seven evenings a week.

Moreover, the principal remarked that Detective Chuck Young — CHS police liaison from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department — received additional training over the

summer in student safety.

In a phone interview with Young, the detective said he attended a school liaison seminar at Central Michigan University and a national violence seminar in Colorado. Though he characterized both school safety forums as beneficial, Young said,

"I think we (in Clarkston) have had a good handle on it all along."

What did he think the future

would hold for security at CHS?

"Dogs coming into the building (to sniff) for drugs," he said. "I see that happening in the near future."

Young said canines from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department nosed through the building in a trial run last year when classes weren't in session. He predicted that "four-to-10" four-legged detectives will someday snoop through the facility on a regular school day — without prior warning to students.

"They'll come into the school when I ask them to and it'll be totally infrequent," he said.

The building may go to the dogs in the future, but much of the school's safety success this

year will still depend on teachers.

Diliegghio said they'll be expected to keep their eyes and ears open. He's also encouraging CHS staff members to try to get to know as many of the students in the building as possible.

"One of the themes that I'll continue to talk about to staff — and that I've talked about to new staff members that I've hired — is that every student in this building is their student," he said.

The principal said he's a firm believer that "presence is power." He's committed to being

out in the hallways every time the bell sounds.

Each student that Diliegghio will see in the halls is required to carry a CHS photo identification card — and display it on request. In its second year, the piece of plastic primarily functions as a debit card for purchasing school lunches, but also serves as a security aid.

Beyond photos, cameras, motion detectors, police support, a highly visible principal, front-door sentinels, a nighttime security duo, vigilant custodians and no-nonsense building aides,

Diliegghio said 2,200 CHS students could be the most powerful safety contingent of them all.

"These are good kids," he said. "I would hope that they would feel they have a good enough relationship with us that they would come to us with any concerns. I would hope that they would take anything they hear seriously."

"I think they're cognizant of the fact that they have to take care of themselves. That has been splashed so many times in the newspapers that I think kids are aware of that now."

## POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police in Springfield and Independence townships Aug. 23-29.

### Independence Township

#### Larceny

On Aug. 23, a resident on Crestline reported a 17-foot bow rider Crestline boat worth \$7,000 and an Easy Loader boat trailer worth \$1,500 missing from the rear of the garage.

#### Malicious destruction of property

On Aug. 25, a 1994 Chevrolet Cavalier parked in a driveway on Sunnyside was damaged during the night. Someone smashed the front windshield, punctured a front tire, broke off the antenna and scratched the hood.

#### Home invasion

On Aug. 25, someone broke into a home on Sashabaw and took a computer, mountain climbing equipment and a large

bag of men's clothing. The person may have entered the residence through a bedroom window. The resident found the screen off and the window fan on the floor. There also was mud on the bed covers. The dining room doorway was ajar.

#### Telephone fraud

On Aug. 23, police received two reports by residents in an apartment complex on Lingor who found long distance charges on their telephone bills for calls they didn't make. The telephone company informed the residents the calls were made directly from the phone lines in their apartments, according to reports. Other residents also complained of the same problem. Police are investigating.

#### Springfield Township

##### Larceny from automobile

On Aug. 25, someone stole a handi-park parking pass and a pair of gloves from a vehicle parked in a driveway on Farley Street.

##### Stolen vehicle

On Aug. 26, someone stole a 1991 blue Hyundai Excel that was parked at a business on Big Lake Road. The driver left the car keys in the ignition.

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## Home invasion suspect charged

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A 21-year-old Holly man was arraigned Thursday in 51st District Court in Waterford on two felony charges in connection with a recent break-in and shooting at a Waterford home.

The lone resident of the home, a 19-year-old Waterford man, remains hospitalized from being shot three times in the chest after five men broke into the home on Mann Road in Waterford Township around 3 a.m. Aug. 20, police said.

Daniel L. Warnock, who also goes by the name Daniel L. Sefo, was arraigned on counts of conspiracy to rob while armed and home invasion-first degree. The charges carry a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Warnock was recently released from a Lapeer County hospital after being stabbed by the victim at least once in the

chest the night of the incident, said Waterford Detective Sgt. John McLain during court testimony.

Oakland County assistant prosecutor Sara Pope-Starnes said an 18-year-old Holly man is planning to turn himself in soon, while the search continues for three other people also believed to be involved in the incident.

Court Magistrate Wanda Vandermeer set bond at \$1 million for both counts against Warnock. His eyes filled with tears after the magistrate refused to set bond at his attorney's request of 10 percent of \$10,000. Warnock remains in Oakland County Jail until his preliminary examination Sept. 9.

McLain testified that five men went to the home planning to steal money and drugs. He also pointed out Warnock had two Michigan driver licenses

with two different names, one saying he lived in Clarkston and another stating he lived in Holly.

Warnock's attorney, Frederick S Jr., argued his client has no prior criminal record and works at the Clarkston Cinema.

The attorney added Warnock lives with his mother and was scheduled to attend classes this fall at Oakland Community College.

"There's a lot of confusion surrounding this case," he said.

"I'm convinced the facts will come out at the preliminary exam," he said after the arraignment.

Vandermeer entered a not-guilty plea on behalf of Warnock. Pope-Starnes said a defendant is not allowed to enter a plea to felony charges in district court.

She said Waterford police continue to investigate the incident.

## Soccer

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remembering how she became a coach in the first place. "The coach called me in one afternoon and said, 'You're the only parent who shows up.' The first season we didn't win a game. Our goal that year was to make a goal."

"I love it. I love the kids. (But) there are times when you want to tear your hair out," she notes, emphasizing that there are periods in life when the players are bigger than the coach — and that her team has never competed against another team run by a woman.

"I like to win just like everybody else. But I don't like to win at any cost," Hadden says. "Teamwork is No. 1 with me."

In what might be another unprecedented, on-field comment, Hadden then shuts down a storm-threatened practice with: "Thanks for being so cooperative, fellas."

## OBITUARIES

### Ellis F. "Al" Boice

Ellis F. "Al" Boice of Holiday, Fla., formerly of Waterford and Clarkston, died Aug. 26, 1999, at age 81.

Mr. Boice was retired from Fisher Body after 31 years of service.

Mr. Boice is survived by his wife Ruby; daughter, Francis Rickard of Georgia; and son, Jake (Sandy) Hoskins of Florida. He is also survived by two brothers, Clarence (Joyce) Douglas of Oklahoma and Jim (Joanie) Douglas of Clarkston; sister, Lucille Smith of Metamora; and two grandchildren, Ryan and Jimmy Rickard.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Aug. 30, at Coats Funeral Home in Waterford with interment at Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Fund.

Funeral arrangements were made by Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with interment Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston.

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# County taps fired manager

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**W**hen James Bacon was fired as city manager in Troy, he didn't know the experience would lead to his next job: Director of Community and Economic Development in Oakland County.

"As soon as I heard he was available, I called," said County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. "He was available (fired) Aug. 2, and I called him Aug. 3."

The circumstances under which Bacon was fired, was "part of the reason I wanted him on my staff," the executive said at a press conference Tuesday. Bacon was introduced as successor to Jeffrey A. Kaczmarek.

Kaczmarek is leaving Sept. 24 to become second-in-charge at Michigan's new Economic Development Corp.

Patterson said Bacon, who had been Troy's city manager for more than three years, was fired because of a philosophical dispute with the city council. Bacon was dismissed unexpectedly because he disagreed with the majority of council members over granting an exit visa to the General Motors Corp., so the company can qualify for tax abatement when it moves an office, with about 1,900 jobs, from Troy to Warren, according to the executive.

Bacon wanted the council to approve the exit visa, said Patterson, and the majority of the

**■ 'Developing communities have to plan growth. They can't just let things happen.'**

**James Bacon**  
—director of community and economic development in Oakland County



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council disagreed.

"He did what he thought was right," said Patterson. "I want that kind of integrity on my staff."

The Troy City Council was not required to give a reason when it fired Bacon unceremoniously by a 5 to 2 vote.

Untimely dismissals were not important Tuesday, however, as the 53-year-old Bacon, was anything but bitter.

"How could I have hard feelings when the council (by hiring him in March 1996) was responsible for my getting to live in one of the best cities in the country?"

Bacon said he is looking forward to working with his old colleagues in his capacity. "Troy is a wonderful city," he said, and it has much to offer companies or individuals thinking about moving within its boundaries.

Kaczmarek, who was named to the director's post in 1996, has been with Oakland County for almost 30 years. He helped draft the first economic development strategy for county government, and he played a role in establishing the Local Development Corp. and the Economic Development Corp. (now called the Business Financial Group), which together have funded more than \$500,000,000 in construction and equipment financing.

Kaczmarek, a Troy resident, said he will use some of the skills he learned in Oakland County to help the state attract business and industry.

As for Oakland's role in those state efforts, he had a quick answer. "Brooks already told me," he joked, "Oakland will be at the top of the list."

## Bacon's job: Tell world about Oakland

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The county's new director of economic development said Oakland is like the city of Troy — an unknown jewel.

"I never knew Troy existed until I interviewed for the manager's job," Bacon said Tuesday. "But when I got here, I realized what a beautiful community it is."

So too, Oakland County is virtually unknown as a hub of economic activity outside of Michigan. His job will be to let the world know about the opportunities available here.

Bacon came to Troy in March 1996 from Decatur, Ill., where he had been city manager for about eight years.

In Troy, Bacon said he was introduced to — and impressed by — the area's business community. Particularly exciting, he said, is "Automation Alley," the name given to Oakland's rapidly growing computer and high tech industry.

It won't be difficult to tout Automation Alley as a home to companies or prospective employees, he said.

Bacon sees different challenges for developing communities, like Novi and Oxford, com-

pared with established communities like Southfield and Royal Oak.

"Developing communities have to plan growth," he said. "They can't just let things happen."

The challenge for established communities is getting new economic development, said Troy's former city manager.

Bacon was born in Olympia, Wash., and has a bachelor's degree from St. Martin's College in Lacy, Wash., and a master's degree from Seattle University.

Bacon and his wife Susan have two grown sons, Ace in Phoenix, Ariz., and Aaron who lives in Olympia.

# Labor Day drivers targeted by trucker safety campaign

Drivers along metro Detroit highways will see and hear the third and final safe-driving tip on how to share the road with heavy trucks Aug. 30 to Sept. 30. The Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS) will conclude its summer-long public information and education campaign as part of its efforts to make the roads in metro Detroit safer for all drivers.

The safety awareness campaign features billboards along several of the highways, including I-75, I-94 and I-696, as well as numerous radio advertisements, encompassing one of the peak Michigan vacation travel times — Labor Day weekend.

According to AAA Michigan, 1.5 million people will be traveling Michigan highways during Labor Day weekend.

"The MCTS's goal is to promote safer highway ways through greater cooperation and understanding of how to share the road with large trucks," said Ed Gaffney, project director of the MCTS. "We target our program toward the normal, every day driver because statistics show that more than 70 percent of accidents involving cars and large trucks are caused by the car driver."

Gaffney added that the increased amount of construction on metro Detroit's highways this summer and fall contributes to frustration,

which may lead to unsafe behavior, making driving near and around large trucks even more important.

The final wave of the three-phase advertising campaign will educate drivers that big rigs' have large blind spots: drivers are asked to avoid staying in a trucker's blind spots for long periods of time. Blind spots generally are directly behind the truck, along the trailer and cab of the passenger side and on the drivers' side outside the rearview mirror. Remember, if you can't see the truck drivers' mirrors, they probably can't see you.

The other key tips that should always be remembered include:

Merge and go with the flow: When merging onto a freeway, a car driver should pick his or her opening, adjust their speed to make that spot, and then go with the flow, blending safely into traffic.

Trucks make wide turns: car drivers should hang back while trucks complete their turn. A truck driver will generally swing out a bit because they need to make it around a curb, or avoid oncoming traffic.

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Spent too much  
at the mall?  
Worse things  
do happen

**SHOP TALK**



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Shopping can lead to trouble. Some of us can't tear ourselves away from the mall. Others overspend, and everybody knows where that leads. Many people, particularly husbands and wives, find shopping to be a catalyst for disagreement and petty arguments.

Then, there are the typical shopping predicaments. "Do I buy a white scarf or a creme one?"

"Do I really need another pair of black pants?"

"I can't afford this, but I have to have it!"

Still, these are minor pitfalls weighed against the joy of shopping — the bargains, the unique purchases, the discoveries.

But have you ever broken into a cold sweat over a shopping predicament?

#### Mission impossible

My mission — find a stunning ensemble to wear to Fash Bash. I wanted a black, satin ball gown skirt.

Such an acquisition, I thought, would be indulgent but pragmatic; I would feel like a princess at Fash Bash but wear the skirt for years to come.

Having recently browsed many area clothing stores, I began my targeted search just over a week before the event. With so many designers making these skirts how difficult could finding one be?

As predicted, I found hordes of ball skirts everywhere I looked. Department stores, designer boutiques and even small, independent retailers were carrying them.

Finding the right size and color — a common shopping predicament — did prove difficult. Two days before the event I was still shopping. Maybe an old dress from the back of my closet would do, I thought, my anxiety and frustration waxing.

Less than 24 hours before the event, I was still shopping. Determined to find the skirt I coveted, I decided a highly targeted search at the Somerset Collection in Troy might do the trick. I also lifted the ceiling on my already commodious spending limit.

My first stop was Nordstrom where I found several black ball gown skirts. There were even a few on sale, but none in my size. I weighed the pros and cons of compromise and considered trying on a metallic, charcoal gray version.

Time to move on, I said to myself. The mall closes in a few hours. Get moving.

#### Almost, but no cigar

Just about to cross the boundary between Nordstrom and Somerset, I said to myself, charcoal gray is practically black, isn't it? Might as well try it on, I said aloud. Trying it on can't hurt, can it?

I returned to the dress department, retrieved the right size and headed for one of Nordstrom's opulent dressing rooms.

Within seconds of changing, I decided the skirt was a poor fit and reached behind to unzip.

The zipper moved down slowly and smoothly, but then, without warning, stopped. Fingers firmly grasping the zipper tab, I pushed and pulled, tugged and wiggled, zipped up and down with varying degrees of intensity.

It wouldn't budge. I imagined a trio of mall security guards parading me in handcuffs through the mall toward a secret interrogation room.

#### Mission impossible, again

My forehead was covered with beads of sweat. I imagined them dropping one by one onto the \$300 skirt in which I was trapped.

"I can't afford to buy a skirt I can't wear," I said aloud, having begun to talk, albeit quietly, to myself. "I've just got to get out of this thing," I said.

Outside the door, several sales clerks were assisting customers. Any minute now, one would knock on my door to ask how I was doing and whether I needed a different size.

What would I say? What should I do? Maybe I could lift the thing over my head. Maybe I could rip it off my body.

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## Classic clothes for the millennium

*St. John explores new, more youthful designs*

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Understated, conservative and classic usually capture the essence of St. John's clothing for women, but the designer's fall pieces veered from tradition.

Apparel from several of St. John's clothing groups, including pieces from the maker's Millennium Collection and rarely-shown Couture Collection, were presented Aug. 12 at Saks Fifth Avenue in recognition of the Junior League of Birmingham's Endowment Founder's Society.

While St. John's signature knit suiting in black, hunter green, burgundy and other classic colors was prevalent, a younger, more adventurous feeling seemed to inform much of the collection.

"I thought it was very youthful," said Amanda Turner, fashion manager at the Somerset Collection in Troy. "It was a lot more colorful than what they usually present, and I thought the silhouettes were also very youthful. I loved the ways things fitted. It wasn't that baggy look, and it was very lady-like, still."

One significant deviation for St. John came in the form of color. Classic shades were contrasted with extensive use of bolder and more unusual colors: bright magenta, dark plum, teal, loden and tobacco, to name a few.

Animal prints — a strong seasonal trend — also made a play. Several suits, for example, were embellished at the neckline and cuffs with animal prints. At least one suit and several sweaters were all animal prints.

While such a motif might seem like a wild turn for St. John, Turner said the style is really a classic look.

"Animal print never goes away," she said. "You will see it somewhere or another every fall, so I think it is actually synonymous with St. John."

Another surprise was the influence of unfinished couture on St. John's fall collection. Several suits, for instance, were embellished with messy, ruffled trim, rather than solid stripes and the designer's signature gold buttons.

The presence of such fabrics as leather and suede will probably come as yet another surprise to St.



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New classic: A recent showing of designer St. John's latest collections at Saks Fifth Avenue revealed the maker is no longer content to only sell conservative knit suits

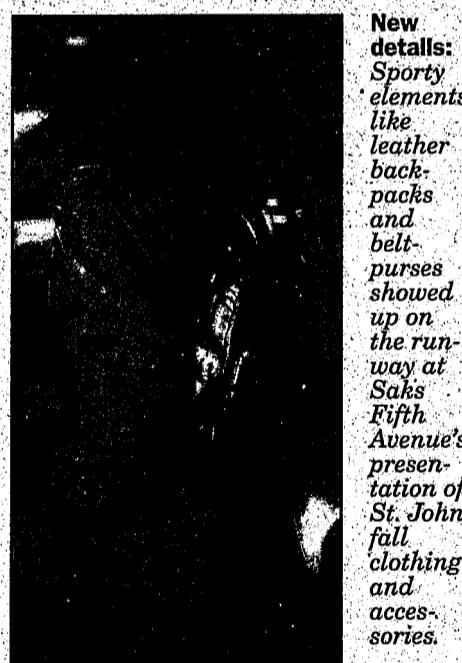
John watchers, said Turner, who couldn't recall the designer making clothing from such fabrics before.

Yet another fall trend, stiletto heels on shoes and both short and tall boots, comprised most of the show's foot wear, heightening the collection's sportier, more youthful look.

Other sporty, casual elements came in the form of

leather backpacks, black riding pants, belt-purses and loose cut, cowl neck sweaters and tunics.

"The collection definitely moved away from their traditional, very clean silhouettes, but it was still very lady-like," said Turner, adding for the benefit of St. John devotees, "it wasn't too girlish."



New details:  
Sporty elements like leather backpacks and belt-purses showed up on the runway at Saks Fifth Avenue's presentation of St. John fall clothing and accessories.



A casual turn:  
St. John isn't known for making sweaters, tunics and casual jackets, but quite a few were included in the designer's latest collection, as shown recently at Saks Fifth Avenue.



Wild side:  
St. John used animal prints to spice up their classic suiting. Such prints have been identified as a season trend and are expected to gain in popularity this fall and winter.

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

#### ANTIQUE SHOW

The Livonia Mall, at Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads, hosts an antique show with appraisals and antique glass repairs, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

#### HOT ROD/ANTIQUE CAR SHOW

An antique car and hot rod show takes place in the parking lot of the Livonia Mall, at Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Proceeds benefit Angels Hospice. For additional information, call (248) 476-1160.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

#### SANSAPPELLE TRUNK SHOW

Visit Roz & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills, to view an exclusive trunk show of elegant silk and wool crepe designs by makers Sansapelle and meet store owner Ina Sherman through Sept. 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

#### VERSACE MAKEUP EVENT

Versace's national makeup artist Ricardo visits Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, to

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

consult customers and perform makeovers, 2-8 p.m., Cosmetics Department, first floor. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 643-3300, ext. 2103.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

#### SALON Z SPECIAL COLLECTION SHOW

View Marina Rinaldi's Fall 1999 Special Order Collection with assistance from a designer representative at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Salon Z Collections, third floor. To schedule a personal appointment, call (248) 614-3323.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

#### PRIORITY BRIDAL REGISTRATION

Hudson's welcomes future brides and grooms for a special morning of gift registration prior to regular store hours. Experienced registration staff will be available to help, 9:30 a.m. Gift Registry Department at Hudson's stores at Oakland Mall in Troy, the Somerset Collection in Troy, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights. Reservations are required. Please call selected store to make an appointment.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

#### LABOR DAY SHOPPING

Just because it's Labor Day doesn't mean everybody is taking a vacation. Visit Laurel Park Place mall, 37700 West Six Mile Road in Livonia, to complete your fall season shopping. The mall will be open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

#### JUDITH LEIBER TRUNK SHOW

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a trunk show of Judith Leiber's Fall 1999 Collection and a designer representative to assist customers, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For additional information and show location, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 456.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

#### EILEEN FISHER APPEARANCE

Fashion designer Eileen Fisher visits Hudson's, the Somerset Collection in Troy, for a luncheon and fashion event, noon, Oval Room. To attend the event, please call for reservations at (248) 443-4790.

#### BOUTIQUE GRAND OPENING

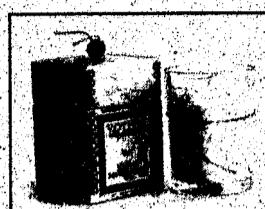
British perfumer and skin care expert Jo Malone's boutique opens at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, with a grand opening celebration, 2-9 p.m., Cosmetics & Fragrances Department, first floor. To attend and make a reservation, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 261.

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## STUFF WE CRAVE



**Works of art:**  
Unique fabrics and embellishments make Custo of Barcelona's new fitted shirts for fall works of art, \$60-80 at Hersh's in West Bloomfield.



**Long burn:** Summer's scents are fading quickly, but Votivo's 50-hour burning candles come in an assortment of unique and pleasing fragrances. How about minted pomegranate? About \$19, Union General Store and Sweetshop Cafe in Clarkston.



**More manly scents:**  
Citrus, sage and fig blend in L'Occitane's new fragrance collection for men, Eau du Badian, about \$14-30 at L'Occitane, the Somerset Collection in Troy.

## Woes

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### Retreat

To say the least, my last attempt to remove the skirt — the over-the-head technique — looked as ridiculous as it was ineffective. Defeated, I decided to face up to my dressing room crimes.

Hand on derriere to cover the unzipped zipper, I approached the friendly sales clerks at Nordstrom and explained my predicament.

They, too, tugged and pulled to no avail. After a few minutes, they called the store's alterations department to request help from a seamstress.

"You can go back to your room," the clerk told me, her finger pointed at the dressing rooms. I returned, head bowed like a bad puppy dog, fearing the worst. Embarrassment and fear quickly turned to impatience, as I waited, trapped in my damaged Cinderella gear, trapped in the dressing room, with nothing to do.

At last, the seamstress arrived. After tugging and pulling, she, too, concluded the zipper was a lost cause. And, before I could say a word, snip, snip, I heard the sound of scissors doing their dirty work.

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### Apologies

Fearing my checking account would soon be drained and I would be left with a skirt I never wanted to see again, I returned to the sales counter.

"I'm so sorry," I said, handing over the skirt. "I don't know what to say. I don't know what happened. I was just ..." the clerk interrupted. "Oh, that's all right. We'll just put in a new zipper," she said with a smile.

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### WHAT WE FOUND:

— "Jeeves the Butler" can be found at The Bombay Company at Oakland Mall in Troy and at Lawler's Hallmark at Long Lake and Livermore roads in Troy.

### WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

— Shaded cloth material to make awnings for RV's for Rod.

— Window display mannequins for Terri.

— Peach Hyacinth bath gel from Victoria Secret for Delphine.

— A 1973 Waterford Mott High School yearbook for Edith.

— A store that sells Kemp's Smoothie (an ice cream and yogurt product) for Pat.

— A Mrs. Beasley doll for Dawn.

— A store that sells plastic doorway covers for use during remodeling for Donna, a resident of Westland.

— Laundry sock clip or rings for Faye.

— A Shell pest strip for Bob.

— A replacement glass for a tip-glass coffee carafe for Linda.

— Hal Lindsey's book "A pathetical walk through the

Holy Land" for Debbie.

— A 1998 City of Rochester Christmas ornament of the Chapman House, copies of Time's book "Year in Review" from 1988 and 1991 and a 1974 St. Joan of Arc Elementary School yearbook for Tom.

— Birmingham Seaholm High School yearbooks from 1969 and 1971 for Donna.

— A "Julie" comforter, pillow sham and curtain set (with a little girl motif) for Sherry. Kmart carried the line.

— A 1964 Bentley High School women's class ring for Linda.

— Minute Rub lotion by Proctor Gamble for Phyllis.

— A store where instructions for making hand-sewn Daran fabric bags is available or sold for Alice.

— A 1953 Central High School yearbook for Faye.

— The game Catch Phrase for Elizabeth, a resident of Livonia.

— A 1948 Clawson High School yearbook for Betty.

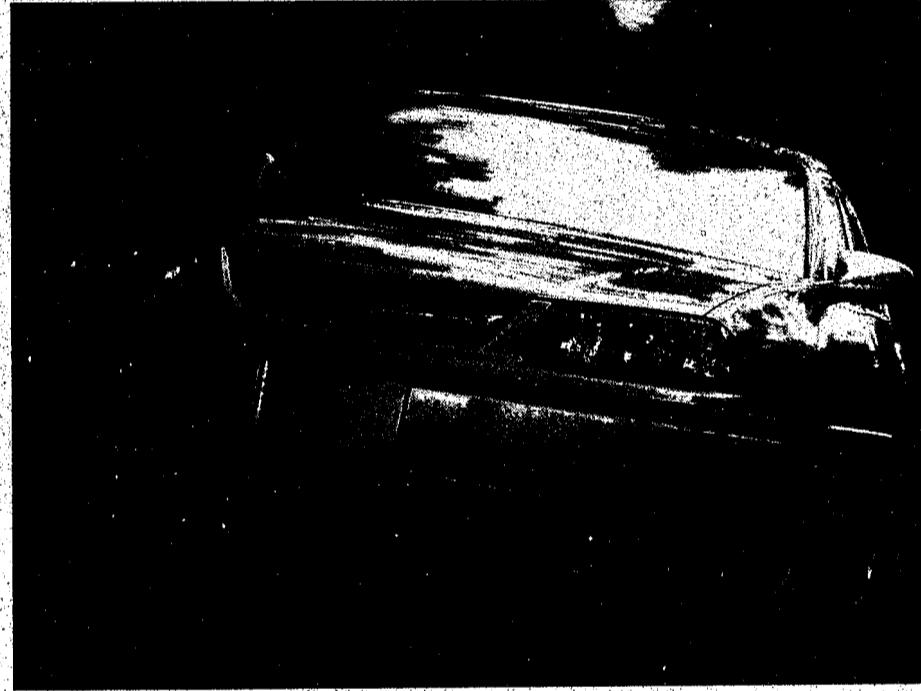
— An Ekco Baker's Secret pan called "Muffins and More" for Evelyn.

— A current address for 5th Avenue Handbags and the recipe for Tiny Chess tarts, which are made with cottage cheese.

— A portable wine storage cabinet with a minimum capacity of 200 bottles for Joe, of Livonia.

— Compiled by Sandra Jarackas

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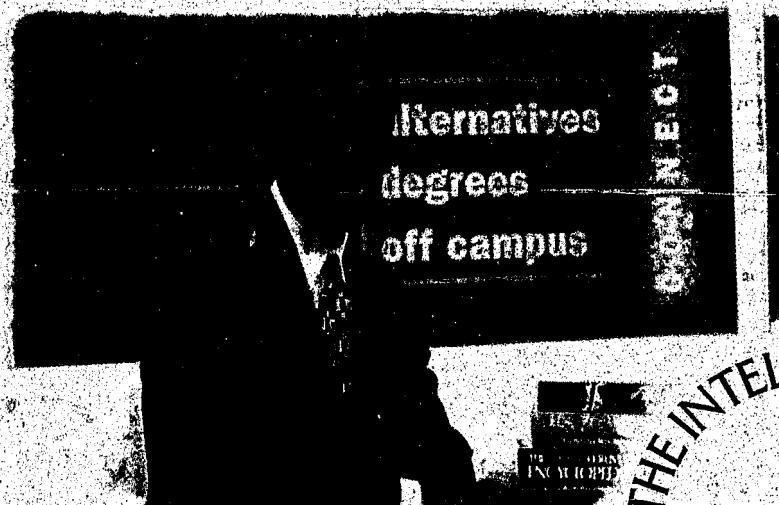
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# Taste

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African American recipes

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## HOME SENSE



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### Store food properly to stay well

**D**o you know that home kitchens are the source of more food-related illnesses than restaurants? How many times have you or someone in your family said, "I don't feel good. It must have been something I ate?"

Improper storage increases the risk of food poisoning and can result in loss of nutrients and flavor. Here are some do's and don'ts to remember:

Don't refrigerate tomatoes; they'll lose their flavor. Let them ripen at room temperature. They will be more juicy and flavorful. Keep tomatoes out of the sun when you're trying to ripen them. The sun will destroy some of the vitamins, and they will ripen unevenly.

If tomatoes are not ripe, they can be ripened by putting them in a paper bag with an apple or banana. The natural ethylene gas given off by those fruits ripens the tomato. After they are ripened, tomatoes can be refrigerated for a couple of days, but store them in the warmest part of the refrigerator. The refrigerator door is the best place.

Keep regular or sweet potatoes in a cool, dry, dark, well-ventilated location, not in the refrigerator. The starch in potatoes will turn to sugar faster in the refrigerator. Once they start to sprout, throw them out.

#### Storing onions

Don't store onions with potatoes. The onions produce a gas that causes potatoes to rot faster. Store onions in a cool, dry, ventilated place away from the potatoes.

In the refrigerator bread will lose moisture and go stale faster. It's a better idea to keep the bread in the freezer and use as needed. This is particularly important for whole-wheat bread or breads made without preservatives.

Banana skins turn black in the refrigerator. Bananas are still edible but may lose some of their flavor and texture.

To keep vegetables green and fresh, line the bottom of the storage compartment in the refrigerator with paper towels. This absorbs excess moisture, keeping vegetables fresh and crisp.

Ripe pears at room temperature, then refrigerate before eating or keep them cold; it slows the ripening process. Oranges yield more juice if left at room temperature.

Leaving apples at room temperature hastens the ripeness and mushiness of the fruit. Keep them in the refrigerator — they'll be good for several weeks.

#### Under the sink storage

Storing food under the sink is potentially dangerous. Leaking or sweating pipes can rust cans and damage boxes. Food stored under the sink can attract rodents and insects. There are drain pipes and heating pipes under the sink that can also cause food spoilage.

When refrigerating cottage cheese, turn the container upside-down on a plate. This creates a better seal against air. Remember that soft cheeses are more perishable than hard ones. Cottage cheese should be used within two to three days after opening.

#### Nuts

Nuts are best refrigerated or frozen for longer storage. Because they're high in fat, they can turn rancid. The same goes for peanut butter that is stored for a long time. Refrigerate peanut butter even though it's less spreadable when cold. Syrup and honey are better protected from mold if kept in the refrigerator. If crystals form, simply place container in hot water before using.

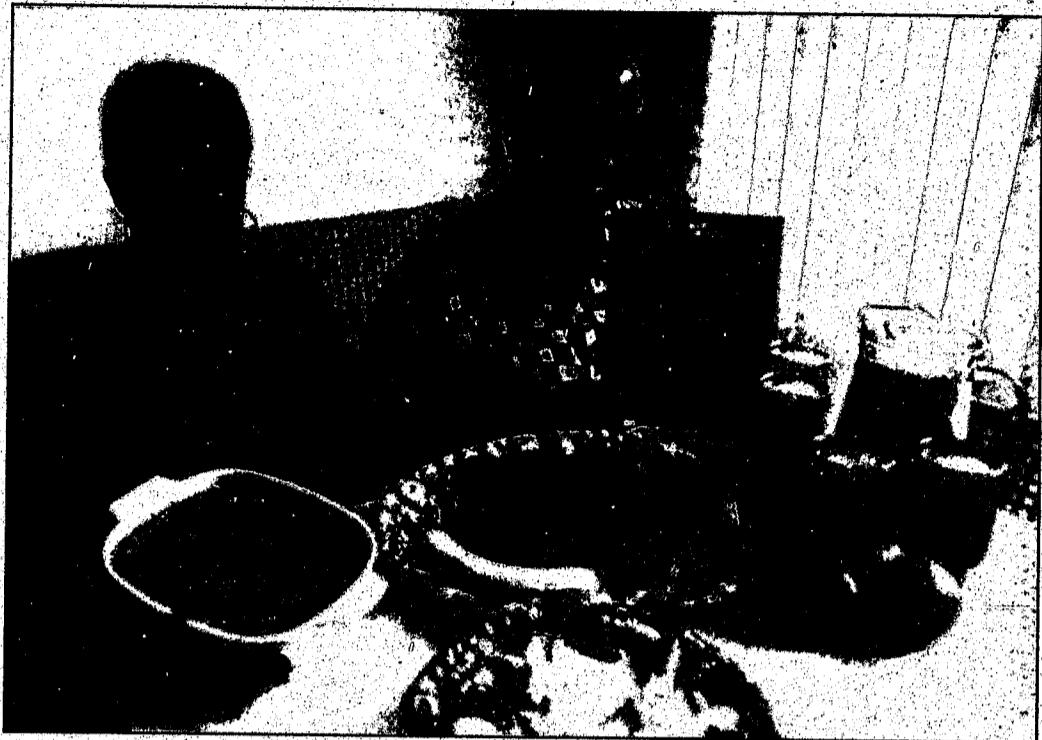
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## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Michigan apple season begins
- Delicious Rosh Hashana ideas

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African American Foodways: Howard Paige, author of "Aspects of African American Foodways," and his wife, Mamie, present hominy and tomatoes (from left and clockwise), banana fritters, mango ice drink and creamed turkey over toast. These are some of the dishes featured in his cookbook.

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## OUT OF AFRICA

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"There are no soul people and no soul land," said cookbook author Howard Paige of Southfield, explaining why "Soul Food" is a poor term to describe African American cooking.

"It completely ignores history," said Paige, who has been researching African American food traditions for the past 20 years. He's already published two cookbooks — "Aspects of Afro-American Cookery" and "African American Family Cookery," but his third book, "Aspects of African American Foodways," published in August, is the one he wanted to write all along. "I felt the first two books weren't as comprehensive as they ought to be," said Paige.

His quest began as he was looking for information about African American cooking and discovered there wasn't much to be found.

"Aspects of African American Foodways" is part of his continuing journey to find and explain the truth about the foods of his motherland — Africa. He'd like his book to be in every library so that people understand African American cooking isn't something that was invented in the 1960s and 1970s when people started talking about "Soul Food." It's a tradition rooted in West Africa, whose history in America can be traced to Colonial times.

Paige's book is one part history les-

son, one part cookbook, blended and presented to the reader in an easy-to-understand format with nearly 200 recipes and more than 30 illustrations. It begins in early Africa, with emphasis on West Africa during the 16th-18th centuries, and continues through the American Civil War.

When he uses the term "foodways," Paige is referring to the culture, history, traditions, anecdotes, happiness, pain and suffering that African Americans associate with their foods.

In "Aspects of African American Foodways," Paige tells a story, offering ingredients from the past to put the present in perspective. Okra, yams and black-eyed peas are not indigenous to the South, but were some of the foods cooked in 16th-18th century West African kitchens.

In the chapter "What is African American Cooking?" Paige takes the reader on a culinary trip beginning in 16th-18th century West Africa. He chose this time period because it was when most West Africans were seized, brought here and commonly used as cooks in early colonial homes.

You'll learn about the cooking utensils West African cooks used and how they cooked their foods. As an example,

Paige offers a banana fritter recipe.

From there it's off to the West Indies, where Africans were brought in bondage to work. They also brought their culinary traditions, and as examples, Paige offers recipes for Mango Ice Drink and Sweet and Sour Pork, with equal helpings of history.

Next he visits Colonial America and the kitchens of George Washington and the plantation where Frederick Douglass grew up.

You'll be introduced to "The Fieldhand Cooks" and their recipes for beaten biscuits and sweet potato pie. Learn how to make hoe cakes as cited by a "slave in his own words" and the history of Tallahassee Hush Puppies.

"Aspects of African American Foodways" is a cookbook you can use to prepare delicious meals for your family and also learn a little history.

Paige did his homework, both in and out of the kitchen, with help from his wife, Mamie. There are kitchen-tested recipes for the familiar macaroni and cheese, old-fashioned rice pudding, Chicken Creole Gumbo and chicken hash, and some that are interesting from a historical perspective, such as fried squirrel.

Among the people you'll meet is

Robert Roberts, a free African American who, in 1827, wrote the "House Servant's Directory," which also included cooking information. While doing his research, Paige discovered that Roberts' book was the first book by an African American published by a commercial publisher.

Paige is at work on the next volume of "Aspects of African American Foodways" that will pick up after the Civil War.

He recently retired from Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn where he worked as a medical technologist. Paige has lectured extensively throughout metro Detroit about "African American Foodways" and has taught cooking classes.

You can order "Aspects of African American Foodways" directly from Paige. To order the book by mail, make check for \$29.95 (includes postage and handling) payable to Howard Paige, Aspects Publishing Co., 23905 Plum Brook Dr., Southfield, MI 48075.

The book is also available for purchase at Truth Bookstore in Northland Mall and at Book Beat in Oak Park. Paige will be signing copies of his book 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Shrine of the Black Madonna, 13535 Livernois, Detroit.

See recipes inside.

## Get an A+ in school lunch nutrition



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Snack: Oat-Raisin Applesauce Cookies are a delicious low-fat lunch box or anytime snack.

Whether your child carries a superhero lunch box, a colorful insulated tote or a functional brown bag, it's what's inside that really makes the difference when it comes to good nutrition. Now that kids are going back to school, here are some ideas for healthy lunches

and dried fruit like raisins are also healthy options.

Growing kids need protein, so include a two-ounce serving of meat, poultry, fish, cheese, yogurt, peanut butter, nuts or beans. Calcium-rich dairy products are important, while meat and eggs are rich in dietary zinc and iron

that youngsters need in good supply.

For kids, sweets and fats are especially appealing additions to lunches, but remember to include them in moderation. As much as possible, try to offset the empty calories by sending fruit-filled cookies, granola bars or even sweetened cereals. As an alternative to potato chips, try pretzels or baked tortilla

chips with salsa.

Packing a wholesome lunch each day is a great way to teach your children healthy eating habits while you provide proper nutrition for their growing bodies. Poor eating habits, particularly diets heavy in sweets and fats, can cause childhood obesity, which is likely to continue into adulthood.

Please see NUTRITION, B2

## Sense from page B1

Coffee and tea should be kept tightly covered to stay fresh. They keep best refrigerated or frozen. Cabinets over the stove get hot, so spices, packaged and canned foods won't last long under such conditions. Store these foods somewhere else. Use above the stove places for storage of seldom used pots and pans.

Butter and margarine should be refrigerated. Wrap them well if you are refrigerating or freezing as both can pick up odors from other foods.

The refrigerator door does not stay as cold as the rest of the refrigerator, so do not store highly perishable foods there such as milk or eggs. Use the door for storing condiments, such as salad dressings, mustard, catsup, etc.

Some dry packaged foods and canned foods require refrigeration once they are opened, some even before they are opened. Get into the habit of checking labels for storage information. If you buy the product out of the refrigerator case at the store, it will require home refrigeration.

The faster foods are cooled, the less time there is for bacteria to grow. Avoid putting hot leftovers into large containers to refrigerate. The center may be dangerous.

*Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the Michigan State University Extension — Oakland County. For answers to food questions, call the hot line (248) 858-0904.*

er in a medium sized mixing bowl. Make a well in the center of the flour mixture. Add 1/3 of the eggs and 1/3 of the milk at a time. Whisk as you add to make the batter smooth. Continue until all the eggs and the milk is well blended. Set aside to stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.

Place corn oil in a deep fryer, or in a heavy frying pan to a depth of 2-3 inches, and heat to a temperature 360-375 degrees.

Drop by tablespoon into hot oil and fry until golden brown on all sides. Fry only about 2 or 3 at a time. Remove with large perforated spoon. Drain and place on

absorbent paper.

Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Makes about 16-18 fritters. Serve hot.

### BANANA FRITTERS (NIGERIA)

1 1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
5-6 tablespoons sugar  
5-6 regular sized bananas, peeled, sliced, and mashed into a smooth consistency  
1 cup 1 percent milk  
3 eggs, slightly beaten  
Confectioners' sugar

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Pour into ice-cube tray and freeze for 2 1/2 to 3 hours. Stir every 25-30 minutes into a snowy consistency. Serves 6-8

### MANGO ICE DRINK (JAMAICA)

4 mangoes, ripe  
2 cups water  
1 teaspoon orange zest  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup lime juice  
4 cups orange juice

Peel mangoes. Cut mango flesh away from its stone into coarse pieces. Make mango puree by rubbing mango through a sieve or straining through a rice mill. Set aside in a bowl.

Combine water, orange zest and sugar in a small sized boiling pan and bring to a boil. Stir until all the sugar has dissolved. Remove from heat and let cool at room temperature. After cooling, add the mango puree and lime and orange juices. Mix well.

Place hominy in vegetable oiled baking dish, add tomatoes (including the tomato juice) and seasonings. Mix. Cover with bread crumbs, cheese, and then bacon.

Bake in slow oven at 325 degrees for 25-30 minutes, or until bacon is golden brown and crispy. Serves 6-8

medium speed until combined. Add egg whites, Michigan applesauce and vanilla. Beat well. Add flour mixture, mixing on low speed until thoroughly combined. Stir in rolled oats and raisins. Drop by slightly rounded measuring tablespoon onto baking sheets coated with cooking spray.

Bake at 350 degrees F. about 13 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool 2 minutes on baking sheet. Remove and cool on wire racks. Store in airtight container. Yield: 4 dozen cookies, 2 1/2 inches in diameter.

Nutrition information per serving, 1 cookie: 100 calories, 2 g Fat, 0 mg Cholesterol, 18 g Carbohydrates, 70 mg Sodium, 1 g Fiber.

*Recipes compliments of the Michigan Apple Committee.*

### CHEWY FRUIT SQUARES

Cooking spray  
1/3 cup sifted all-purpose flour  
1/4 cup sifted whole wheat pastry flour  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

Stir together flour, salt, soda and cinnamon. Set aside.

In large mixer bowl, beat together margarine and sugar on



Lunch box cookies: Surprise your kids with Chewy Fruit Squares. They can be part of a nutritious lunch.

cornstarch, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, ginger, brown sugar and nuts; blend. Add fruits to dry ingredients and toss well.

In a cup, lightly beat the egg, egg white, juice and oil, then stir into the flour mixture until thoroughly moistened. Turn batter into pan and spread out. Bake 25 minutes or until golden.

Cool 10 minutes in pan on wire rack. Cut and cool completely. Store in an airtight container for up to one week.

Nutritional information: each of the 16 fruit squares contains 125 calories and 2 grams of fat.

*Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.*

In a large bowl, combine flours,

## Cook and learn 'Aspects of African American Foodways'

See related story on Taste Front. Recipes from "Aspects of African American Foodways" by Howard Paige. Published by Aspects Publishing Company, Southfield.

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Drop by tablespoon into hot oil and fry until golden brown on all sides. Fry only about 2 or 3 at a time. Remove with large perforated spoon. Drain and place on

absorbent paper.

Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Makes about 16-18 fritters. Serve hot.

### MANGO ICE DRINK (JAMAICA)

4 mangoes, ripe  
2 cups water  
1 teaspoon orange zest  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup lime juice  
4 cups orange juice

Peel mangoes. Cut mango flesh away from its stone into coarse pieces. Make mango puree by rubbing mango through a sieve or straining through a rice mill. Set aside in a bowl.

Combine water, orange zest and sugar in a small sized boiling pan and bring to a boil. Stir until all the sugar has dissolved. Remove from heat and let cool at room temperature. After cooling, add the mango puree and lime and orange juices. Mix well.

Place hominy in vegetable oiled baking dish, add tomatoes (including the tomato juice) and seasonings. Mix. Cover with bread crumbs, cheese, and then bacon.

Bake in slow oven at 325 degrees for 25-30 minutes, or until bacon is golden brown and crispy. Serves 6-8

### FRIED OR BAKED RABBIT (COLONIAL PERIOD)

2 young rabbits, 1 1/2 - 2 pounds, cut into serving pieces  
salt  
black pepper  
1 clove garlic, split  
3/4 cup butter or margarine  
3/4 cup 1 percent or 2 percent milk plus

3/4 cup cream, mixed together

Rub garlic well into each piece of rabbit. Season with salt and pepper, rubbing seasoning well into rabbit.

Melt the butter in a frying pan. Add meat and cook to brown on all sides under medium-high.

To bake rabbit, remove meat from flame and pour in 1/2 cup boiling water. Return to top of stove, cover and cook at moderate temperature 25-40 minutes or until tender.

Pour off the liquid, add the half cream, half milk, cover and put in a preheated oven for 10-15 minutes at 350 degrees. Season to your taste with salt and pepper. Serve with rice. Serves 5-6.

### FRIED BUFFALO OR CATFISH (COLONIAL PERIOD)

2-3 pounds fish, cut into fillets  
1/4 cup 1 percent milk  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
1 cup yellow or white cornmeal  
Salt  
Black pepper  
Red pepper (Cayenne pepper)  
Vegetable oil

Wash fillets, dry and season fish. Beat egg in milk and dip fish in it. Then in cornmeal. Coat all over. Heat oil to 350-375 degrees F. and fry fish until golden brown on both sides. Drain on paper towel and serve.

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## CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

## Meadow Brook Theatre's delicate balancing act

The lack of a thriving theater community in the metro region is the main reason for the current dilemma facing Meadow Brook Theatre.

Call it the "Can't Be Everything to Everyone" Syndrome.

For better or worse, Meadow Brook is expected to present what a community of theaters offer in other major cities.

That's the reality. Unfair? Anyone who has chosen theater as a profession knows better than to expect fairness.

These days, the most compelling drama might be how a regional theater can survive the competition from movie houses, videos, the boob tube and the latest cash-cow Broadway revival in town.

It isn't easy. And it's far from simple.

### At a crossroads

After the spring departure of artistic director Geoffrey Sherman, and the selection of a less than exciting season schedule, some have contend that Meadow Brook has maneuvered off course.

Shouldn't it be producing cutting-edge material? What about a commitment to the classics? Did anyone mention work by contemporary playwrights? How about reaching out to diversify its mostly white, suburban audience?

The question, of course, is what direction was Meadow Brook moving in the first place?

For the present time, the direction is clearly inward.

"This is a year of planning," said Debra Wicks, interim director. "Taking hard look at ourselves is a major step forward."

Admittedly Meadow Brook is at a crossroads unlike at any other time in its 30-year history. And its first order of business is to find ways to please those people who support the theater — season ticket-holders, said Wicks.

### Too quick to judge

Two years ago Wicks portrayed the vivacious and outrageous Ghost of Christmas Present in Meadow Brook's annual "A Christmas Carol."

Today Wicks' role is more mundane but will require every bit of that theatrical magic.

**Meadow Brook Theatre Season**

- "The Odd Couple," Sept. 15-Oct. 10
- "Intypes," Oct. 20-Nov. 14
- "A Christmas Carol," Nov. 20-Dec. 26
- "Dangerous Obsession," Jan. 5-30
- "All My Sons," Feb. 9-March 5
- "Gogol's Arabian Nights," March 16-April 9
- "Crimes of the Heart," April 19-May 14

The theater is in Wilson Hall on the Oakland University campus between Squirrel and Adams roads, Rochester Hills. For more information, call (248) 377-3300 or [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com).

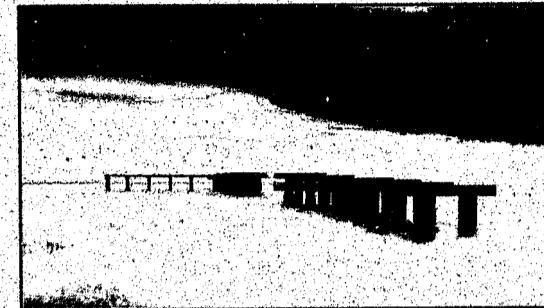
(is necessary) have been too quick to judge the upcoming season's selection of plays. While it is, by anyone's standard, a conservative line-up, there's more to the season than meets the eye.

And that, in any language, is spelled M-O-N-E-Y.

### A tenuous bond

"This season we've looked at what the subscriber-base wanted," said

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**Mystical:** The photography of William P. Thayer of Redford is among the featured work in the fine arts exhibit at "Arts, Beats & Eats."

## Expecting a charm the second time

### EXPANDED 'ARTS, BEATS & EATS' QUICKLY BECOMING A CAN'T MISS CULTURAL CELEBRATION

**Pack 'em in:** Last year's "Arts, Beats & Eats" festival in downtown Pontiac was a popular and critical success. Organizers expect this year's expanded festival to attract more than 700,000 people.

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**I**t's nearly half-an-hour past the scheduled meeting time, and there's no sign of Jon Witz.

And to say the least, that's unusual. Especially along the gritty streets of downtown Pontiac, where, for the past 18 months, Witz has been a prominent talking billboard promoting his pet project, "Arts, Beats & Eats," a four-day arts festival labeled as the city's latest hope for economic renewal.

Witz and his staff have been working nearly around the clock, holed up on the fourth floor in one of downtown Pontiac's high-rises along Saginaw Street, where 750,000 visitors are expected to stroll during the second annual "Arts, Beats & Eats" festival over Labor Day weekend.

When Witz arrives at the meeting to discuss this year's expanded festival, he appears as a modern-day promoter. He lumbers down the side-

walk, as a linebacker in search of prey, clutching a beefy briefcase and pressing a cell phone to his ear.

"I'm a promoter and it's easy to promote something you believe in," said Witz, who oversaw promotions for Clubland and the State Theater in downtown Detroit in the early 1990s before opening his own promotions firm in 1994.

While Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Pontiac Mayor Walter Moore provide the political clout behind the festival, Witz is in the day-to-day pursuit of transforming downtown Pontiac into a thriving marketplace festival that resembles Taste of Chicago and the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

When Witz predicted that 250,000 would attend last year's inaugural festival, many thought that it was merely promotional rhetoric. After all, "Arts, Beats & Eats" is held on the same holiday weekend as the popular Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, Michigan Renaissance Festival and Michigan State Fair.

Witz's prediction was, indeed, slightly off. In fact, it was too low. Nearly 400,000 showed up on the downtown streets during a late summer sweltering spell.

### Diversity is key

"We've come further and faster than anyone expected," he said. "The key is diversity in what is presented and a diverse audience."

Diversity at "Arts, Beats & Eats" translates into a range of art work, music and foods. The selection of artists, restaurateurs and special activities, according to Witz, is intended to appeal to every ethnic group and taste in the region.

The festival also takes pride in attracting families to the many special activities for children, including an expanded tent area for art exercises, games and performances.

More than 220 artists' booths will

be erected along Saginaw, Pike and Lawrence streets. Meanwhile, five stages will feature blues, jazz, rock, alternative and children's performers.

In addition, 40 restaurants, offering everything from Coney dogs to lobster, will serve their specialties.

From a fine arts and crafts standpoint, this year's lineup of artists has



**Urban environs:** Promoter Jon Witz (left) and Lisa Konikow, coordinator of the fine arts exhibit, are finalizing details for the upcoming "Arts, Beats & Eats" festival.

been selected from among more than 700 applications, up from less than 100 inquiries last year, said Lisa Konikow, who coordinates the fine arts.

The emphasis is more on two-dimensional work, especially painting and photography, she said.

After last year, the art fair component of the festival was included among the top 200 best in country,

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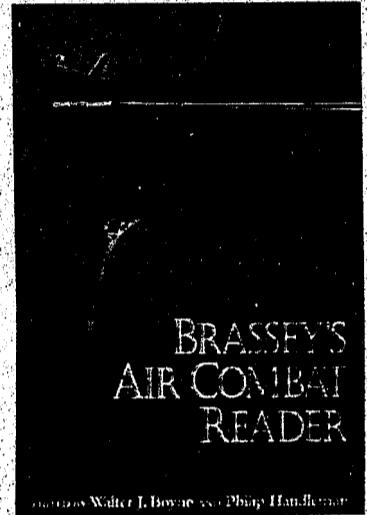
## Honoring those who pushed the aviation frontier

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
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Ask Philip Handelman a question — any question — about planes or aviation history, and expect to listen. Actually, you might want to take a seat for an unexpectedly long, albeit intensely fascinating, flight.

There are no short answers when it comes to Handelman's explanation about the men and machines of the great beyond.

"I try to provide the context in which to understand how and why the aircraft was conceived and applied," said Handelman from his private air strip, 25 miles north of his home in Birmingham.



**Take flight:** Local author Philip Handelman, a renowned aviation historian, has co-edited a collection of stories about heroic feats in the air.

In the northern edge of Oakland County, Handelman maintains a research library along with a collection of original aviation art and antique airplanes, including his pride and joy, a World War II vintage Stearman that has been restored to all of its bright-yellow glory.

Handelman and Walter Boyne, former director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum, have collaborated in editing a collection of writings entitled "Brassey's Air Combat Reader: Historic Feats and Aviation Legends."

The book, published in May by Brassey, presents varied accounts of the evolution of wartime aviation, from the bombs lobbed in the early days of World War I to the great battles of the sky in the World War II to the modern-day reliance on high-tech gadgetry.

"Through Vietnam, aviation combat was about good hand-eye coordination. Basically, out-flying the other guy," said Handelman.

"Today, whoever controls the electronic environment wins," he said. "We saw this decisively in the early 1980s when Israelis (flying state-of-the-art combat planes) scored lopsided victory over the Syrian (less-sophisticated) MiGs in the fight for control of the

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**For the love of jazz:** Farmington Harrison High School Jazz Band members Ryan Smith (left), Joe Walts, Kurt Schumacher, Chris Chiapelli and Adam Marshall played at Montreux Detroit two years ago.

## EDUCATION

### Students to jam at Montreux Detroit Jazz Fest

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Julie Bailey never forgot the jazz improvisation clinic she participated in two years ago at the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival.

Bailey, a senior at Farmington Harrison High School, plays trumpet in the

**What:** The 1999 Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival — features more than 120 free jazz events on five stages.

**When:** Noon to 11 p.m., Friday-Monday, Sept. 3-6

**Where:** Hart Plaza on Jefferson Avenue in downtown Detroit.

**What else:** Go to [www.montrexdetroitjazz.com](http://www.montrexdetroitjazz.com) on the Web for more information, or call (313) 570-PLAY.

**Special event:** Kick-off picnic @ p.m., Thursday, Sept. 2 features music, food, dancing and fun at the Kowalski Riverfront Cafe. Tickets start at \$1.00 and are limited. Proceeds benefit Music Hall, producer of the festival. Call (313) 962-4302.

jazz band. At Montreux Detroit, she learned improvisation basics, and performed with her school's jazz band.

"It was a lot of fun," said Bailey who began playing trumpet in fifth grade. "There were a lot of professional jazz musicians and to be playing on the same stage it was pretty cool. It's amazing hearing some of the trumpet players. They play so high. At the improvisation clinic, I learned to play in the right key and how to feel from your heart."

This year more than 24 high school and college bands and ensembles will perform at Montreux Detroit, including the Farmington Harrison High School Jazz Band under the direction of Mark Phillips. Educating and encouraging future jazz musicians by offering clinics and giving students a chance to perform has been part of Montreux Detroit since the festival's beginning.

"The educational programs have expanded in the last seven years," said Jack Pierson, a former Livonia resident who moved to Northville. Pierson

works with the educational programs committee, which includes Ernie Rodgers, Louis Smith and Paul Stander, director of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association based on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The goal of the committee is to make sure jazz remains a viable force.

Pierson will present a clinic 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5. "We're having more high school and college bands play and improvisational clinics with all of the clinicians giving handouts," he said.

"All realize the importance of jazz, it being the only true American art form. We have clinics on improvisation for those who have never improvised and then advanced improv. There are eight separate sessions open to everyone, not just students, and a meet-the-performer. Kids can come down to jam with a rhythm section."

### Educational programs

All of the programs revolve around

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listed by "Sunshine" magazine. The 90 artists who displayed their work recorded \$600,000 in sales, an average of \$6,700 in revenue for each artist.

Unlike other large-scale art fairs, "Arts, Beats & Eats" will feature work of artists represented by 14 local galleries, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center and the Creative Arts Center of Pontiac.

In addition, several Native American artists will be featured in an exhibit sponsored by the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort.

"Why do people have to drive out of Oakland County when they want to experience culture," said Konikow. "They can come to Pontiac."

Based on the critical and popular success of last year's festival, even terminal naysayers might be convinced that the inaugural "Arts, Beats & Eats" wasn't a

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fluke.

Second time a charm? Witz has proven that he isn't one to leave things to chance.

"This is about bringing together people of all different ages and backgrounds," said Witz. "Everyone should find something that they will enjoy."

skies, however, is only half the story in "Historic Feats and Aviation Legends." Ultimately, those who fight in the skies embody the universal human ambition to explore and push the boundaries of the known, said Handelman.

"The single most important ingredient in the composition of a military pilot is honesty," he said.

"In the sky, there's no margin for error. There's no way to bluff your way. You're dealing with the unforgiving laws of physics."

Despite the preoccupation with engineering, aerodynamics and high-tech electronics, success in aviation combat, according to Handelman, usually comes down to a highly unscientific personal quality.

"Character" is the spirit that all the great warriors of the sky have in common."

"The experience of playing a festival and being in a festival

creating better jazz musicians. Band directors, and anyone interested in hearing the newest sheet music releases, may join Pierson and a reading band comprised of jazz educators, including Rodgers, 1:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4.

"It's set up for band directors so they can hear the newest releases," said Pierson. "So many of our band directors going through college have no experience in jazz. Every student going through college to be a director should have the opportunity to play in a big band."

### Montreux gig an honor

Students vie for the honor of performing at Montreux Detroit. College groups submit tapes. High school bands are chosen by Stanifer. Members of the International Association of Jazz Educators critique the performers. Later, the groups will receive a cassette of their performance, and a written evaluation which suggests ways to improve their playing.

"They're selected on the basis that they were participants in the MSBOA jazz festivals throughout the year and their scores were significant," said Stanifer explaining how groups are chosen to perform.

### Jazz is fun

This is Mark Tripp's first time playing Montreux Detroit. It's also the last time the West Bloomfield resident will be playing with the Farmington Harrison Jazz Band, which earlier this year played at a Stan Kenton tribute concert at Clarenceville High School in Livonia. Tripp's headed for the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor this fall to study engineering.

"I'm looking forward to playing and watching other people playing," said Tripp. "I like jazz. It's fun to play."

Performances by student bands have been part of Montreux Detroit since its founding 20 years ago. Matt Michaels, director of jazz studies at Wayne State University, conducted the school's jazz band at the first Montreux Detroit in 1980.

"The experience of playing a

festival and being in a festival

with professional players is important for the students," said Michaels, a Southfield pianist whose jazz trio plays at Ron's Fireside Inn in Garden City.

Drummer Jason Gittinger backs up Michaels thoughts about the benefits students reap from performing in the festival.

He's playing Montreux Detroit with the Wayne State University Jazz Band for a second time. Gittinger, who attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for seven summers, transferred to Wayne State University from a college in Columbus, Ohio.

"If there's anything exciting about playing, it's we get to play with all of the great musicians, great people in jazz," said Gittinger, who attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for seven summers, transferred to Wayne State University from a college in Columbus, Ohio.

Pianist Tom Dennis will perform with the Wayne State University Jazz Combo comprised of five undergrad and grad students. A White Lake resident, Dennis says "it's a big deal, a

### Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival Education Schedule

#### Friday, Sept. 3

Hudson's/Telgent Stage  
Noon - Jackson Parkside Middle School Jazz Band  
2:45 p.m. - West Bloomfield High School Jazz Ensemble  
4 p.m. - Mott Middle College High School Steel Band

5:15 p.m. - Wayne State University Jazz Band  
6:45 p.m. - Montreux Metro All Stars

Pepsi Jam Academy

1 p.m. - SEMJA Jazz Clinic:  
Teddy Harris

5 p.m. - SEMJA Jazz Clinic:  
Wendell Harrison

6:30 p.m. - Student Jam Session w/ Pat Prouty Trio

Kowalski Riverfront Café

1 p.m. - Monroe High School Neo-Classical Jazz Quartet

2:45 p.m. - Monroe High School Neo-Classical Jazz Quartet

4:30 p.m. - Washtenaw Community College Jazz Combo

6:30 p.m. - Washtenaw Community College Jazz Combo

#### Sunday, Sept. 5

#### Hudson's/Telgent Stage

Noon - Eaton Rapids High School Jazz Band

1:15 p.m. - IAJE's Sisters In Jazz

2:45 p.m. - Sterling Heights Henry Ford II Jazz Ensemble

4 p.m. - East Kentwood High School Jazz Band

5:15 p.m. - U of M-Flint Jazz Ensemble

6:45 p.m. - Sterling Heights Stevenson Jazz Ensemble

Pepsi Jam Academy

1 p.m. - SEMJA Jazz Clinic:  
Jack Pierson

3:45 p.m. - Meet the Artist:  
Elvin Jones

5 p.m. - SEMJA Jazz Clinic:  
Andrew Speight

6:30 p.m. - Student Jam Ses-

sion w/ Pat Prouty Trio  
Kowalski Riverfront Café  
1 p.m. - Montreux Metro All Stars  
4:30 p.m. - U of M-Flint Jazz Combo  
6:30 p.m. - U of M-Flint Jazz Combo

#### Monday, Sept. 6

#### Ford/AirTouch Cellular Stage

12:30 p.m. - Central Michigan University Percussion Ensemble

2:30 p.m. - U of M Jazz Ensemble

Hudson's/Telgent Stage

Noon - Farmington Harrison High School Band

1:15 p.m. - Central Michigan University Jazz Band

2:45 p.m. - Ann Arbor Community High School Jazz Combo

4 p.m. - Chesaning Union High School Jazz Band

5:15 p.m. - Northville High School Jazz Ensemble

Pepsi Jam Academy

1 p.m. - SEMJA Jazz Clinic:  
Yusef Lateef

3:45 p.m. - Meet the Artist:  
Ernie Rodgers

5 p.m. - Student Jam Session w/ Pat Prouty Trio

Kowalski Riverfront Café

1 p.m. - Ferndale High School Pine-Quest!

2:45 p.m. - Ferndale High School Pine-Quest!

4:30 p.m. - Oberlin Jazz Septet

6:30 p.m. - Oberlin Jazz Septet

Lupp, McCabe, Detroit Mayor Coleman Young and several dignitaries from Montreux announced the first Detroit festival for the following Labor Day weekend.

Ever since then student bands have played at Montreux Detroit. Over the years, the clinics, meet the artists, and student jam sessions (this year with the Pat Prouty Trio) have allowed students the opportunity to experience the world of professional jazz.

"Educational programming has been part of Montreux since the beginning and it's very much the seed of the festival," said Jim Dulzo, Montreux Detroit director. "Jazz is an aural tradition. We do this fest to celebrate jazz. Part of something is making sure something continues. The very history of jazz is almost based on the mentoring process. Jazz is something you can't teach that well in the classroom."

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Bakka Valley."

There are other examples.

In the early 1990s, the allied forces proved that a war could be waged and won from the air during the Persian Gulf War. And earlier this year, a similar tack was taken in the strategic bombing campaign of Kosovo.

Handelman is among the foremost experts on aviation history. He has written 13 aviation-related books on racing, air shows and history.

Handelman's not only an accomplished pilot, but his photographic skills have earned him front-row honors at the annual Reno Air Races. And his photo of the Air Force Thunderbirds was the image featured on the 50th anniversary commemorative stamp honoring the U.S. Air Force.

Learning the history of the

real honor to play at Montreux." "It's the biggest festival around here and the most respected," said Dennis, a Wayne State grad student. "It's a good experience because it's a major production. It's a real sense of accomplishment to play in it."

### Investing in futures

Don Lupp probably never dreamed when he proposed the festival back in the 1970s that it would grow to attract nearly 800,000 jazz lovers annually.

Lupp, a jazz educator at Henry Ford Community College, was the North American representative responsible for coordinating the college and high school bands who would play at the prestigious Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. It was Lupp who proposed a collaboration between Detroit and the Switzerland festival to Bob McCabe, president of Detroit Renaissance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to rebuilding the city. In the winter of 1979,

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the subscriber-base wanted," said Wicks, noting that in the past, the selection of plays was based on the "vision" of the artistic director.

The result is the crowd-favorite, season-opener, "The Odd Couple."

With a few weeks before the first curtain, Wicks estimated more than \$20,000 in ticket sales for the show. Last year's opening-season play, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," sold about

\$8,000 at about this time.

Keep in mind that Meadow Brook's revenue comes 70 percent from ticket sales and 30 percent from donations and corporate sponsorships.

Other similar regional theaters across the country typically have an endowment to help finance their annual operating budgets.

"We're supposed to be creating art and making a profit at the same time," said Wicks. "We live

in an unfair world." The bond of art and business is like a tenuous marriage between two obstinate spouses who can't stand each other, yet have neither the desire nor interest to be without each other.

Sooner or later, they learn to accept their limitations and appreciate what they offer to each other.

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# Genders tangle in eloquent treatise on word vs. image



*The Alphabet Versus the Goddess*  
By Leonard Shlain, Penguin / Arkana, 1998, 432 pages, \$14.95

In a controversial yet eminently stimulating book, "The Alphabet Versus the Goddess: the Conflict between Word and Image," Leonard Shlain draws a startling link between literacy and patriarchy with the consequent decline in the status and freedom of women.

Early man, the author of "Art and Physics" reminds us, was dependent on imagery for perception and communication. Witness the drawings found in the caves of Lascaux and Altamira, the numerous statues of fertility goddesses unearthed by anthropologists, and the holistic manner in which we take in our environment. Images, along with nurturing, intuition, and speech, says Dr. Shlain, a vascular surgeon who has studied the different functions performed by each hemisphere of the brain, are processed by the brain's right frontal lobes.

The adoption of the alphabet, most likely an invention of the ancient Hebrews rather than the Phoenicians, writes Shlain, radically altered the brain's structure by strengthening certain neuronal pathways at the expense of others. By focusing on the abstract rather than on the concrete, the analytic rather than the holistic, growing literacy favored the left hemisphere, a phenomenon that opened the door to such fields as math, law, logic, science, architecture, and engineering.

But, Shlain maintains, alpha-

bet literacy also affected the balance of power if a wife serves her husband an unpalatable dish to burning thousands of women as witches.

Once an equal member of a pre-literate agricultural society and even the object of fertility worship, women gradually lost their eminence in a society that increasingly favored male rather than female ways of knowing. While each individual is endowed with the use of both hemispheres, Shlain explains, males are traditionally more oriented toward the left (the sphere used in hunter-killer activity), while females are more inclined to the right (the domain of the nurturer-gatherer).

Thus, the greater the stress on literacy and abstract reasoning, including the worship of God as spirit, the more antagonistic society became to feminine values and an earlier imagistic religion and culture.

Upon learning the alphabet, writes Shlain, "both women and men turned away from the worship of idols and animal totems that represent the images of nature, and began paying homage to the abstract logos ... The alphabet people's god became indisputably male and he would become disconnected from the things of the earth."

In a book that is breathtaking for its scope and scholarship, pole-vaulting its readers across cultures and through centuries of history, as well as into art, religion, mythology, anthropology and science, Shlain proposes a revolutionary interpretation of the human condition.

The alphabet and the lopsidedness it spawned must be credited with the great achievements of our civilization but also blamed for brutality and analytical cold-heartedness, especially toward women. In part, Shlain's book reads like a compendium of male atrocities against females,

from permitting divorce if a wife serves her husband an unpalatable dish to burning thousands of women as witches.

But the influence of the right hemisphere is returning at last, writes the author and chief of laparoscopic surgery at California-Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. The medium of film, along with photography and television, is inclining us toward female modes of perception and the feminine morality of nurture. Rather than expressing dismay at declining literacy, he sees a greater equilibrium between the two hemispheres of the brain as a benefit to civilization. A new "Golden Age" will usher in "the right hemispheric values of tolerance, caring, and respect of nature."

The circumstantial evidence Shlain admits to using will most certainly lead to questions and alternative interpretations.

Yet most readers will be humbled by the author's knowledge of history and command of the English language, a skill that combines scientific precision with a flair for story-telling and a poet's talent for metaphor. Shlain's theory sounds like the ultimate in reductionism, but his defense is both eloquent and persuasive.

Black-and-white photos of art work are included.

**Leonard Shlain will discuss his book and give a slide presentation at 7 p.m. on Monday, September 13, at Book Beat, 26010 Greenfield Road, Oak Park (248) 969-1190.**

**Esther Littmann is a resident of Bloomfield Township and a tutor in English and German. You can leave her a message on a touch-tone phone at (734) 953-2047. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.**

## BOOK HAPPENINGS

**Book Happenings** features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric News-papers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48151, or fax them to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail to [kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net).

### BOOK SIGNINGS

Farmington Observer reporter and Livonia resident Tim Smith will sign copies of his new book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!" ■ Thursday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m., Borders Books, Southfield-13 Mile roads, Beverly Hills.

■ Saturday, Sept. 11, 2-4 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Rochester Road in Rochester Hills.

■ Thursday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Telegraph south of Maple in Bloomfield Hills.

Smith can be contacted directly at (248) 477-5450.

### JCC BOOK FAIR

The Jewish Community Center will hold its annual Jewish book fair Nov. 6-14. Included in the event is the authors mini-fair 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. Deadline for submissions for the fair is Aug. 31. Books must be by a Jewish author or contain Jewish content. The fair will take place at the center's facilities in West Bloomfield and in Oak Park. More than 30 speakers will appear, and entertainment will be provided.

(both free). Call the center for submission requirements, (248) 661-7648.

### BORDERS (ANN ARBOR-DOWN-TOWN)

Author events include a Monday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. appearance by writer Diane Rehm, the National Public Radio host who battled back from a rare neurological disease (spasmodic dysphonia) that affected her voice. Her book, "Finding My Voice" details her life and struggles. Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Orson Scott Card will sign copies of "Ender's Shadow." Sci-fi master Card received a Hugo and a Nebula award for "Ender's Game" and for "Speaker for the Dead." Both events are at the store, 612 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 668-7652.

### SHAMAN DRUM BOOKSHOP

Author events include a Tuesday, Sept. 16, 4 to 6 p.m. visit by Phyllis Birnbaum, who wrote "Modern Girls, Shining Stars, The Skies of Tokyo" about the public lives of five Japanese women artists. Also, on Saturday, Sept. 18 from 8 to 10 p.m. Susan Minot will read from her latest novel "Evening." The book explores the deathbed remembrances of Ann Grant and her memories of a long ago passion. Both writers can be seen at the store, 313 South State Street, Ann Arbor, (734) 662-7407.

### BORDERS BY'HAM (ON S'FIELD RD.)

Sunday, Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. local writer Virginia Haroutunian will discuss and sign her book,

"Orphans in the Sand" about the desert death marches of the Armenians at the hands of the Ottoman Turks in 1915. She and her mother, the subject of the book, live in Bloomfield Hills. The book is an excellent source on Armenian life in the Near East and their later treatment at Ellis Island in New York. The store is at 31150, Southfield Road, (248) 644-1515.

### BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS)

Monday, Aug. 30 at 7:30 p.m. the romance reading group will discuss "Truly Madly Yours" by Rachael Gibson. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. the round table group will discuss Wally Lamb's "She's Come Undone." Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. the Sci-fi reading group will discuss "Sheepfarmers' Daughter" by Elizabeth Moon. The discussions groups meet at the store, 1122 south Rochester Road, Rochester Hills; (248) 652-0558.

### BARNES/NOBLE (B'FIELD HILLS)

Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. singer, songwriter, guitarist David Nefesh will perform original acoustic tunes, at the store, 6575 Telegraph (at Maple); (248) 540-4209.

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Positions open for concertmaster, second horn and strings. Auditions Wednesday, Sept. 1. To schedule, call (313) 565-2424.

**FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

Applications available for talented young people to join the 1999 Youth Artists Market and also people of all ages to participate in the Banners contest. The Festival is Sept. 18-19 on the campus of Wayne State University. To request an application, call (313) 577-5088.

**FOCUS: HOPE**

Artists and craftspeople wanted for "100 Creative Hands" Saturday.

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**FRANKLIN ARTS COUNCIL**

Applications available for artists interested in exhibition fine arts or crafts at Franklin's juried "Art on the Green," on Monday, Sept. 6. Send application and slides to: Franklin Arts Council, P.O. Box 250683, Franklin, MI, 48025, (248) 851-5438.

**GM CHORUS**

The General Motors Employees' Chorus is seeking new members for its Fall/Christmas season; No auditions required. Open to the public. Rehearsals 6:45-9 p.m., beginning Monday, Aug. 30 at Warren Woods Middle School, 11 Mile Road at Schoenherr. Must be at least 18 to join. Accepting new members through Monday, Sept. 13. The GM chorus will be performing with Judy Collins at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts on Dec. 3. For additional information, call (810) 447-2319.

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Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding auditions for the 1999-2000 season. Call Wendy Bernard (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

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Auditions 7:35 p.m., Tues., Sept. 7 at Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R, Madison Heights. The Chorale will perform two Holiday Cabaret concerts Dec. 3 and 7. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings. (248) 879-7444.

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Seeks artists to design the outdoor public billboard at the gallery, 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Proposals must be received by Thursday, Sept. 30. (248) 541-3444.

**CLASSES**

**ART MUSEUM PROJECT**  
The University of Michigan-Dear-

born is offering public, non-credit studio art classes and workshops beginning Saturday, Sept. 18. For a free brochure with fees, scheduling information, course descriptions and registration information, call (313) 593-5058.

**CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE**

Open fall registration 5-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30. Classes in ballet, jazz, tap, modern, hip hop and ballroom. 5951 John R, Troy. (248) 828-4080.

**DETROIT BALLET**

Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap, and jazz. Adult beginners welcome. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile Road. (248) 474-3174.

**EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE**

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Newly refurbished dance studio, 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills, opening for new enrollment. (248) 334-1300.

**KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES**

Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level, 11:30 a.m.-Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, at the studio, 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-8699.

**METRO DANCE**

Preschool through adult classes in ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop. Fall classes begin Saturday, Sept. 11.

541 S. Mill St., Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

**PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

Open registration now for fall classes which run Sept. 20 through Nov. 13. Classes held at

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**CLASSES**

**ART MUSEUM PROJECT**  
The University of Michigan-Dear-

PCCA, 407 Pine St., Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

**VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA**

Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes, at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

**CONCERTS****KIRK IN THE HILLS**

1999 Carrillon Series 10 a.m. and noon, Sunday, Aug. 29 and Sept. 5, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills.

**EVENTS****BEVERLY SILLS**

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Introduces young children to basic dance movements. 10:15 a.m. for children 3-years-old;

11:15 a.m.-noon for ages 4-5. Classes begin on Tuesday, Aug. 31 and run 9 weeks. Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

**DRAMA CLASS**

Improv, scene study and a study of the actual production process. Classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 1 and run for nine weeks. Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

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Classes begin Monday, Aug. 30 and run for seven sessions. Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

**STORYTELLING CLASS**

"Movin' with Maureen and Coco" is taught through original music, movement, puppets and story-telling. 10:11:15 a.m. for ages 3-18 months to 3 years; 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. for ages 3-4. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 1 for nine weeks.

Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-1000.

**WINE & COOKING CLASS**

Nature Place open for daily activi-

ties, also "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters" exhibit through Sept. 6. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK.

**DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**

"Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn" through Oct. 31. "Where the Girls Are: Prints by Women from the DIA's Collection" through Sept. 26. "Ancient Gold: The Wealth of the Thracians: Treasures from the Republic of Bulgaria" through Aug. 29. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

**U-M MUSEUM OF ART**

Through Sept. 12 - Touchstone: 200 years of artists' lithographs; Through Sept. 26 - "Paris Circa 1900," 525 S. State, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0395.

**GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)****ANETWORK**

Opens Sept. 3 - Decades: John Glick, Carol Green, Kathryn Sharbaugh, Martina Thies. Opening reception 7-10 p.m., Fri., Sept. 3; 7 Ngrth Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-3911.

**ROYAL OAK LIBRARY**

Opens Sept. 1 - Robert Tucker's "Collage: Correlations in Mind" through Sept. 30. Royal Oak Public Library, Eleven Mile and Troy, Royal Oak.

**GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)****ART LEADERS GALLERY**

Through Aug. 31 - The works of Sabzi, 33216 W. 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 539-0262.

**BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE**

Through Aug. 31 - Fiber artist Muriel Jacobs' one-woman show, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

**MUSEUMS****CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE**

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## Wolves hope depth helps them back to soccer prominence

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Two years ago, Clarkston enjoyed one of its finest seasons in the sport of boys soccer.

The Wolves finished second in the Oakland Activities Association Division II and won a Division I district championship. Last year, however, was not the same story.

Even with 13 seniors, Clarkston finished in a disappointing fourth-place tie in their division with Ortonville-Bram-

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don behind Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Royal Oak Kimball and West Bloomfield, and struggled with consistency.

"We got off to a bad start," said veteran Clarkston coach Dan Fitzgerald. "We did not have a very good preseason and it showed. We lost a lot of games early and never got into a good rhythm. As the season went along, we played better against the good teams and we struggled with teams with lesser talent."

The Wolves did salvage their season somewhat when they posted the biggest upset of the state tournament, nipping then-sixth-ranked and OAA Division I champion Rochester Adams 2-1 in the district finals at Adams. The Highlanders are this year's heavy favorites to win the Division I state crown.

"That kind of salvaged things a little bit," said Fitzgerald. "Any time you beat a team like Adams, it means something. Nobody in the world thought we could do that."

Fitzgerald hopes that win will give his returning players confidence head-

ing into the 1999 campaign.

"I think our players learned that if they believe in themselves, that things like that win over Adams can happen," he said. "We've had one of the best pre-seasons that we've ever had this year. Now, if we can get off to a good start, win a few games in the first two weeks of the season, then we should be an all right team."

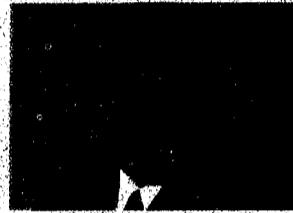
"We're not one of the best teams around, but we're far from the bottom," he added. "We have the potential to do much better this year. The players have got to believe in themselves."

The Wolves return eight players with varsity experience, five who were full-time starters. Leading that pack are senior fullback Mike Tharrett, an all-league selection last fall, senior Derek Decker, who will move from fullback to sweeper, senior midfielders Jared Bauer and Mike LaCata, and senior forward Mike Renda, a sprinter on the Wolves' track team who had a fine pre-season.

"Those five give us a pretty solid core to build around," said Fitzgerald. "They all started virtually every game last

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### LINKS TO THE GAME



MICHAEL PATRICK SHIELS

### Letting you in on a little secret

Pull up a chair and listen closely. I am going to tell you a secret, just between you and I.

I am going to tell you how you and your friends can get a round of golf on the very private, very esteemed Oakland Hills Country Club.

Yes, the site of U.S. Open and PGA Championships, and the site of the 2003 Ryder Cup Matches is available for you to play on Monday, October 4.

You can try to tame the course that the great Ben Hogan dubbed "the monster." You can play your ball from the same spot on the #16th hole that Gary Player hit his miracle shot to preserve his PGA Championship victory in 1972.

Always dreamed of playing Franklin Hills Country Club? The private club is considered to be one of Donald Ross' finest designs and October 4 is your day to drive right through the gates and tee-up your ball. You don't even have to climb a fence.

Maybe the attractive Pine Lake Country Club or Bay Pointe Golf Club, both situated on Oakland County lakes, are places you've always wanted to check out. I am going to tell you how to finally do it.

Monday, October 4, 1999 is the date of the 34th annual "Big Event: Turfgrass Benefit Day" sponsored by the Greater Detroit Golf course Superintendents Foundation.

For a \$125 donation per-player, you or your foursome can compete in a scramble event, enjoy lunch, dinner, and closest to the pin contests at one of the four clubs listed above.

One hundred players will be sent to each course, with preferences given on a first come, first served basis.

The "Big Event" raises money to support the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation which supports turfgrass research at Michigan State University.

For more information about how you can take advantage of this rare and affordable opportunity to play golf at one of these famed private clubs, call 248-362-1108, and the GDGCSA will fax you an entry form.

### Road Games

Ready for a quick weekend getaway or day trip this autumn? Want to beat the rowdy football crowds and squeeze a little more summer out of the season?

The added advantage of the vibrant fall colors make a three-hour drive up Michigan's "sunrise side" a fair way to go.

Not far from the scenic lakefront in Tawas is the brand new Red Hawk Golf Club.

The Arthur Hills design that opened in June will startle you with elevation changes, giant mature trees, and visually exciting holes.

"The reaction from the golfers has been exciting," said Kevin Whitmore, Red Hawk's Head Golf Professional. "We've had players in from throughout Michigan."

Weekend green fees are less than \$60 for 18 holes with cart.

Thirty minutes south on US 23 in Au Gres sits the nine year-old Huron Breeze Golf & CC, which boasts a fall weekend rate of only \$29.00 for 18 holes with cart.

Take advantage of the golden, warm September of this year!



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**Go North, young man:** Clarkston tight end Andy North crosses the goal line with the Wolves' second touchdown of the game on a 12-yard reception from quarterback Ryan Kaul. The touchdown gave Clarkston a 14-0 lead. North added a two-point conversion later in the game.

### Quick start

## Wolves pound Captains in grid opener

BY MIKE SCOTT  
SPECIAL WRITER

If Friday night's game was any indication, Division I of the Oakland Activities Association (OAA) may once again be one of the strongest conferences in the state.

The difference between the OAA's top two divisions was also apparent as Clarkston pummeled Waterford Kettering 36-0 before an overflow crowd at Kettering High School.

The Wolves (1-0) used their beefy offensive line and two first quarter touchdowns to take control early. Senior tailback Chris Mitchell rushed for a pair of touchdowns and junior quarterback Ryan Kaul, playing his first varsity game, was nearly perfect throwing the ball.

In all the Wolves hardly made any mistake, a remarkable accomplishment considering this marked the earliest start to the high school football season in Michigan in recent memory.

Clarkston head coach Kurt Richardson said the fact his team committed no turnovers, finished with only two penalties and pitched a shutout was indeed impressive.

"I'd say that's pretty good for an opener," Richardson said. "I told the kids we had to get on (Kettering)

**We're keying the run to our offense but when we need something the coaches want our passing game to be there.'**

Ryan Kaul  
—Clarkston quarterback

early and we did with 14 quick points. That was a real key."

Following a Kettering punt, the Wolves took over at their own 48 yard-line early in the first quarter and kept the ball on the ground, mainly sticking with Mitchell, who finished with 97 yards on 19 carries. The four returning offensive linemen, Bubba Clement, Jon Robinson, Eric Bauer and Brent Schermerhorn averaged over 270 pounds apiece and showed their muscle early.

Clarkston drove down to the Kettering 2-yard line, setting up a fourth-and-short. Fullback Chad Booker appeared to be stopped short of the first down, but he made it by the nose of the ball and Mitchell scored on the next play to put the Wolves up 7-0 with 4:32 remaining.

Nathan Davis, who finished with 139 yards on only 13 carries for the Captains (0-1) ripped off a 33-yard

gain and appeared to give some momentum back to Kettering, but it didn't last. Two plays later quarterback Brad Humphrey's pass was tipped at the line and picked off by linebacker Adam Schapman.

The Wolves immediately went on a 4-play, 51-yard drive, capped off by a 12-yard pass from Kaul to senior tight end Andy North for a 14-0 advantage.

"We're keying the run to our offense but when we need something the coaches want our passing game to be there," said Kaul, who finished 6-of-7 for 130 yards and proved to be difficult to tackle all night. "We don't want to have to throw the ball 20 times because that would be a sign that we're playing from behind."

Humphrey, who was under pressure much of the night, led Kettering on an impressive drive midway through the second half, twice finding fullback Sam VanWagoner for big gains, the second a 22-yard completion that set up the Captains first and goal at the Clarkston five. On third-and-goal from the five, Davis lost six-yards on a draw play and Kettering missed the short field goal attempt.

First-year head coach Al Duff said

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the game.

"Knoa keeps getting better and better," praised Vanaman. "He's one of those gifted kids who is very well-rounded. He has very good touch and ball control, and he has very good vision on the field."

Senior Adam Armstrong, who at 6-2 is an athletic and agile goalkeeper, will anchor the backfield, which includes senior fullback Jeff Armstrong, senior Greg Irish, a small-school basketball prospect who shifts from forward to sweeper, and junior fullbacks Joe Kennedy and Brian Morris.

Joining Knapper to form a solid tandem in the midfield will be senior Matt Christie, who started at sweeper last season. Senior Trevor Cole and sophomore Josh Cole both will start at the outside midfield positions. Also back is senior forward Rodger Vandever, who will team up with Vanaman on the front line.

"I'm very excited about the season," said Vanaman, whose squad opened Thursday with a 6-0 win over Oxford Christian. "I think we've cultivated

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year." Another key player will be senior goalkeeper Dustin Cole- man, who suffered a season-end- ing knee injury in the sixth game of last season.

"Dustin was playing very good before he went down last year," recalled Fitzgerald. "But he's healthy now and is looking very good. He's probably one of the top 5-6 goalies in the county."

Another player who saw plenty of time last year was senior forward Bill Kalush, who started about a third of last season.

While Fitzgerald will look to his returning cast for leadership, he will also be counting on four newcomers to step in and help the Wolves' chances.

The top prospect is freshman Sean Gardner, who will start in the midfield. Three juniors up from the junior-varsity who will also start are fullbacks Adam Kozarski and Ryan Davis, and forward Pete Klemm, who led the Wolves' JV in scoring last autumn.

"I think if those guys can keep developing the way they did last season, then they should be able to help us out," said Fitzgerald. "I think they're all capable of doing that."

Fitzgerald also has high hopes for several other newcomers, including senior fullback Brandon Guelde, junior fullback Paul Grace, senior midfielder Mike Jacobson, junior midfielder Mike Montero, and junior forward Mark Zerba. Those five should all be high on the Wolves' depth

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of the opponent. Named to the Division III All-state first-team a year ago after scoring 22 goals, this fourth-year starter, who will be a leading candidate for Mr. Baseball come June, is coming back from slowly from a broken shoulder but should be at full strength by mid-September. Within 40 yards, Barkholz can unload a deadly trigger.

**4. STEVE KAMMANN, Rochester:** Clarkston coach Dan Fitzgerald calls Kammann the state's most underrated player.

Another rare fourth-year starter coming out of the OAA Division I, Kammann is dangerous on restarts and in one-on-one situations, not only as a scorer but as a set-up man.

A center midfielder the last three years and an Division I honorable mention all-stater last year, Kammann is expected to be the focal point of the Falcons' attack this season.

**5. RYAN HUMPHREY, Troy Athens:** Humphrey became a vivid nightmare for some of the state's top forwards last year, and garnered Division I All-State second team status for his efforts.

Now a senior, Humphrey owns the reputation as one of Michigan's premier marking-backs. A two-year stater for the Red Hawks, he anticipates very well, and with excellent speed and the ability to change directions fluently, he is simply very tough to beat.

**6. ERIC LLOYD, Bloomfield Hills Lahser:** Lloyd, a Division II third-team all-state pick last year, has played in the shadow of current U-D Mercy player Aaron Byrd the past three years, but is expected to have a breakout season as he is a Division I college prospect in his own right.

Although not flashy, Lloyd, a senior with who had 18 goals and 21 assists last season, has a knack for scoring in clutch situations, and with his speed, touch, and cannon-shot, is very tough to defend.

A forward the past three seasons, expect to see Lloyd in the midfield as well this season.

**7. DARI ORANDI, Bloomfield Hills Andover:** The Barons enjoyed their finest season of the decade last autumn behind the leadership of this blue-collar, three-sport gem. Also a standout in hockey and track, Orandi dictates the tempo of the game quiet well, and with his intelligence, field vision, and ability to both score and distribute, he has emerged as a sound around player.

Orandi was a Division III All-State second team honoree last year after collecting 26 assists and should move up on the charts in his senior season.

**8. KEVIN GIROUX, Troy Athens:** Two strong years has this forward/midfielder considered as one of the best in the state in his class.

Now a junior, this third-team all-stater last season is ready to lead Athens' explosive front line. In his own right, Giroux can be an explosive threat in the offensive third of the field. He has the ability to beat defenders one-on-one and can set up his teammates.

But his rocket-shot is Giroux's notable weapon as he has built a reputation as a game-breaker, scoring big goals against top-notch opponents.

**9. CRAIG PENN, Rochester Adams:** After staring as a forward the past three years, Penn shifts back to man the center midfield position for his senior season in the Highlanders' potent 2-6-3 formation.

An All-State honorable mention selection last season, Penn is known for his crafty playmaking abilities and field vision. But what makes his so versatile is his ability to fire on goal with either foot — and with power and accuracy.

**10. SIMONE OMEKANDA, Rochester Adams:** Although Omekanda has yet to play a high school contest, he is widely considered one of the Top 5 freshmen prospects in the country and has the skill and athletic ability to become an all-stater this season.

Labeled as the second coming of 1990 Mr. Soccer Brian Maisonneuve, a Warren De LaSalle graduate and now a member of the U.S. Men's National Team, Omekanda has brilliant speed and athleticism, and is an exceptional dribbler who can score within 40 yards. Another reason why Adams is expected to be one of the nation's Top 25 teams.

### GOALKEEPERS

**1. Brandon Cassar, Bloomfield Hills Lahser:** A fourth-

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that sequence of events took all of his squad's confidence away.

"We really got down on ourselves at that point," he said. "When you have the ball inside the 10-yard line and don't score, it's tough to win."

At 6-3, 190, he has prototypical size for a keeper, and has great hands, range and quickness to shut people down, plus he is very good with his feet as a former field player.

Expect Cassar to shine in his senior year as he will likely face more shots as the Knights rebuild with seven new starters.

**2. MICHAEL TIMLIN, Birmingham Brother Rice:** This sophomore won the starting job midway through last season and earned all-district accolades.

This fall, many believe he could become one of the state's premier goalkeepers.

The last in line of the Timlin legacy — his eldest brother, Chris was a two-time all-state keeper at Rice — he is a very sure-handed and aggressive in the net, and agile for his 6-2, 180 frame.

**3. JON TURNER, Troy Athens:** Turner has played in the shadows of former Athens keepers Mike Robinson, Jared Tietz and Luke Spreitzer, but has paid his dues and is ready to take the reigns.

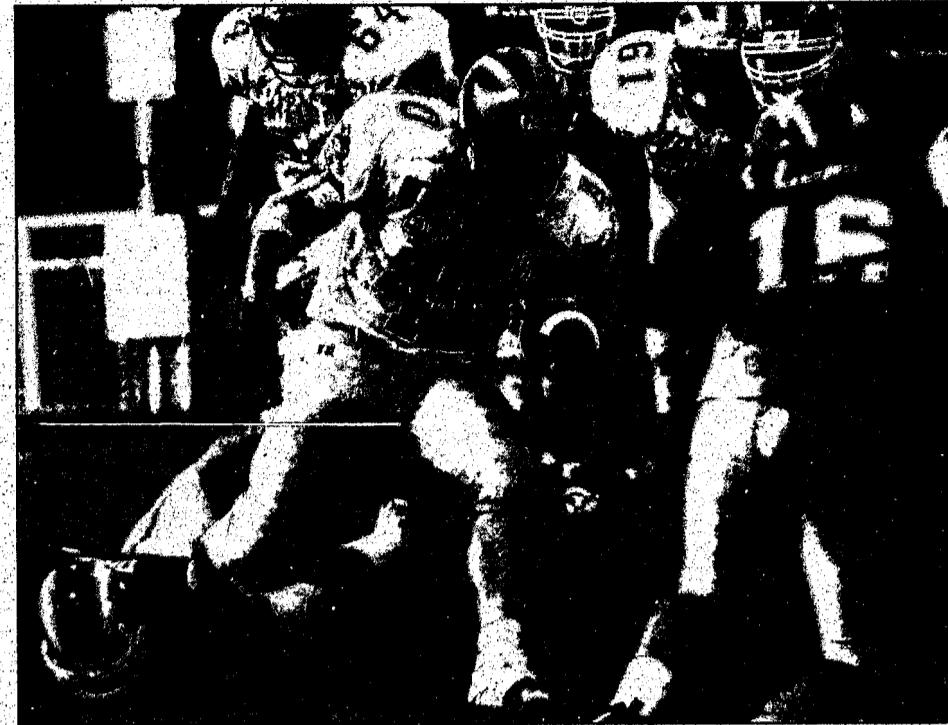
Although Turner, who had a strong summer with Vardar, is small at 5-10, 170, he makes up for it with his incredible range and aggressiveness. He also directs traffic quiet well and is the type of goalkeeper that can play big in the clutch.

Humphrey was 10-of-18 passing in the first half for 92 yards and VanWagoner had three receptions for 41 yards. Those two performances were an example of the positives Duff took from the game.

"We had a lot of mental breakdowns and didn't get the breaks but we really played with them out there," said Duff.

Field position was another key in the first half, as was penalties of which Kettering racked up five for 45 yards.

■ They do play favorites — The game matched the two



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**Wolves dancing:** Clarkston's Chris Mitchell, running behind the Wolves' mammoth offensive line, gained 97 yards in his team's 36-0 season-opening win over Waterford Kettering Friday night.

favorites in the top two divisions of the OAA. Clarkston finished just ahead of Troy in the coaches' pre-season rankings for first in OAA I while Kettering inched out Royal Oak Kimball in OAA II.

■ More play in the postseason — Even with the loss, Ket-

tering still has a good opportunity to qualify for the post-season playoffs as a result of the expanded system.

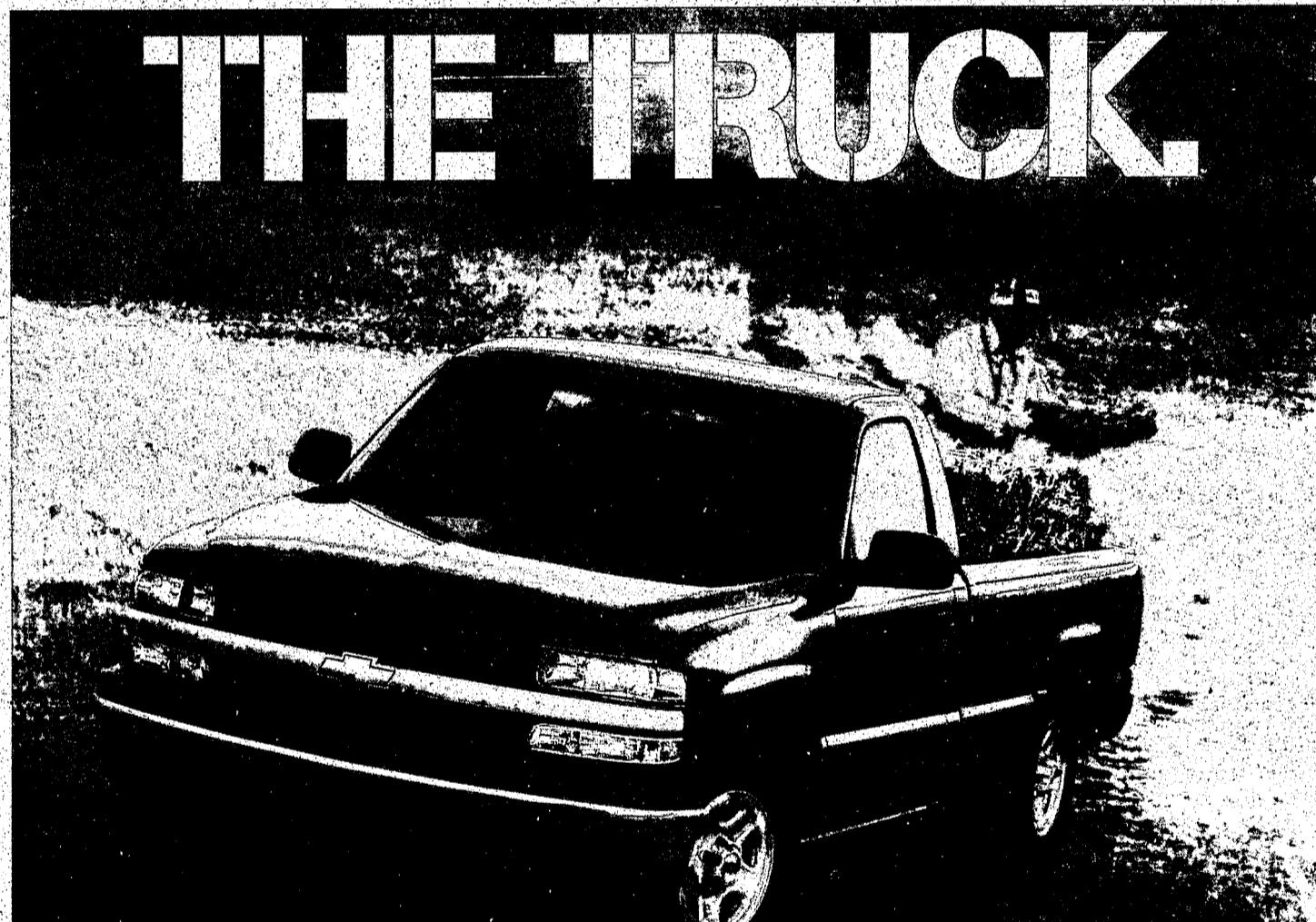
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The C280 is powered by a more-than-adequate V6 engine that gets you where you have to go in a hurry and without a great deal of effort. For you motorheads out there, the engine has an innovative twin-spark/3-valve technology for high performance with low emission and classic Mercedes-Benz smoothness.

Wanna be the first away from the red light? With 194 horses under the hood (not literally, folks), the C280 can sprint from 0-to-60 in a mere 8 seconds flat.

Did I have a little fun in the C280? You bet I did. It's a great touring car because of the massive comfort factor and a great city car for all-around driving comfort and convenience.

I don't care if someone thought it was a Chrysler. It was a Mercedes in every sense of the word. Great car.

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti054@aol.com.

1999 Mercedes C280

Vehicle class: Sport sedan.

Power: Light alloy V6 engine.

Mileage: 21 city / 27 highway.

Where built: Germany.

Price: \$35,600.



Art Cervi nicely balanced sports car. The Midship engine allows you to have two trunks.. front and rear. It's a great car, but you can't work on it yourself, the engine's hidden. I want to inform you (if you don't know already) if you're one of those tinkerers who likes to work on ones own car forget about it! Engine compartments have become so complex you have to be a professional technician to work on them, plus you will need

all the diagnostic computers that the dealers have. In all fairness, vehicles are being built better and need a lot less maintenance. Most vehicles today come with 100,000-mile systems. No tune-up or lubes for 100,000 miles, sounds great, til you have to pay for one. Figure on paying about the same price as you would have paid had it been done four times at twenty-five thousand miles. Making things last longer is no guarantee that it will be cheap to fix when it needs servicing. Remember how inexpensive it was to put on new valve cover gaskets? Check it out now...so much "stuff" has to be moved or removed to get

to the covers that the largest portion of your bill is going toward labor, the gaskets themselves are cheap. Their cost hasn't changed that much through the years. Engine compartments are now a maze of technology. Our engines run smoother, cleaner, get better gas mileage, and handle so much nicer. When compared to just a few years ago, we've come a long way. Our new cars almost drive themselves...how did we ever get along without the radial tire? One can slip and slide with radials where years ago all we could do was dream about it on our bias ply tires. Not to mention how much safer tires have

become. Can you recall the last time someone mentioned having a blowout on a tire? We hardly think about it anymore.

With so many people leasing now, maintenance is almost forgotten because most of it falls under warranty. However, you still have to change the oil and filters. Small price to pay for continually driving a new car. Just remember, nothing is free...you will have a perpetual car payment and you'll never own a lease. One constant is that you will always be up to date in new technology. So many features that were options before are now becoming standard equipment because of the demand. Manufac-

turers now have M.S.R.P.'s that virtually list everything as standard equipment. This you will usually find in the luxury models where customers come to expect that. Sure is different from the days of automatic, radio, heater, white walls? One new feature I'm beginning to like is speed sensitive power steering, the faster you're traveling the more control is put in your hands. When you want to park, the wheel turns as smooth as glass. Works for me...til next week...

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**SL2 1995, 58,500 miles, 1 owner, 6 speed, power locks, extras.** \$8500. (248) 626-3046

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## 1999 Mercedes C280 is understated luxury

### CAR Report



By Anne Fracassa  
Avanti NewsFeatures

Tell you what. There's something good about this Mercedes C280.

It's understated as all get-out.

And that, arguably, can be a really good asset.

Because it's so understated and really doesn't even look like a Mercedes, it probably won't be a target for a car thief. And that's really, really good, right?

You know what? Someone had the nerve to ask me if this was a Chrysler. One guy even said it reminded him of a Dodge Shadow. Can you imagine what a Mercedes-Benz official looking at those words in print is doing at this moment. Squirming in his seat and sweating a little.

You know what I think? I think this Mercedes C280 is really, really pretty. It's not gaudy or flamboyant. It doesn't have the gold trim everywhere. It doesn't even have the fake wood stuff on the interior.

What it does have is a tasteful accenting, both inside and out, that's also understated and classy. I would even venture to say that the cool accenting is sporty — or that it gives the C280 a sports car atmosphere — and attitude — about it.

Well, that's enough stuff on the

looks of the vehicle. Let's get down to the meat and potatoes stuff.

This C-class was redesigned from stem to stern just last year. But wait — there are more improvements this year. Leather seats are now standard. This is full leather — including the inside door panels. There's a new-generation radio unit that has the sound system, optional CD player (that's mounted tastefully and strategically in the trunk) and a cell phone — all in a single unit.

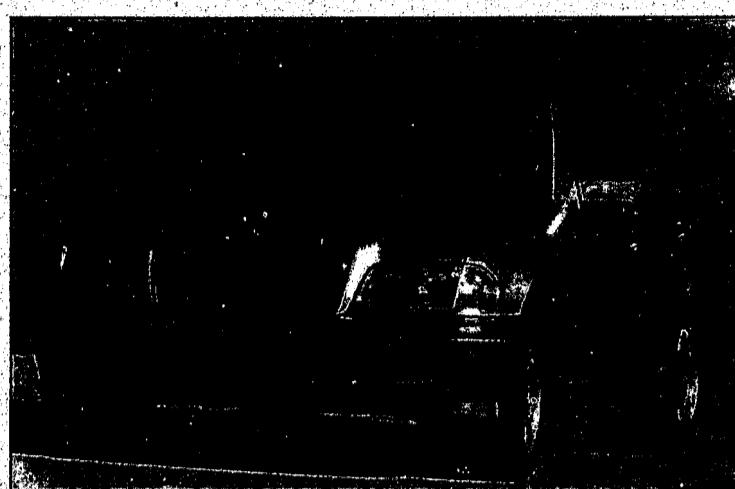
More on this little wonder. Turn it on and you have the option of AM, FM1, FM2, NOAA WeatherRadio or the cell phone at your fingertips. At the right on the LC display is a telephone keypad. You can dial any number right from the radio controls and be connected to your significant other. The keypad also doubles as station selectors.

The cell phone is located in the center armrest and is attached to a cord. Unhook the cord and you can take this digital phone with you. It's small, like most digital phones, and can fit in your shirt or coat pocket or in your purse. Really a neat feature that many would find quite convenient.

Gotta tell you the price of this C280 package: \$35,600, which is actually 2 percent lower than last year.

As with every C-class, it's standard with front and door-mounted side airbags and ABS with brake assist. "What's that?" you ask. Brake assist can detect an emergency or panic stop by how quickly the brake pedal is applied. Within milliseconds, full braking force is applied — much faster than the best driver could.

Another \$1,000 option I recommend is the ESP. No, the car doesn't read your mind. Almost, but not quite. It corrects understeer (plowing) and oversteer (fishtailing). "How?" you say. Well, it brakes one wheel and helps keep the car going where you steer it. The best part of all of this is that you don't have to engage it. It's always on, every time you turn the key.



*Enjoy comfort and convenience in the powerful C280*

OH!! I almost forgot about the key. Silly me. I first saw this little wonder about three years ago at a Mercedes press conference in some state with some Mercedes introduction (they do seem to run together). It's not a key. It's a kind of key that uses an infrared beam to start the car.

There is no metal ignition key.

That's a pointed tip on the key fob that's inserted into a similar-looking ignition point. Turn it and the car starts. It incorporates an infrared data exchange between the car and a remote unit electronically unlocks the steering column and allows the starter to turn over the engine.

Every time you take it out of the "ignition," the code is changed. If another key fob with a different code is placed in the unit, the car's engine is disabled and the alarm goes off. Guess you can't go to ACO to get another key made, though.

And there's one more thing that's great on this car. You guys don't know this, but many moons ago, I used to be

a fire/police emergency dispatcher in Southfield. Great, satisfying job. Anyway, the department was puzzled by a host of car thefts all over the city at the time, and many of the vehicles were equipped with car alarms. These cars would just disappear without a trace. No broken glass, no witnesses, nothing.

One of the more intelligent Southfield officers decided he would sit out in an unmarked car at one of the troubled areas to wait to see why this was happening. He discovered that the way these cars were being stolen was through a "hook and book" operation. A tow truck would hook it up and drive it away.

Now, would anyone really question a tow driver taking a car away? What a great scam. Not good enough of one, though: the bad guy got caught.

Back to the C280. That same scenario can't happen. The car is disabled and the alarm sounds if theft is attempted by a tow truck or flatbed tow truck. Great feature.

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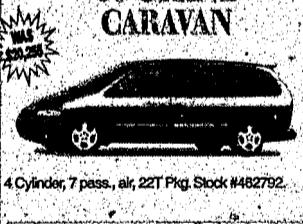
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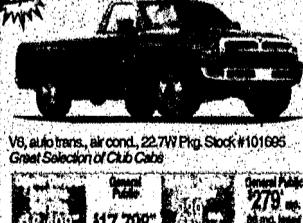
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