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Big game: Clarkston's Chris Mitchell (above) meets Grand Blanc's record-setting running back as the state football playoffs continue. /C1

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VINTAGE



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Edgar Clark passes his days in a hospital bed while his leg heals. He writes to his wife on June 24, 1864:

"My dear wife. I just had my leg done. The doctor says it looks well and if I am careful there is no danger, but I have got to keep still which comes very hard, especially to lay on my back all the time. The weather is very warm here and the flies are very thick. I do not know but they would eat me up if I do not keep fighting them. I have not heard from you since the last of May. I hope you will not let this sad misfortune worry you as to make you sick. It does not worry me yet, nor do I calculate to let it..."

"I cannot tell you how long I will remain in the Army. I have fought my last battle. I have stood my last trick of guard. I am totally disabled from all military duty in this war and all wars to come. I think I shall make a living in some way. How it will be done I have not made up my mind yet. I conclude to stay my time in the Army, which will be a year from next August. All soldiers get \$16 a month, and I know I could not make that at home."

"We have a good hospital for the men who have been in the Army and got slightly disabled. We got good attendance and plenty to eat. There is one in awhile a woman comes through the ward to see and assist the soldiers and to write their friends, but I save them all that trouble. I will not bother them at all unless I get worse. June 24 finds me at the top side of my bed in good spirits and good courage. Your loving husband, Edgar Clark."

Vintage Clarkston is written by Kim Huttenlocher, a member of the Clarkston Community Historical Society's board of directors.



Incumbents returned to office



■ Three Clarkston City Council incumbents will return to office for another two years each, following Tuesday's election. The only newcomer was unsuccessful. In addition, a write-in candidate won election to a one-year term.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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The only surprise in the Clarkston City Council elections may be the number of voters who turned out on a cold and snowy election day, not the fact that the three incumbents were re-elected.

City Manager Art Pappas said the

typical turnout for this type of election is 100 voters. Tuesday's election had 127 official votes.

Clarkston residents returned incumbents Daniel Colombo with 91 votes, David Savage with 84 votes and Walter Gamble with 83 votes for two-year terms as city councilmen.

Challenger Charles Inabnit, 30, received 51 votes. Scott Meyland, a write-in candidate,

ran unchallenged for the remaining one-year term, which became available when former councilman Mike Kelley resigned. Meyland was appointed by the council to fill Kelley's spot until the city elections.

This election gave Savage and Gamble their third consecutive two-year terms and Colombo his second consecutive two-year term.

"I'd like to thank everyone who voted on such a dreary day," said Colombo, 39. "I'm excited to have the opportunity to continue working on the projects the council has been working on. I'm also

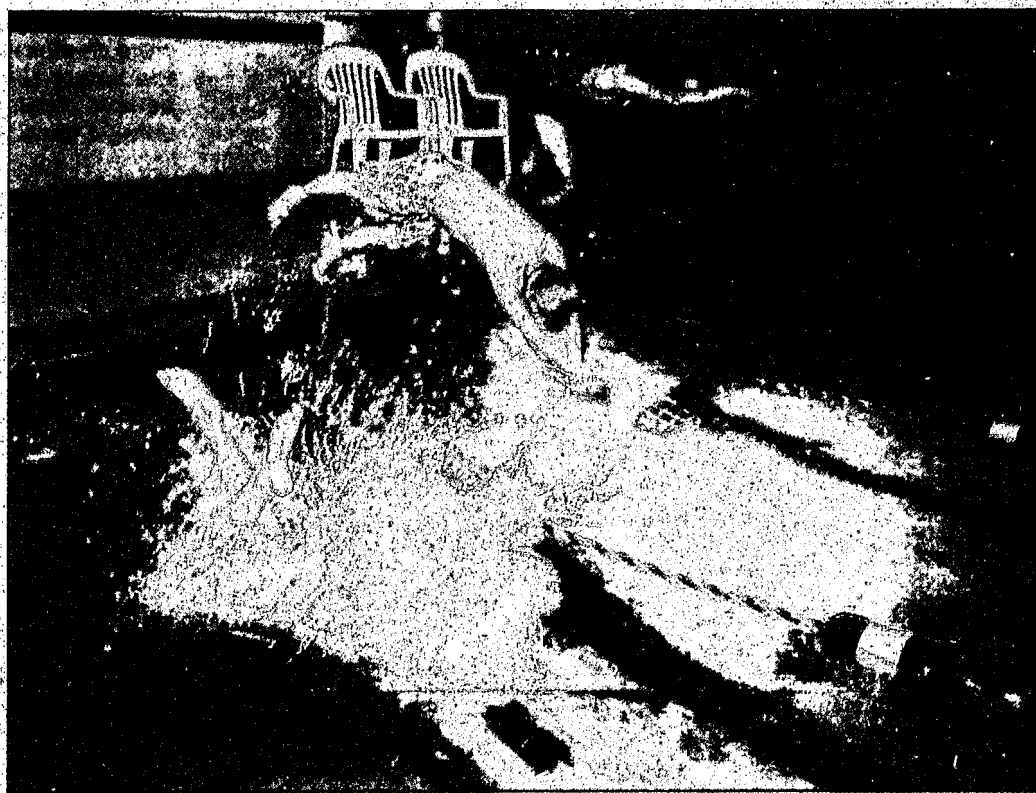
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Election results

Following are the results of Tuesday's Clarkston City Council election. Winners are in bold type.

■ Three, two-year terms:
Daniel Colombo - 91
David Savage - 84
Walter Gamble Jr. - 83
Charles Inabnit - 51

■ One, one-year term:
Scott Meyland - 38



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Ready, set, go: The first wave of the swim-a-thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Atlanta begins with (from left) Jessica LaRoque, Aaron Ducharme and Lyndsay Miller, all 8.

\$wim-a-thon

Dolphins net \$1,341 for St. Jude's



Readying the waters: Lyndsay Miller, 8, hooks up a lane divider in preparation for the swim-a-thon.

It took only 45 minutes for 14 children to raise \$1,341 for pediatric cancer research. The Deer Lake Athletic Club's Dolphin Swim Team had a swim-a-thon Oct. 28 to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Although all 14 Dolphin members raised money, only 10

children swam or used a kick board continuously for 45 minutes.

In all, the children ages 6-13 logged 596 laps, coach Jill Hancock said. The group was raising money along with people in other programs from the athletic club for various charitable groups.



Lending support: Jeunesse Ducharme watches over son Aaron during the 45-minute swim-a-thon. The event raised \$1,341 for pediatric cancer research.

Thendara residents won't be reassessed

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Thendara Park residents were relieved Tuesday when Independence Township board members decided not to reassess them for road paving done 10 years ago.

The issue has been smoldering for years. Cost overruns, unforeseen

changes in interest rates and a large loss in investment income means the township would have fallen about \$430,000 short when the bonds came due in 2004.

There was not an empty seat at Tuesday's board meeting, and there was

almost a collective sigh when the board voted to appropriate \$202,000 from the general fund's fund balance to the Thendara Fund in the 1999 budget.

Another \$44,000 is planned to be set aside in future budgets through 2004 to assure the \$2.385 million in bonds can be paid when they come due. The 2000 budget, which was passed two weeks ago, already includes the \$44,000 allocation.

Board members were unanimous in their support of not reassessing residents to make up the difference.

"There were mistakes made," Trustee Neil Wallace said. "Those mistakes weren't made in the subdivision; they were made at township hall."

Residents asked questions about how the finances in the fund got in trouble. They also wanted to make sure that the solution proposed would be a lasting remedy.

The \$2.385 million in bonds was spread among 254 residents. Supervisor Dale Stuart emphasized that the deficit was a projected one. It does not exist right now. The board wanted to transfer the money to the Thendara fund now while the township is in healthy financial shape.

Stuart said the Thendara paving project was the most complex the township has ever done because of the terrain in the area. It didn't have overwhelming support from the neighborhood in the first place.

Trustee Jeff McGee said a big prob-

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SADD's message a sobering one

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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The future is a big topic for young people and the members of the Clarkston High School SADD organization want to help them live long enough to experience it.

They are doing this by encouraging them to make safe decisions throughout their school days and later on in life.

The change in the organization's name to Students Against Destructive Decisions from the original

name, Students Against Driving Drunk, reveals the group's broader scope.

"We want to get the word out to students how to avoid making these destructive decisions," said Andrea Ronk, a member of Clarkston High School's SADD's executive board.

Other members are Kristin Clark, Tara Chastain, Melodie Arremoney and Rocky Tripi.

They began their campaign to let the CHS students and staff know they are an active, viable group by tying a red ribbon on every car parked in the high school lots Thurs-

day.

And they have lots of attention-grabbing activities planned for the rest of the school year, including the general membership drive this month. That will be followed by a Tree of Life in December, Safety Belt Awareness in January, the Friends of Life bracelets in February, taking the message to the local elementary school students in March, visiting the middle schools in April and a mock car crash and a pledge event in May.

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Strategic planning: SADD advisor Kelly Kanigowski writes ideas at a half-day planning session.

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Boy, 6, remembered as sweet, friendly

Six-year-old Cody Brown made friends easily after moving to Independence Township from Kalamazoo in mid-September, according to his principal.

The "sweet, very polite" first-grader settled right in to his new school, even learning to read in the short time he was there, said Springfield Plains Principal Sharon Devereaux.

On Monday, social workers were on hand at the school to help many of those new friends deal with Cody's death.

The boy died Friday following a car-pedestrian accident.

He was struck at 6:04 p.m. by a 1993 Dodge pickup truck traveling westbound on Andersonville Road near Clement, according to Deputy Thomas Poulin, head of the Automobile Investigations Unit for the Oakland



Cody Brown

County Sheriff's Department. The truck was operated by an 18-year-old Clarkston man.

Poulin said that according to

witnesses, the young boy darted out in front of the truck. Witnesses said the driver swerved the vehicle but couldn't avoid striking the child, Poulin said.

"The boy was playing across the street with his friends," Poulin said. "He was crossing the street to go home."

Alcohol was not a factor in the accident, Poulin said. The crash is still under investigation.

Cody was taken by ambulance to POH Medical Center, where he died.

"Cody came to our school in mid-September from Kalamazoo," Devereaux said. His family originally was from New York state.

Devereaux said Cody was proud of learning to read. "He loved to read to the neighborhood children," she said.

Friday, the day Cody died, was a fun day at school. "We had our Halloween parade and he was dressed up as a pirate," Devereaux recalled.

Cody is survived by his parents, Mark and Tiffany Brown; four siblings, Tesha, Kara and Rachel Brown and Nicole Carota; and grandparents, George and Annette Godfrey and Marcia and the late John Brown of New York.

Cody also is survived by aunts, uncles and cousins, many of whom live in New York, and his dog, Raggs.

A funeral service was conducted Tuesday at the Pontiac Chapel of Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home. The Rev. Walter T. Frantz officiated.

Interment is in South Side Cemetery, New York.

ACHIEVERS

Scott A. Kehn

Army Sgt. Scott A. Kehn, an infantry squad leader, has arrived for duty in Duluth, Minn., to serve in a recruiting assignment.

Kehn, a 1989 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School, is married to Windie, daughter of Ronald E. Cochran of Waterford. Kehn is the son of William H. Kehn of White Lake and Carol A. Hanson of Clarkston.

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looking forward to continue working with Dave Savage, Walt Gamble and the other members of the council."

Savage, 52, said he's pleased to be re-elected to the council. "I think it's a vote of confidence in our council that the incumbents were re-elected. I think the voters showed they believe the council can do the job and is doing a good job and they want it to stay the same."

Gamble, 63, wasn't in town to get the election results Tuesday evening. He and his wife flew to Florida after voting that morning.

'I think it's a vote of confidence in our council that the incumbents were re-elected. I think the voters showed they believe the council ... is doing a good job.'

David Savage
Re-elected Clarkston City Councilman

"If I win, I'll work hard to make sensible decisions," he said before he left on his trip. "We

(the council) have a lot of issues that are unresolved. I'm looking forward to having a chance to give closure to these issues."

Inabnit was unavailable for comment Wednesday morning.

Meyland said he was pleased with his 38 votes.

"Art Pappas said I actually received more votes, but they couldn't be counted because my name was written in incorrectly," Meyland, 32, said.

"I was pleased to know that people knew I was running for the one-year term. I'm glad to see that people are aware of city issues," he added.



Daniel Colombo



Walter Gamble Jr.



David Savage



Charles T. Inabnit

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OLD BUSINESS:

- AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. C/O Richard Connor Riley & Associates; 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 420, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 to: 1) replace a 190 foot wireless communications tower with a 230 foot wireless communication tower where the setback from the East Holly Road right of way would be less than the height of the extended tower and the setback from the side and rear property lines would be less than half of the height of the extended tower and 2) to allow construction of an accessory structure with a rear yard setback of eighty-one (81) feet and a side yard setback of eighty-three (83) feet rather than half of the height of the extended tower. This would enable a co-location at the northwest corner of Tindall and East Holly Road, Davidsburg, MI 48350. P.I. #07-05-226-007.
- John Foster, 3880 Groveland Road, Ortonville, MI 48462 to allow 1392 square feet of accessory floor area where 1000 square feet are permitted at 11950 Rusty Lane, Davidsburg, MI 48355. P.I. #07-28-351-014.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Paul Klein, 7120 Spring Crest, Clarkston, MI 48346 to allow construction of a house with a front yard setback of forty-five (45) feet rather than fifty (50) feet and a rear yard setback of twenty-five (25) feet rather than thirty-five (35) feet. Property located at 11850 Ember, Davidsburg, MI. P.I. #07-28-202-070 & -071.
- Thomas M. Pietryga, 9060 Sherwood, Davidsburg, MI 48350 to allow construction of a deck within twenty-four (24) feet of a body of water rather than the required fifty (50) feet. P.I. #07-10-252-022.
- Mike Mosharo, 7300 Holcomb Rd., Clarkston, MI 48348 to allow construction of a house with a twenty (20) foot front yard setback rather than fifty (50) feet, and a ten (10) foot south side setback rather than fifteen (15) feet and a seventy (70) foot septic setback from the lake rather than one-hundred (100) feet. P.I. #07-10-278-007 & -008.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davidsburg, Michigan, during regular office hours Monday through Friday, until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance of the meeting.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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New spin put on Independence antique mall

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Jennifer Futrell-Robbins of Clarkston has put a slightly new spin on an existing business.

Futrell-Robbins took over Pour Mary's Antique Mall back in January and gave it a new name — Spinning Jenny's.

A former customer of Pour Mary's, the Independence Township business seemed like a good venture for 27-year-old Futrell-Robbins. It's located near her father's business and even though the young entrepreneur comes from a tradition of business people, she didn't see herself following the same path.

"I always said I would never do it," she said.

But then Pour Mary's owners Mary Linseman and Susan Gahan decided they wanted to get out of the business.

"I'm 27 years old. I'm running my own business, doing what I love," she said.

Antique malls are a store where dealers rent space. They pay rent to Futrell-Robbins and that covers the overall rent of the store front at 5878 Dixie. The dealers get all the proceeds from their items. The mall owner makes money by also selling things in her own space within the mall. Business has been brisk. Store hours are 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. seven days a week.

The former owners are still dealers in the mall and will still do appraisals, Futrell-Robbins said.

Everyone has a special area of interest or knowledge and can help one another, she added. Futrell-Robbins and her mother, Cheryl Futrell, work at the store, but dealers are obligated to work one weekend day a month.

Futrell-Robbins added she probably won't get rich in her business, but most people make enough to support their antiques addiction.

And Futrell-Robbins' passion is little boys' toys.

"I don't like dolls. Nothing frilly," she said.

Instead, give her trucks, bulldozers and fire engines. She's fascinated by the intricacy, mov-

ing parts and durability of the old toys. She said anything that can survive in a sandbox for years deserves recognition.

And Futrell-Robbins has been collecting antiques since her own sandbox days.

"I used to go to antique sales and auctions," she said. "My mom would give me my own (auction) number and my own money."

She started antiques at about age 5, she said. She had a lot of older family members, including great-grandparents.

"I had older influences, and I loved to talk with them about what life used to be like," Futrell-Robbins said.

The store has changed a little because it carries collectibles as well as antiques. To be an antique, an item has to be at least 100 years old, she said. That excludes lots of items that are still old and unique from earlier this century. Carrying collectibles also solves a supply problem. Futrell-Robbins said true antiques are getting harder and harder to find.

Futrell-Robbins' dad, Bob Futrell, collects old toys, too, which she says are a hot item now.

Just like fashion, what's on fire today might be stone cold tomorrow. For example, a few years ago everyone wanted tea cups. Now they are tucked away in the back of the store. Depression glass has been relegated to the same fate.

But other items like old or stained-glass windows are popular. Anything from the 1950s is selling well, too.

Spinning Jenny's has all sorts of furniture, clocks, some clothing, a whole section of books, glassware, gadgets and of course, toys.

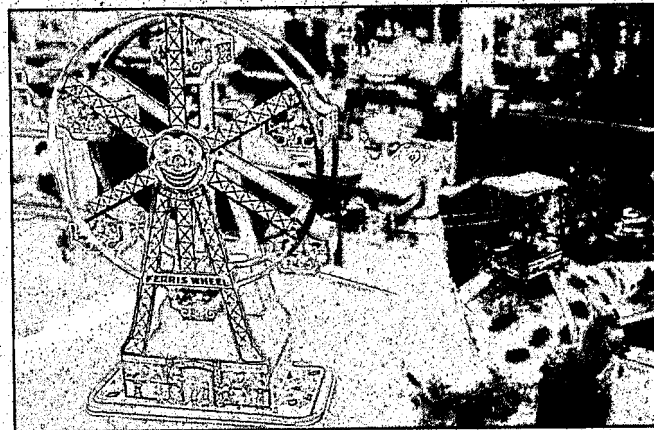
Futrell-Robbins said her husband, Allan Robbins, is supportive of her new endeavor. She says lots of young couples stop in to buy things for their first homes. She likes to see people appreciate the high quality of older pieces.

Spinning Jenny's is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. For more information, call (248) 623-3250.



Antiques everywhere: Jennifer Futrell-Robbins says business is great at Spinning Jenny's, formerly Pour Mary's Antique Mall. The 27-year-old Clarkston resident took over the business at the beginning of the year.

STAFF PHOTOS
BY STEVE
CANTRELL



Old-fashioned fashion: Spinning Jenny's has a wide array of collectible and antique items, including a few clothing items. Antique toys (above) are Spinning Jenny's owner Jennifer Futrell-Robbins' favorite thing to collect. She has a selection of them at the antique mall.

POLICE NEWS

Following are some incidents recently reported to police and fire agencies in Independence and Springfield townships.

Independence Township Police

Malicious Destruction of Property

On Oct. 31, police received two reports of smashed rear windows on vehicles. The reports came from the 6200 block of Pinewood and the 310 block of Mountain Ash. A driver's side rear window was shattered by a BB gun shot on the 6400 block of Woodglen. Another car, parked on the 4600 block of Jerome, had damage to its front passenger fender from someone throwing a can of beans at the car.

Grass fire/assist fire

On Oct. 31, a passerby called and alerted police of a fire in trees and bushes in the 9900 block of Sashabaw Road. According to the police report, the cause of the fire is thought to be a carelessly tossed cigarette. Independence Township Fire Department extinguished the fire. It reignited and firefighters had to extinguish it again.

Larceny

On Oct. 30, someone went through at least seven unlocked vehicles parked at homes in the 4700 and 4800 blocks of Summer Hill and the 4500 block of Pine Dale. The responsible was looking for cash and cell phones to remove from the cars, according to the police report. One purse was removed from a car, but it was recovered.

Minor in Possession

On Oct. 29, a 15-year-old and two 16-year-old Clarkston High School students received tickets for minors in possession.

They were smoking on school grounds in the parking lot.

Springfield Township Police

Malicious Destruction of Property

On Oct. 31, someone shattered a back window of a vehicle parked in the driveway in the 6100 block of Hillsboro.

On Oct. 31, someone painted graffiti on a back building window of the business Exquisitely Ours on Broadway.

Larceny

On Oct. 31, a homeowner discovered a 22-inch road bicycle valued at \$1,400, a 21-inch road bike valued at \$620, a bike trailer valued at \$300 and a car bike rack valued at \$80 missing from his garage on the 12140 block of Windcliff.

Assist fire

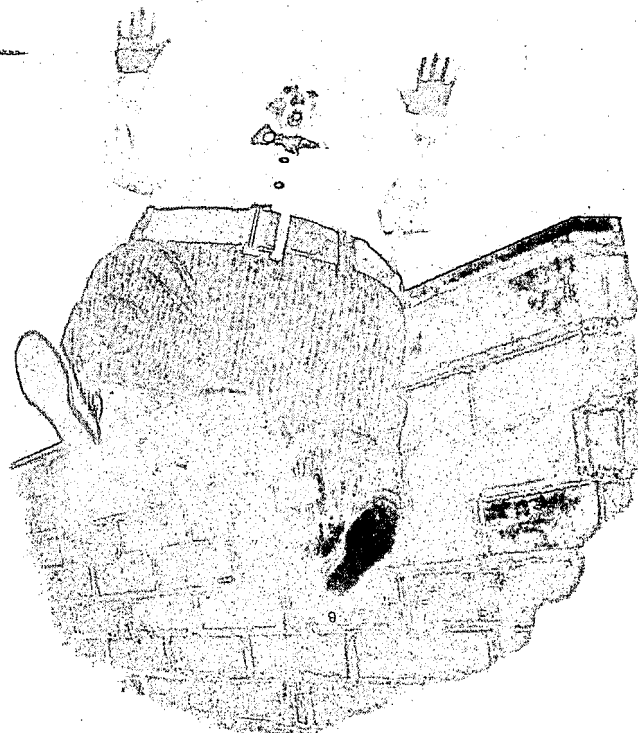
On Oct. 30, police assisted in a fire call in the 5500 block of Farley. A man rode his off-road vehicle over a pile of leaves he had raked. The heat from the engine caused the leaves to catch on fire. The man left to get a truck to pull the ORV off the leaves. When he returned, the ORV was engulfed in flames.

Independence Township Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 31 calls Oct. 29 through Nov. 1. These included 14 medical calls, five personal-injury calls, three complaints, three grass fires, two other calls, one lock out, one fuel spill, one vehicle fire and one investigation call.

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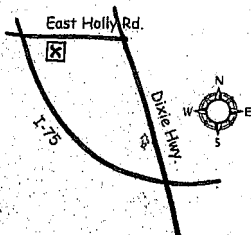
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OBITUARIES

Charles E. Hess

Charles "Charlie" E. Hess of Clarkston, formerly of Ypsilanti, died Sunday, Oct. 31, 1999, at age 78.

Mr. Hess was a member of Transfiguration Catholic Church in Ypsilanti for 40 years and was active in various church groups. He also was a 50-year fan of the Detroit Tigers and followed Ann Arbor St. Thomas/Gabriel Richard High School sports. Mr. Hess enjoyed watching his grandsons play baseball and was a constant companion and playmate to his granddaughter.

Mr. Hess was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, and brother, Rev. J. Ralph Hess. He is survived by a son and daughter, Jim (Jeanne) of Kalamazoo and Mary (Bill) Powers of Clarkston. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Julie Powers, Andrew and Kevan Hess; a brother, Russell (Ruth) of Florida; sister-in-law, Margaret Hess of Texas; and many nieces and nephews as well as many friends of Independence Senior Center.

Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, Pontiac, with Rev. John Wynnicky officiating.

Memorials may be made to Evangelistic Missionaries.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Clarence W. Lewis

Clarence W. Lewis "Chuck" of Waterford died Sunday, Oct. 31, 1999, at age 82.

Mr. Lewis retired from GM as an engineer.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his wife, Gloria. He is also survived by three sons, Jerry (Peggy) of Holly, Charles "Sid" (Jackie) of Auburn Hills, Greg (Roseanne) of Clarkston and a daughter, Anita (Craig) Jach of Haslett. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Jeff, Sheila, Kaitlyn, Joshua and Sarah; and a sister, Vivian Walker of Florida.

Funeral services were held Nov. 3 at Marimont Community Church, Pontiac.

Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the J.P. McCarthy Foundation or Marimont Community Church, Pontiac.

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Jan P. Schmidt

Jan P. Schmidt of Clarkston died Oct. 28, 1999, at age 45.

Mr. Schmidt was employed as a finance manager, GM Truck Group. He served for 20 years with the U.S. Military Services (Marine Corps and Army), having earned the Bronze Star for services in the Persian Gulf War. Mr. Schmidt enjoyed running,

golfing, traveling and being with his family.

Mr. Schmidt was preceded in death by his son, Ryan. He is survived by his wife, Elise, and children Suzanne and Kristin. He is also survived by his parents, Harry and Carol Schmidt of Newberry; mother-in-law, Catherine Criqui of Troy, formerly of Newberry; three sisters, Ann (John) Lundquist of Birmingham, Priscilla (Kenneth) Hamlin of Galesburg, Rebecca (Bruce) Bawkon of Ann Arbor; and a brother, Mike (Kathie) of Novi.

He is also survived by four sisters-in-law, Rita (Daniel) McLean of California, Therese (Al) D'Agostino of New York, Barb Criqui of Oak Park, Sue (Ed) Crowder of Troy and two brothers-in-law, Francis (Patricia) Criqui of Fenton and Jim of Muskegon. Mr. Schmidt is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass was held Nov. 1 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, with Rev. Msgr. Robert Humitz officiating.

Rite of Committal was at Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to Harry J. Hoenselaar ALS Clinic, Henry Ford Hospital.

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Preliminary exams adjourned

Preliminary examinations involving an 18-year-old Independence Township man charged with two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct have been adjourned.

Michael David Simko, 18, was freed after posting a \$100 bond in 52-2 District Court and \$500 bond in 51st District Court in September. A not-guilty plea was entered on Simko's behalf at both arraignments.

The preliminary exams will continue at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 15, in 52-2 District Court (Independence Township) before Judge Gerald McNally and at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, in 51st District Court (Waterford) before Judge Phyllis McMillen.

The preliminary exams began Oct. 22 in Independence and Oct. 29 in Waterford with the alleged victim testifying. Reporters were not allowed in

court while she was on the witness stand.

The preliminary exams are being held in two separate court jurisdictions because the alleged incidents were reported to have taken place in those two separate court jurisdictions.

Police have declined to release details from police reports, including when or where specifically the alleged incidents took place.

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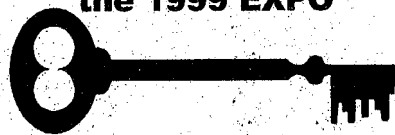
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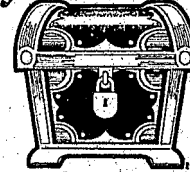


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Panther on prowl?

Police get 2 reported sightings

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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On foot and by air, authorities tried to track down a black panther after two residents reported seeing the sleek predator Thursday.

Around 5:30 p.m. a Farmington Hills resident reported seeing the large cat walking north into a wooded area in the southwest area of the city. A second caller told Farmington Hills police he saw a panther near Founders Park.

Hills police joined a Channel 2 news crew to search the area in a helicopter, using an infrared light. Officers also canvassed the woods on foot.

"Animals were spotted like horses, but there were no large cats reported," said Assistant

Chief Marty Bledsoe.

The department also checked with a Michigan Humane Society naturalist and other cities for similar reports, but there have been none so far, Bledsoe said.

"Is it possible there could be a panther? Yes. Is it probable? Probably not," Bledsoe said.

Police remain on alert but urge residents to remain calm, Bledsoe said.

Panther sightings are not unique in Farmington Hills. In 1987, a resident in the 13 Mile-Hagerty area reported seeing a three-foot long, 50-pound cat with a smooth black coat in his back yard.

Around that time, there were similar reports in the Wixom-Milford area. Panthers are skillful hunters that can roam over a 200-mile radius.

Sales tax 'holiday' proposals spark war of words in Lansing

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Republicans and Democrats alike want to give Michigan residents a "holiday" from sales taxes.

But differing proposals have sparked a war of words in Lansing.

When House Taxation Committee Chair Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Now) unveiled plans for a two-week sales tax holiday on clothing during the back-to-school shopping season, Minority Leader Michael Hanley (D-Saginaw), criticized the proposal as a drain on the state school aid fund. Proposal A, after all, shifted the tax burden away from property taxes and replaced the money with an increase in sales taxes — the hike being dedicated to the state school fund.

"If Rep. Hanley is going to put a shot across the bow, it would be nice if he were aware of what members of his own caucus — 19 of them — are up to," Cassis

fired back.

She was referring to a plan by Rep. Samuel "Buzz" Thomas III (D-Detroit) to also offer a sales tax holiday, co-sponsored by 19 House Democrats. Thomas' plan calls for a one-day holiday on all taxable items.

While she anticipates her plan could cost the state budget anywhere from \$16 million to \$28 million in lost sales tax revenues, according to estimates provided by the House Fiscal Agency, Cassis said Thomas' plan could cost the state \$100 million or more.

"It's irresponsible. It's never been done before. We have nothing to model it on," she said.

Although for only a day, Cassis said she would anticipate that residents would hold off purchases of big ticket items, such as cars and home entertainment systems, in order to get the break on sales taxes. While she said her plan is aimed at helping families with the purchase of necessities during back-to-school

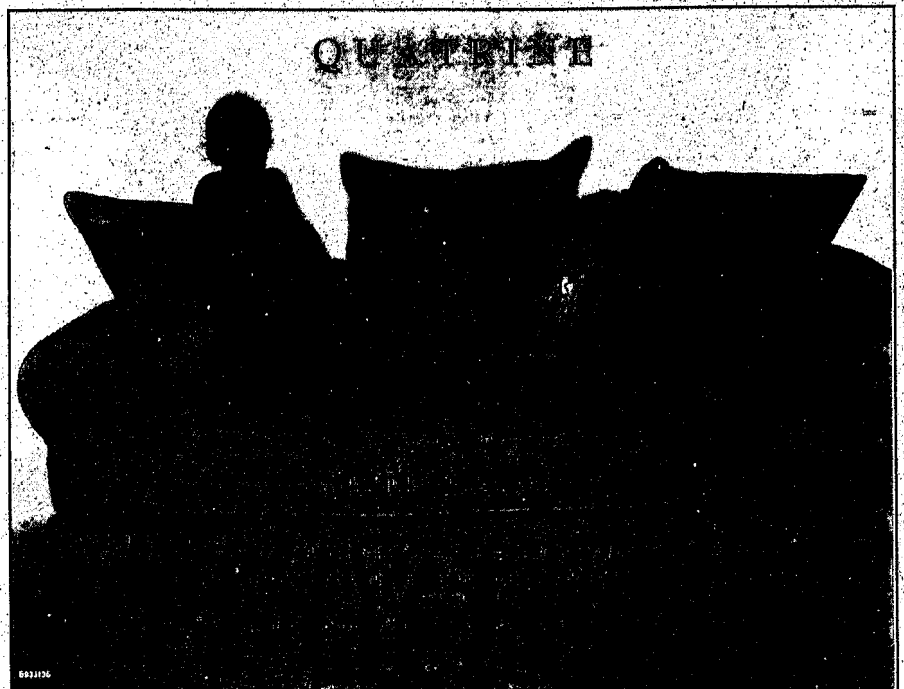
shopping, she said Thomas' plan would allow shoppers to get the break on luxury items as well.

House Bill 4862 would exempt clothing from sales taxes for one week before and one week after the Labor Day holiday. The exemption would be capped at \$500 per individual article of clothing — amounts over that would be subject to Michigan's 6 percent sales tax. She said similar plans have been adopted in New York, New Jersey, Texas and Florida.

House Bill 4650 would allow one day off from sales taxes on all items.

The state budget is expected to produce a surplus of \$380 million in the current fiscal year. Extra funds in school aid money are expected to reach \$500 million next year.

The budget surplus has members on both sides of the aisles looking for breaks to return money to taxpayers in various bills likely to be considered early next year.



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Club's emphasis is on saying 'no' to drugs

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It's never too early in life to learn the importance of avoiding substance abuse. The Just Say No Club at Pine Knob Elementary School is spreading that message to the school's 460 students.

The club of fourth- and fifth-grade students meets every other week during their lunch/recess period. The members were busy during last week's national Red Ribbon Week reminding students

and the community in general to avoid alcohol and drugs throughout their lifetime.

On Monday, the club decorated the outside of the school with big red ribbons and asked the students and staff to sign paper red ribbons pledging abstinence from drugs and alcohol.

On Tuesday, everyone at Pine Knob Elementary was asked to wear a red ribbon. "This was to emphasize that by avoiding substance abuse, they will have a brighter future," explained Trisha Carter, the club's adviser. She's also a

special education teacher at Pine Knob Elementary.

The students in the club repeated their original anti-drug pledge over the public address system on Wednesday. The school was a sea of red Thursday when everyone was encouraged to wear red clothing.

The club members, which number about 75, also decorated Food Town Supermarket grocery bags with anti-substance abuse messages and returned them for the store to use.

"Every year there is a Red Ribbon Week celebrated throughout the country and we always participate," explained Carter. "The kids love planning events for this week. It's real exciting to help all the students lay a good foundation so they'll know how to say no and deal with peer pressure."

Now that Red Ribbon Week is over, the club's job isn't.

"We are working on ideas to get out the information against smoking during the Great American Smoke-Out on Monday, Nov. 18," Carter added.

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It gives a SADD key chain and a card to all CHS students on their 16th birthday. It circulates pledges for students to sign at homecoming saying they will avoid destructive behavior.

Kelly Kanigowski is the school district's student assistance coordinator and the adviser for Clarkston High's SADD club. "We hope to spon-

sor a lot of drug-free activities for students to come to so they have a choice—a place to come where they know there will be no peer pressure to do anything destructive," she said.

"There are more students in our schools not doing drugs or alcohol," she added. "We want to reemphasize that what they are doing is right and get the

other kids to think about prevention."

It also emphasizes that its members aren't to judge or exclude youth who make unwise decisions. Its main focus is to educate.

"It's even more important that we let people know about our SADD group especially since the school district doesn't

have a DARE (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) program anymore," explained Andrea. "This is a club that's going to make a difference," said Melodie. "It has a message that has to be out there," added Tara. "We need to have this group," said Kristin.

"It's important that we be good role models for the younger children as well," said

Rocky. "I love doing that—being a role model is something good. I lecture my younger brother all the time about making wise decisions."

SADD is in its second year at Clarkston High School. It has received community support from such businesses as the McDonald's on Sashabaw Road and Game Works at Great Lakes Crossing.

Sponsors sought for holiday festival

By SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Tuesday's snow is a reminder that winter's on its way.

And with winter and the holiday season comes The Family Holiday Fest sponsored by the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department and local businesses.

Parks and Recreation recently began its fundraising campaign to area businesses, director Ann Conklin said.

Ten responses have already come back promising support for the event Dec. 17-19 at Bay Court Park.

"We're real lucky. The businesses have been supportive," she said.

This is the fourth year for the festival.

It began as a Sunday afternoon event. Last year, organizers experimented with a Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon event. The evening portion proved to be popular and was expanded this year. Hours for 1999 will be 6-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2-5 p.m. on Sunday.

"We've expanded the lights (displays) on it. We added a few more this year," she said.

Even though there will be more lights, Conklin said it still won't be a huge light show. The park playscape will be transformed into toyland and Santa's workshop, complete with elves. Children can get their picture taken with Santa at the pavilion. Entertainment, including choir performances, are on tap. Refreshments also will be served.

People will enjoy horse-drawn sleigh or wagon rides, depending on the weather. Conklin said some of the additional light displays will be visible from the wagon.

"It's just kind of a lot of things packed into one," Conklin said. "It's focus is on the family."

She said it's a great way to create lasting memories for children. Last year approximately 550 people attended.

The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. The price includes the wagon ride, photo with Santa and all the food and entertainment.

Businesses can help Parks and Recreation pay for the event by donating on several levels.

■ Candy Cane is \$50. Donors get recognition at the event.

■ Jingle Bell is \$75. Donors get recognition at the event and in the January 2000 Parks and Recreation magazine.

■ Silver Bell is \$100. Donors receive recognition at the event and in all three Parks and Recreation magazines next year.

■ Santa Claus is \$150. Donors get everything the Silver Bell donors get plus four tickets to the event.

■ Angel is over \$200. Donors get everything the Santa Claus donors get plus a framed certificate of appreciation.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 625-8223.

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lem was people did not want to pay any more than they had to because the cost of the project was staggering. "That left the project too skinny for how big it was," he said, referring to the small contingency fund for the project.

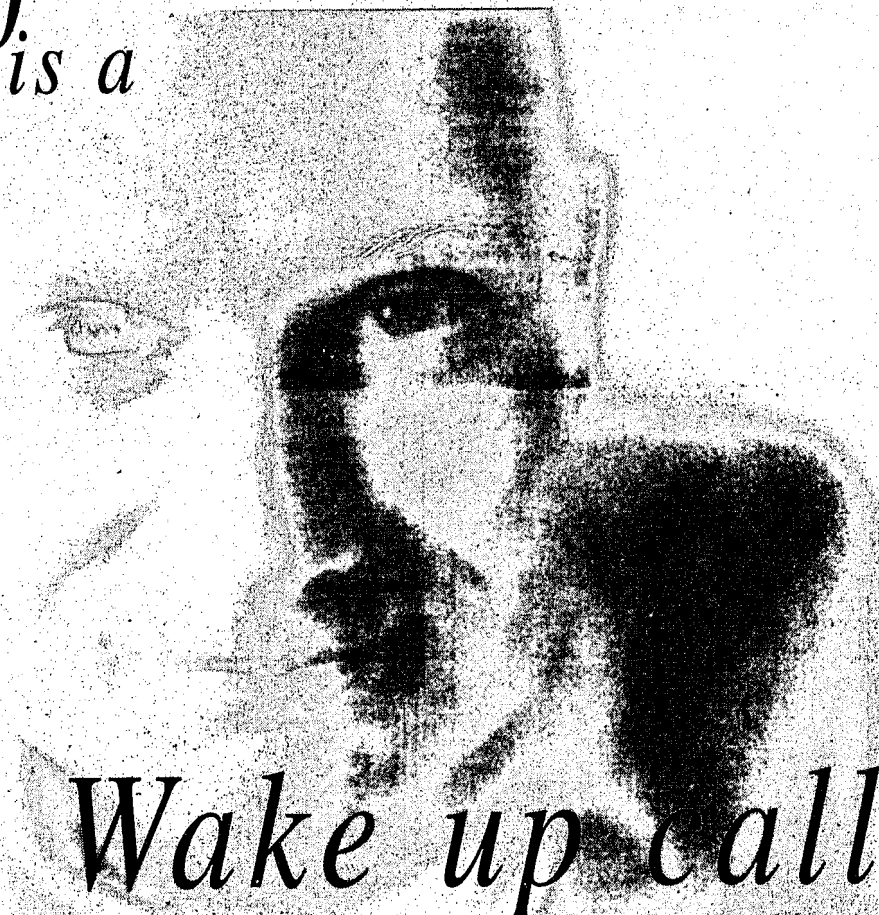
Resident Bill Wherry asked if there was any way to recover the losses. Stuart said not really because the road is done and there is no place to lay blame. He said he thought the officials who were making decisions at the time the project was done did the best job they could.

"Everytime we make a decision about the future, we make assumptions," Stuart said.

Shannon Shilling has lived in the neighborhood for 34 years.

"They bear the mistake; they bear the cost," he said. "I'm not very happy about it. It's too bad everyone has to pay for it."

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County to dedicate new site

Oakland County officials will gather Friday to dedicate a new building that houses several key agencies.

The building, 1151 Crooks Road, has been open since July — replacing two older facilities in Royal Oak, according to Bob Dustman, Oakland County communications officer.

"It's been for a little while now, but we've just now gotten around to formally

dedicating it with this ceremony," Dustman said.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson will speak at the dedication, before cutting a ceremonial ribbon.

Oakland County purchased the 55,000 square-foot building for \$5.1 million last year, then renovated it at a cost of \$2.1 million. It now houses the juvenile and cir-

cuit courts, probation offices, the community corrections department and veteran's services department.

The building will soon offer training for the County's courts and law enforcement information systems.

"It's a place where law enforcement officers can go to learn how to use the mobile data units in their cars," Dustman said.

Legislator wants to make it illegal for criminals to own body armor

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"If you are in possession of body armor, that's a reasonable indicator you anticipate being shot at," State Sen. Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield) says. "If you're a felon, it's a reasonable indicator you anticipate being shot at because you are planning to commit a crime."

As a result, Peters has introduced legislation to outlaw possession of bulletproof vests and other body armor by anyone previously convicted of a violent crime.

It's not just logic that leads Peters to such conclusions. He cites a growing number of recent incidents, locally and across the nation, in which violent offenders have turned to body armor for protection.

Oak Park police officer Kurt Skarjune, speaking on behalf of the bill in a press conference last week said he has encountered four suspects who were wearing body armor, one of which was also carrying guns and drugs. He's chased one gun-toting robber who was later found to be wearing a vest.

Skarjune has been campaigning since 1994 — when he saw vests available for sale in the catalog of a well-known national retailer — to get a national ban on mail order sales of body armor. Although he's had no luck in Congress, he said state governments have been more receptive to the idea of banning body armor for felons.

Detroit police have found gang members wearing vests during the commission of violent crimes. In June, a man who was attempting to rob a Rochester Hills bank of

■ 'You don't want to go up against a Sherman tank when all you have is a revolver.'

*David Daughenbaugh,
—Southfield Police*

\$12,000 was found to be wearing a bulletproof vest.

And of course, Peters noted, it was body armor that allowed robbers in North Hollywood, California to engage in a gun battle with more than 100 police officers while they tried to walk away from the scene earlier this year. It took some 22 direct hits by police to bring the perpetrator down, the senator said.

There is more evidence the sale of body armor is increasing. Peters' staff cited U.S. News and World Report stories which stated that the sale of body armor to civilians — as opposed to the police or the military — has become a \$100 million per year market.

Southfield Police Sergeant David Daughenbaugh said his department has not yet faced criminals with bulletproof vests, but they have confronted criminals with automatic weapons.

"In those cases, you are already out-gunned, you don't want to have to deal with body armor too ... You don't want to go up against a Sherman tank when all you have is a revolver," Daughenbaugh said.

"Body armor on a criminal puts police at a

dangerous disadvantage," Peters said.

It is already illegal for someone to wear a bulletproof vest during the commission of a violent crime, but Peters' bill would outlaw possession at any time by a felon. Just having body armor could net that convict four more years in jail or a \$2,000 fine, under the proposed legislation.

But the senator said he recognizes vests may be good protection for law-abiding citizens who have received death threats or otherwise have reason to believe they may be in danger. So the bill would not prohibit possession for those who do not have criminal records.

And even felons could apply to the local sheriff or police chief for permission to own body armor if their lives are in danger. The bill includes an exemption allowing sheriffs and police chiefs to grant that permission if there is a legitimate need, such as a death threat, and if the police believe the armor will be used lawfully.

Along with Peters' Senate Bill 838, Sen. William Van Regenmorter (R-Hudsonville) introduced supporting legislation in Senate Bill 839, adding possession of body armor by a felon to Michigan's criminal code.

The bills were referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee for review, but Peters said he anticipates fast approval by legislature, perhaps in as little as two weeks.

He said all the major police organizations in the state, including the Fraternal Order of Police and the Michigan Sheriffs Association, support the bill. He cited polling that shows 83 percent of Americans favor outlawing possession of body armor by felons. And, he said, he anticipates no opposition to passage.

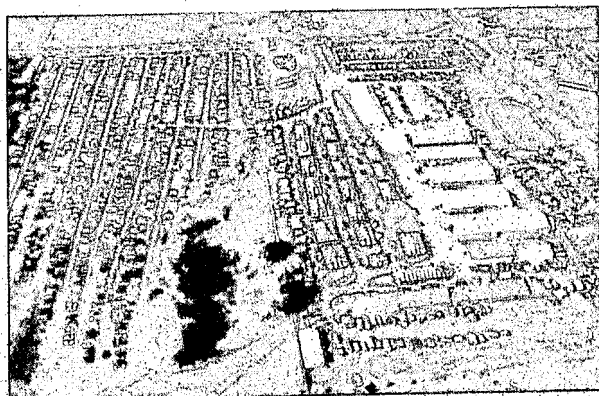


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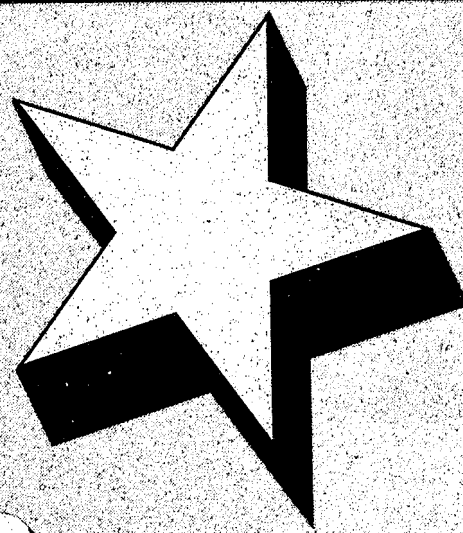
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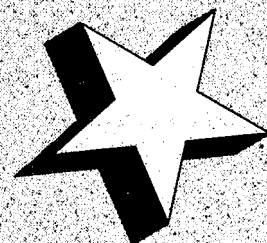
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CHS band finishes 6th in state championship

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Forget the Hail Mary pass. This Clarkston High School team made it to the state finals by marching across the field with its "Gloria" play.

The Clarkston High School Marching Band ended its competitive season on a high note Saturday when it placed sixth in the state during the 1999 Michigan Competing Band Association (MCBA) State Championship. Before a crowd of several thousand spectators at the Silverdome, the 215-member CHS band performed music from "Gloria" and "All Things Bright and Beautiful."

Clarkston—consistently ranked as one of the state's Top 10 marching bands—earned the Silverdome distinction again this year because of its performance scores at four, regular-season invitational contests. On top of

that honor, CHS had another reason to be proud. Two CHS band seniors—drum major Tom Wisniewski and horn player Kathryn Zarzycki—were announced at the Silverdome as winners of \$1000 MCBA scholarships.

These were the results of Saturday's Flight 1 Competition, which featured Clarkston and the other top nine bands in the state, for schools of 1,430 students or more:

■ First place: Plymouth-Canton Educational Park—94.15 points

■ Second place: Jenison High School—88.55 points

■ Third place: Milford High School—86.80 points

■ Fourth place: Walled Lake Central High School—83.05 points

■ Fifth place: Troy Athens High School—77.65 points

■ Sixth place: Clarkston High School—75.75 points

■ Seventh place: Westland John Glenn High School—73.05 points

■ Eighth place: Saginaw Heritage High School—70.90 points

■ Ninth place: Lake Orion High School—69.70 points

■ Tenth place: West Bloomfield High School—67.95 points

CHS band parent Janet Stevenson—mother of freshman Kyle Koble, who plays the snare drum—said she enjoyed her first time at band finals.

"I thought Clarkston did really well," Stevenson said. "They've made so much progress since the beginning of the year and it's been interesting to watch that happen. My son loves being in the band—just loves it."

Ron Hudson, a CHS band parent who couldn't be at the Silverdome Saturday because of work, went to the high school to wait for the band buses to return from the event. Hudson said his daughter, Missa—a sophomore

color guard member—has grown from being in the band.

"It's been a good experience," Hudson said. "It's taught her to be more disciplined. I don't have to nag her about getting her homework done. She knows what she has to do and when she has to have it done, and she does it."

When Hudson saw the results of the MCBA contest, he said he had been pleased with band's performance all season. However, he added that new, updated-looking band uniforms might have helped the band garner a few more points.

"I've heard that the band gets marked down a little because of their (old) uniforms," he said.

According to the MCBA, a 100-point scoring system is used in official competitions, based on these elements:

■ Individual music performance and group music performance, averaged for 20 points

■ Individual visual performance and group visual performance, averaged for 20 points

■ General musical effect, 40 points

■ General visual effect, 20 points

Blake Coe, a CHS senior and co-leader of the band's trombone section, said Monday that he thought Clarkston's band performed "really well."

"The score might have not been what we wanted, but I think everybody thought they played the best they could," he said. "I think it (going to the Silverdome contest for the last time) was extra motivation for me. I felt physically exhausted when it was over because I gave it everything I had."

Blake, who also helped start the CHS Pep Band during his time at CHS, said he's enjoyed being in the band program.

"It's been a good time," he said. "I know I'll look back and remember it."

Sally Coe, Blake's mother and a band booster, said that over the past four years, she's seen the CHS Marching Band finish in third place, seventh place and sixth place at the state finals.

And when all is said and done,

ranking and placement at the state finals is of little importance. But making it to the state competition and being a part of the Clarkston band is a big deal—something most band students won't forget.

"In a couple of years, I bet most kids won't remember what this year's score was, or what place Clarkston was in," Coe said. "But they will remember what an honor it was to be among the top 10 bands in the state. They'll remember the pride they felt, the personal achievements and the friendships they made through band. And that's what's really important."

Coe admitted that she shed a few tears in the Silverdome parking lot Saturday. And it wasn't because fellow band spectator—CHS assistant principal Mike Krystyniak—couldn't find his parked car.

"Every year, after the awards at the Silverdome, the seniors come out into the parking lot, join hands in a circle and sing the alma mater, while the rest of the band looks on," she said. "It's this group. It's this feeling that's intangible."

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The end of the 1999 road construction season is nearing, but many projects are still in the works including the following:

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

NORTH OF M-59

BALDWIN ROAD

■ From: I-75 to Maybee

Community: Orion Twp.

Details: Water and sewer line installations are ongoing along Baldwin Road north of I-75. Construction crews will flag traffic through. Lane closures are possible. Completion date is not available.

BROWN ROAD

■ From: Joslyn Road to Baldwin Road

Community: Orion Twp. and Auburn Hills

Details: Gravel road closed for paving. Detour is Baldwin, Lake Angelus and Joslyn roads. Completion by end of November.

■ From: Joslyn to Giddings

Community: Auburn Hills and Orion Twp.

Details: As part of the reconstruction of the Brown/Joslyn intersection, Brown Road is closed between Joslyn and Giddings so that the new approach to the intersection can be constructed. The road will be closed until the intersection reconstruction is completed. The detour route is Harmon Road and Giddings Road. Completion date is unknown.

JOSLYN ROAD

■ From: At Brown Road

Community: Auburn Hills and Orion Twp.

Details: In conjunction with the paving of Brown Road, the Joslyn/Brown intersection is being reconstructed and reconfigured. Work will continue until approximately Dec. 1. Throughout construction, one lane of Joslyn will be open in either direction, though Brown will be closed in both directions. The developer of the Auburn Mile Shopping Center, being built on Brown west of the intersection, is performing and paying for this work. Expect delays in the area. Completion date is Dec. 1. Work to resume in the spring.

NORTH HOLLY ROAD

■ From: Grange Hall Road to north of Lahring Road

Community: Holly Twp.

Details: Road being reconstructed. North Holly Road south of Lahring Road is closed until mid-November for culvert replacement. Detour is Grange Hall Road, Dixie Highway and Belford Road. Completion by mid-November.

MOST PRIMARY ROADS

Community: Groveland Twp.

Details: Consumer's Energy

is installing gas mains throughout the township. Locations could change daily. Lanes may be closed or reduced to one-way traffic. This will be ongoing for several months.

WILLIAMS LAKE ROAD/MACEDAY LAKE ROAD

Community: Waterford Twp.

Details: Intersection being reconstructed; expect delays. Completion sometime in November.

SOUTH OF M-59

BIG BEAVER

■ From: West of Rochester Road

Community: Troy

Details: Traffic may be disrupted on eastbound Big Beaver east of Rochester Road as development begins on a new shopping center on Big Beaver. Expect delays. Completion date unknown.

MILFORD ROAD

■ From: Davisburg to the railroad tracks north of Rose Center Road

Community: Rose Twp.

Details: This section of road is closed for resurfacing. Detour is M-59, Hickory Ridge and Fenton Road. Completion date is Nov. 10.

ORCHARD LAKE ROAD

■ From: At Northwestern

Highway

Community: West Bloomfield Twp.

Details: Developer of Gateway Shopping Center is adding a northbound center left-turn lane to Orchard Lake. Completion in November.

PONTIAC TRAIL

■ From: Beck to Wixom Road

Community: Wixom

Details: Water main being installed, and road being widened from three lanes. There will be lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays. Expect delays. Completion in November.

WALNUT LAKE ROAD

■ From: Haggerty Road to

two-thirds of a mile east of Haggerty.

Community: West Bloomfield Twp.

Details: Gravel road being paved to provide access to Walnut Creek Middle School. Road will reopen in mid-November. Detour is Haggerty Road, Pontiac Trail and Halstead Road. Completion date is Nov. 15.

WOODWARD

■ From: At 14 Mile Road

Community: Royal Oak and Birmingham

Details: Storm water drains are being replaced along Woodward near 14 Mile Road. Work could cause delays on 14 Mile (east and west of Woodward) and on Woodward. Completion date unknown.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1999

Expo '99

Support your local businesses

A couple of recent developments serve as a good reminder of the importance of residents supporting local businesses.

Last month, Farmer Jack, a large grocery chain, bought out the family-owned Food Town in Independence Township, marking the end of a family business that started in 1944.

At the recent meetings held by Hyett-Palma, experts in downtown revitalization, residents said they want a drug store, among other retail stores, to return to downtown Clarkston.

The apothecary that used to serve residents on Main Street closed because it couldn't compete with the chain drug stores that insurance companies mandated be used by employees of particular industries.

Several factors can cause a local business to close. Among them are competition from larger companies that can afford to sell their products at lower prices and changes in consumer buying habits. In each case, any one factor or any combination of factors can contribute to a business' demise.

However, one thing is for sure: No local business dependent on walk-in customers can survive without the support of area residents.

This week is a good time for area residents to renew their commitment to patronize local

Local businesses often offer a lot more in the way of service to customers than large chains, and they frequently put the money they earn back into the community by supporting community organizations and events.

businesses. The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 13th annual business and community expo 6-9 p.m. today in Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Admission is free.

Nearly 100 local exhibitors will display their products and services. The one-stop shopping experience will enable patrons to educate themselves about the range of services and products available locally.

Customers get a lot more than they pay for when they patronize local businesses.

Local businesses often offer a lot more in the way of service to customers than large chains, and they frequently put the money they earn back into the community by supporting community organizations and events.

We encourage residents to attend the expo today — and to patronize local businesses on a regular basis.

County needs viable Democratic Party

Next Century Michigan and its founder, former Gov. James Blanchard, did residents and the political system a favor last week by breathing some life into the Democratic Party. More zest is needed, but the fund raiser in Southfield could be an important step in rebuilding the two party system in Michigan and Oakland County.

Some background: Next Century Michigan is an organization Blanchard formed two years ago to support state and local candidates deemed to be promising. The idea is, of course, that a little financial support or some encouragement at crucial times will help fledgling candidates get on track. Presumably most or all of those candidates will be Democrats.

This paper is not abandoning its long standing policy of political independence. We do — and will continue — to evaluate ideas and individuals on the basis of merit, rather than partisan labels.

But the Democratic fund raiser attracted as many as 800 people, at \$125 a ticket. The money raised is substantial and we trust it will be put to good use. But the importance of that gathering goes beyond money.

It brought together some old party stalwarts with some new fresh faces looking to make a difference. It attracted Douglas A. Fraser, the retired president of the UAW, as well as Tim Melton, the 29-year-old Oakland County commissioner.

Democrats have been sagging over the last few years. At the state level — and more so at the county level — the party has floundered. With few exceptions, Democrats have been unable to field qualified candidates, float new ideas or raise effective challenges the leadership of the dominant Republicans.

Democrats have been unable to effectively challenge Gov. John Engler or Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. Both are strong and capable leaders — we don't mean to suggest otherwise.

One-party dominance isn't good for Democrats, and it's not good for Republicans. It certainly isn't good for Michigan or Oakland County. The system — and the voters — are better served by having at least two healthy political parties.

But one-party dominance isn't good for Democrats, and it's not good for Republicans. It certainly isn't good for Michigan or Oakland County. The system — and the voters — are better served by having at least two healthy political parties. There's nothing like the loyal opposition to provide the first level of checks and balances . . . to keep the other party honest.

Political ups and downs are not unusual, to be sure. In the aftermath of the Watergate scandal, for example, pundits actually asked themselves if the Republican Party would survive. That seems silly now, but the GOP was sagging and floundering at the time.

Perhaps the Democratic malaise is temporary. Maybe in a decade or so people will look back on this editorial and wonder if it's equally silly. If that happens, we won't be upset. Michigan and Oakland County need a healthy two-party system.

The situation isn't hopeless. State Sen. Gary Peters of Bloomfield Hills and State Rep. Nancy L. Quarles are trying to keep Democratic ideals alive. So are Gary Kohut, the Democratic county chair from Troy, and county commissioner Eric Coleman of Southfield, who is the chair of the Democratic caucus on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

But they need support. They need a healthy and vigorous party behind them to foster the exchange ideas and to call attentions to any shortcomings. To that end, we hope last week's Next Century Michigan fete was a beginning.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you think hunting should be restricted in northern Oakland County?

This question was asked at Kroger on Dixie Highway in Independence Township.



"Definitely. I love animals, and I'm against all hunting."
Spike Micelli
Waterford



"No. From what I read there is an overpopulation of deer. I'm from Up North, too. I've hit four of them."
Jill Hawkins
Clarkston



"It depends on where it is. If it's in a residential area yes, but if it's an open area, I don't think so."
Eric Hoffman
Waterford



"Yes, because of the population. But (in less populated areas) I don't see why not."
Mark Stapleton
Clarkston

LETTERS

Hats off to Kmart

My daughter, Kelly, attends Independence Elementary School in Clarkston. She came home from school with a flier concerning "Hats Off for Cancer," a national organization developed "by kids for kids" that collects hats for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatments. The hats are distributed across the state and country. The purpose of this flier was to encourage all students at Independence to donate a new (with tag) baseball-style hat for this cause.

This morning I went in to the Kmart store at 5100 Dixie Highway, Waterford to buy a hat for my daughter to donate. I was looking for something generic rather than one with a sports logo. When I couldn't find any, I stopped at the front desk and made an inquiry, explaining what I needed the hat for. The two ladies working the counter (Audrey and Jackie) quickly commented at the same time that there was a clearance box in the back with hats that had been marked down. The box was retrieved for me to look through, and I was told that the hats had been marked down to 50 cents each and that I could still have them for that price. I told Audrey and Jackie that I would take all 35 hats. Then the store manager, Tony Boyle, walked by and was told the reason I was there. He told me I could have the hats for 10 cents each and that he would give them to me for nothing, but he had to show something for store inventory.

When I walked out of that store I couldn't feel better than if I'd just hit the lottery. I went into Kmart with the intention of purchasing one hat and I came out with 35 hats and a heart filled with the generosity of others. Best of all, I know the feeling was mutual because the tears in Audrey's eyes told me so...

Thank you for letting me share this story.
Vickie Anderson
Clarkston

Halloween candy is for eating

My opinion is that Drs. Petrucci, McChesney and Shushtari forgot what it's like to be a kid. The thrill of Halloween is dressing up, collecting your treats and enjoying them. The idea of trading your candy in for cash is ridiculous! What a waste it is to purchase candy and pass it out knowing that it will be "bought back." What will the doctors do with the candy? Throw it out, surely not eat it, or perhaps donate it to those who can't afford a dentist. If parents feel so strongly about their children eating candy, why bother trick-or-treating? If the dentists want to promote healthy eating and healthy teeth, why not pass out free toothbrushes and information at the schools? Halloween only comes once a year, lighten up!

J. Mispelon
Clarkston

Proposal would limit porn

Currently, local government efforts to keep out or control porn shops and nude dance clubs are costly and often unsuccessful. Most local zoning regulations are ineffective. Communities across Michigan have been asking the state to help them deal with pornography establishments in their neighborhoods. The package we are proposing would empower local governments with more control and authority. It does not pre-empt any local zoning ability.

This legislation would license and curtail strip clubs and pornography shops by shutting them down on Sundays and holidays and after 10 p.m. and prohibit closed, interior rooms. The proposals would also ban anyone younger than 21 from entering adult businesses. Currently, anyone who is 18 can enter. The bills also would allow residents to sue under existing nuisance laws and provide penalties for those exposing minors to sexually explicit material.

These restrictions, as well as state licensing, would apply to any business that gets at least 10 percent of its annual revenue from sexually oriented material or services. Any facility that may be a site of high-risk sexual contact, such as a strip club, also would be subject to state health inspections.

According to several national studies, prostitution and sex-related crimes in areas located near adult entertainment businesses occur, on average, four times more frequently than in other areas. Statistics also show that sex-related crime is higher and property values lower around these types of adult businesses.

This package has been modeled after a Delaware law that has withstood legal challenge for more than a decade.

Our families deserve safe and healthy communities. This plan will go a long way toward protecting our neighborhoods and our children.

I'd like to hear what you think about our proposed family-oriented anti-porn package or any other state issues. Contact my office in Lansing by calling 1-800-510-RUTH, by writing to Rep. Ruth Johnson, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909, or by e-mailing me at rujohnson@house.state.mi.us

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POINTS OF VIEW

A good teacher is one who gives students the confidence to learn

Patience, dedication, warmth, kindness and compassion. In my opinion these are the qualities of a good teacher. A teacher spends anywhere from four to five years in college all to learn about us — the students.

In elementary school, we learn the things we will carry with us forever. The basics. How to share, how to listen, how to read and how to write. In junior high and high school, we expand upon these fundamentals. There are two factors that help us to expand these, ourselves and the teachers. The teachers help us to help ourselves.

Nicole Bottiaux, a student at Clarkston High School, said, "My teachers helped me to learn what is right and wrong, how to do math, to write an essay, and all that. They helped me to be who I am now, in the knowledge sense." You see, when we make decisions, we make them based upon what we learned.

When other students at Clarkston High were asked what makes a good teacher, everyone had a different opinion. Justin Salisbury, a junior, said, "A good teacher is willing to bend the rules, within reason." Pat Moultrup, another junior, said, "Being able to get through to the kids without biting their heads off, or making them feel stupid." Tara Chastain said, "Someone who makes it fun, and does everything they can to make everyone understand what they are teaching."

All teachers have to be strict at times. They have to make the students understand who is in charge. If they didn't have control of the class, then some people would be robbed of the opportunity to learn.

Teachers have it just as hard, if not harder, than we do. They have to get through to every single one of us. They may have to teach it 100 ways before someone can get it. A good teacher would smile at the end and realize that as soon as someone says "I get it" they have fulfilled their goal. They helped someone learn.

Kathy Dickson, a second-grade teacher from the Avondale district, said, "The most rewarding aspect of my job is when a child walks out of my classroom with good self-esteem and is saying, 'I can do it.'" Dickson also said, "Everyone has a different learning capability. It is so rewarding when they achieve that success at their own level."

What is the challenging part of being a teacher? We all know what the challenging parts of being a student are, but how often do we look at it from their perspective? Dickson said, "Part of it is class size. It makes it difficult to give every student the individual attention they deserve and they need."

Some teachers give us what we need, and some teachers don't. In fourth grade I had an



JAIME GREEN

extremely strict teacher. She gave us homework every night, and never let us slack off. She gave me my very first D+. I cried, and I hated her. As the year went on I realized that she was not going to let me get away without doing my ultimate best. I disliked her immensely that entire year. At the end of the year I looked back on what I had done. I had learned so much more than I ever had dreamed of. She was what I needed. I needed a teacher who was going to push me until I couldn't be pushed any further. I needed a teacher who would help me understand what I didn't. And when I didn't understand it, she made it simple and made me realize that I wasn't stupid, I was smart, I could do it. She opened my eyes. She was a good teacher.

There aren't really bad teachers. There are just some teachers who don't click with us. They try, but they don't get it. A teacher who doesn't click with me doesn't mean they won't click with the next person who comes along. Every person's opinion is different; everyone's abilities are different. No two people are completely alike. As are no two teachers. We need to try and see things the way they do. Then the worst teacher might not be so bad.

In elementary school when we did well on something we would get a sticker or a happy face on our paper. I am a junior in high school and when I got a sticker on my chemistry test and it said "great job," it made me happy. I smiled and laughed. I knew that I had done really well, and for the first time in almost three years a test of mine was posted on my refrigerator. It made me feel good, and it made me feel confident. The next day when I walked into that classroom, I knew I could pass, I knew I could do it. She touched me. She helped me. That's what it's all about. That's what makes a good teacher.

Jaime Green is a junior at Clarkston High School and the lifestyles editor of PawPrints, the CHS student newspaper. Her column alternates with one written by Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Al Roberts.

Engler shows efficiency, style

Gov. John Engler last week transferred responsibility for (a) adult and vocational education to the Department of Career Development and (b) state education assessment tests (MEAP) to the Department of Treasury. Both programs previously had been run by the Department of Education.

I thought the headline in The Macomb Daily caught it just right: "Is Engler power mad or just efficient?"

As evidence for the efficiency school of thought, consider the shift of career and technical services and adult education to the Department of Career Development.

I chaired the Job Training Coordinating Commission during the 1980s. In those days, responsibility for job training and career development was inefficiently splattered all over state government. That's why I thought it was right for Engler to create the new Department of Career Development; it concentrated responsibility and accountability for career-related programs and job training into one administrative unit.

Now moving staff overseeing adult education and vocational schools, including vocational courses at community colleges, to the Career Development department makes sense for the same reason. It strategically links adult and vocational education together with community colleges in one coherent part of state government.

Given how important high skills are for Michigan kids and businesses alike, I can only applaud Engler's move.

As evidence supporting the power mad charge, consider what the governor has done to the MEAP program.

MEAP stands for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, covering reading, writing, science and math, with social science to be added soon. Eleventh graders who pass all tests can be awarded \$2,500 Merit college scholarships, beginning with the June 2000 graduating class.

Responsibility for the MEAP test has been in the hands of the Department of Education for years. Under its leadership, the test has been one of the most powerful tools for school reform because it assesses what kids actually learn in school and provides solid evidence where individual schools need to do better.

Last year, however, in creating the Merit scholarship program and linking it to MEAP test results, the legislature created a new Michigan Merit Award Board. This provided a convenient rationale for moving oversight of MEAP tests from the education folks to, of all places, the Department of Treasury.

The relevant paragraph from the governor's press release read: "Because the law requires that the Michigan Merit Award Board review and approve the assessment tests before they may be used to determine eligibility under the scholarship program, the responsibility for the administration of MEAP is transferred to the Department of Treasury."



PHILIP POWER

What's that? Transfer responsibility for the biggest tool for school reform from educators to bean counters in the treasury?

As more evidence for the "power mad" possibility, consider that of the seven members of the Merit board, six are Engler appointees: Mark Murray, head of Treasury; Barbara Bolin, director of Career Development; Kathleen Barclay, vice president of global human resources for General Motors; Clark Durant, who recently resigned from the State Board of Education after missing the majority of its meetings during his last three years; Isaiah "Ike" McKinnon, former Detroit police chief; and one person yet to be named. (The seventh board member is Art Ellis, who gets his seat because he is Superintendent of Education.)

Excepting Ellis, who runs the Department of Education, none of the Merit Board members has any background in K-12 administration, curriculum development or education reform. Murray, who chairs the Merit board, is widely regarded as a sane and thoughtful guy, but he doesn't know much about educational assessments.

Members of the State Board of Education — who are elected statewide (and, therefore, not under Engler's thumb) — blasted the move.

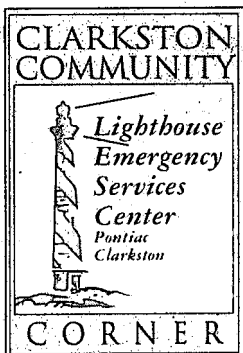
"It makes no sense at all to pull responsibility for the MEAP test away from educators and give it to people who know nothing about testing," said member Sharon Gire, a former Democratic state representative. Dorothy Beardmore, a Republican member from Rochester, pointed out that "testing is very technical. It should be based on curriculum standards, which remain in the Department of Education. There is no logic at all in the MEAP move."

Forget all the hot air coming out of the governor's office about better coordination of the MEAP test with the Merit scholarship. The purpose of the MEAP test is not to determine who gets Merit scholarships; the purpose of the MEAP test is to improve education.

It's hard to see anything here other than a pure grab for power.

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Holiday events help Lighthouse give the needy a hand up



As the leaves turn a beautiful red, yellow and orange and carpet the roadways and walkways, frosty mornings sending a shiver or chill through many of us, anticipation of the holidays enfolds the day. This is a most exciting time for Lighthouse of Oakland County Inc.

A special thanks goes to those who have so generously volunteered in a variety of ways. Food drives appear to be in full swing with the promise of additional food to be delivered. On behalf of the many families Lighthouse Emergency Services so proudly serves, Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

There are many ways to exercise the spirit of giving during the holiday season. If cold weather and hot cocoa cause a "foul" feeling to overcome your spirit, why not consider attending the Detroit Rockers' soccer game at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20? The Rockers will generously "throw in" \$2 from the sale of each ticket to Lighthouse Emergency Services to help the less fortunate and homeless. The "goal" for the Detroit Rockers is to increase attendance in their new home at the Palace of Auburn Hills. This is a great family outing while assisting with a hand up and not a hand out. The Rockers will play the Cleveland Crunch. Let's welcome the Rockers in a warm Oakland County way.

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second opportunity for a Tree of Caring, which will be located near the entrance of the Candy Cane Tree Farm on Seymour Lake Road in Brandon Township. This tree lighting ceremony will honor those living in Brandon and Oxford townships and will take place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27. Refreshments will be provided. Interested individuals may purchase a "love" light on the tree(s) in honor of or in memory of a family member or friend. Prices for lights are as follows: tree-top star, \$100; gold light, \$50; silver light, \$25; blue light, \$20; green light, \$10; and red light, \$5.

Contact Lighthouse Emergency Services at (248) 673-4949 for further information and watch for further updates regarding the events. All "love" light donations help in Lighthouse's mission to assist residents who have an immediate need for food, clothing and shelter. The Tree of Caring shines as a beacon of hope for those members of the community who are less fortunate.

As a community, let us close out the 20th century with a spirit of generosity, for in doing so, the millennium will begin in such a fashion. Can we afford not to?

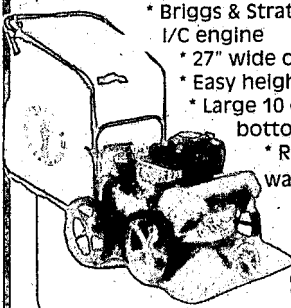
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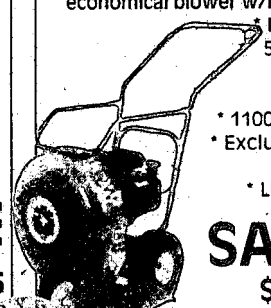


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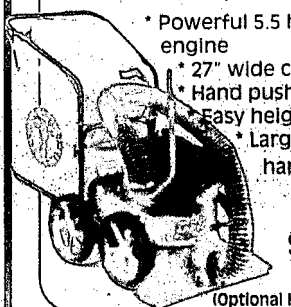
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Polio victim puts expertise to work

<NONE>BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

Clarkston resident Paul Ulrich knows all about the needs of wheelchair users — he's been confined to one for ten years.

Ulrich is putting that knowledge to work at General Motors, designing products and facilities to be friendly to individuals with disabilities.

Along with 14 other consultants — dubbed the Paragon team — Ulrich has fine-tuned a host of General Motors vehicles, making small changes that mean big differences to the disabled.

"These are things that are transparent to people without disabilities," Ulrich said, "but they're so important. We're trying to do the right thing here."

Ulrich has been an engineer at GM for over 30 years, but only recently realized he could put his expertise to work in this unique way. "I had always worked in the advanced engine and powertrain design division," he said. "About six years ago, my project was canceled, and everyone working on it was told they would be redeployed."

"That's company speak for

given a new job," he said.

That's when Ulrich came up with the idea for the Paragon team — something that might not have occurred to him ten years earlier. Ulrich lost the use of his lower body to Polio in 1949, but had been walking with the use of braces until the late eighties.

Eventually, his upper body could no longer bear the strain of walking with crutches. Becoming wheelchair-bound inspired him to see the world in a different light. He conceptualized his new role as leader of the Paragon team at GM, he said.

GM agreed. From the corporation's point of view, one person's hardship might provide the insight needed to help others.

Ulrich's team spent a year reviewing the new Chevrolet Impala before it hit the showrooms, making a host of changes to the initial design. "We had a considerable amount of input on that vehicle," he said.

Cars changed

To reduce the amount of pain experienced by people with arthritis, for example, Ulrich

and his colleagues recommended decreasing the amount of resistance on instruments and controls — making it easier and less painful for people to operate power window, adjust the air conditioning or activate the windshield wipers.

Another change from Ulrich and his colleagues may become an industry standard, the instrument-console mounted ignition.

"For someone with arthritis, trying to turn the key like this can be a world of pain," Ulrich explained, bending his wrist in a 45-degree motion used to start a vehicle with a conventional ignition mechanism.

The team also suggested revising the design of some trucks to widen the door and provide more overall space for stowing a wheelchair.

"You won't see that (design) on most other automobiles, but it accommodates a machine that lifts a wheelchair up inside the trunk," Ulrich explains.

The Paragon Team also added larger, easier-to-find controls and larger mirrors for people who wear bifocals or have vision impairments.

Besides vehicle designs, the team consults with architects to



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Details: Paul Ulrich has spent years in a wheelchair. Now he puts that experience to work making vehicles more accessible to the disabled.

design accessible General Motors facilities and offices. They were called in as consultants at Detroit's Renaissance Center, which General Motors is renovating and will eventually make its new world headquarters.

"When we did that special assessment, the building manager went along with us and took notes," Ulrich said. "Information like that can be used for all new facilities."

The team suggested changes

ranging from the sweeping redesign of restrooms to replacing refrigerators in the break rooms. All of these conveniences would not necessarily be noteworthy to TABs — or Temporarily Able Bodied persons, an acronym Ulrich uses.

"When we went into the lunch room, I immediately looked at the refrigerator. The freezer was on the top," he said, "I thought 'no way' could I reach that."

As the population of the Unit-

ed States matures, more people will become aware of these special features, Ulrich said, because they themselves will need them. "By the year 2000, as the baby boomer generation ages, there will be 68 million people age 50 or older," he said. "That's a large market. I call it 'the huge wave coming ashore.'"

But with the efforts of people like Ulrich, the huge wave coming ashore people will find products that will meet and accommodate their individual needs.

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CAROLYN WALKER

Average 'Joe' can make a difference

Out there in the world there is a good person. He goes by the name of Joe. He could be just about any man, I suppose, because Joes are a dime-a-dozen. They're everywhere — like Oakland County traffic — wearing suits and mustaches, dishing out orders, signing important papers, performing operations, teaching children, heading up corporations and so on.

This particular Joe, though, runs a cafeteria at Oakland University. He has bright eyes and brown hair and he dresses in white because that's what cafeteria people do.

This particular Joe is the Joe who gave my mentally-disabled daughter an opportunity.

"I'm going to be late," she says to me, attempting to be heard over the disc jockey on our van radio. Her words come out in a slur because a slur is all she is capable of — even after 22 years of almost non-stop talking practice.

In that time, her slur has taught my ears to be discerning — which is to say that I have lived with her long enough to recognize the meaning in her difficult speech.

"I'm going to be late," translates into "Stop holding up my already bogged-down life!"

Before us, a line of rush-hour cars and trucks stretches for miles south down I-75. They block our progression from here to there. From home to her new job. From the restraints of her disability to Joe's cafeteria.

"Hurry, hurry," my daughter con-

Please see JOE, B2



Waterford couple is . . . Wild about dolls



Go figure: Rusty Wilder, co-owner of Wilder's Doll Center with her husband, Chester, stands amid a room full of doll heads and figures.

BY CAROLYN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

The women sitting around the art tables in Rusty Wilder's basement are a little bit naughty . . . and they like it. A lot.

Their hands working furiously to clean and paint greenware heads, they crack good-natured jokes about themselves, their hobby, their spouses and the occasional body part.

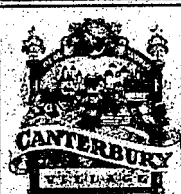
Somehow, it all seems appropriate — given the setting. There is a dim light and some dust, and stray arms and legs and torsos are lined up in boxes about them. From a shelf above their heads, doll faces peer down, speechless but apparently interested in the conversation, given their attentiveness.

"We work from greenware, and you make the doll and paint the doll," says Wilder, who co-owns Wilder's Doll Center on Dixie Highway with her husband, Chester. "And we have lots of naked dolls because a lot of women just like to dress them."

(Chester, upstairs waiting on customers, admits happily but with a feigned curmudgeon's fuss that yes, he is a man working in a women's world.)

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tinues to the other drivers through the fog on our closed windows. They cannot hear her, of course. They do not move, and she goes on as if her voice could make a difference. "I'm going to be late for work."

You can't always judge a Joe by his appearance. The Joe of Oakland University looks to be in his early 30s. He could be younger, maybe older. If I am right and he is, say, 31 or 32 years old, that means he's only got a decade on my

daughter.

That means when I was laboring to give her life, he was a young adolescent somewhere, maybe pitching a baseball or smacking a hockey puck. Maybe listening, or maybe not, to his mother's admonitions to be kind to others.

When we finally arrive, my daughter gets out of our van and she hobbles her way into the cafeteria and takes her place in front of a pile of dirty silverware. She assesses it much like a

banker might assess a stack of golden coins, with her hands on her hips and her eyes wide with pleasure.

Despite her slur, she made this point clear to Joe and her fellow employees several months ago: "The silverware is mine." And they leave it alone.

I cannot help myself when I turn to walk away from her. I look at her peculiar and squat little figure leaning just a little to the left because of her too-short leg. I watch as her stubby fingers delve

into the silverware the dormitory students left scattered after their meals.

I listen over the drone of the cafeteria machines as she slurs to herself about her forthcoming paycheck and how she plans to spend it.

It is early morning. I am in my van, heading north back to the Eccentric, and thinking about all that I must accomplish in the day. Across the median, lined-up drivers cuss and jockey for position on their ways to work.

Somewhere behind me, Joe scurries around his cafeteria, overseeing the people in his employ. Among them, a child who lives in a woman's body is sorting dirty silverware. She's doing the most with her life that she will probably ever do and to hear her slur it, Joe's opportunity is the greatest thing that has ever come along.

Carolyn Walker lives in the city of the Village of Clarkston. She is a staff writer for the Waterford Eccentric.

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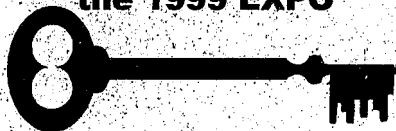
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Heads up: These dolls head molds are used to create porcelain or greenware dolls.

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Rusty Wilder says there are 750 heads to choose from and then bake in the kiln — and Sally Ness, of Bloomfield Hills, sees her chance to crack a joke. "Or, if you can catch your husband and make him stand still, you can pickle him," she quips.

"You know how the smoker wants just one cigarette and they can't stop?" she continues. "It's like that. It's very addictive."

Ness' "addiction" — like that of the women seated about her — is for making dolls. On this day, she is sharing her habit with Wilder and two other women, Nelma Hoult of Waterford and Linda Flynn of Clarkston.

"Rusty doesn't let you out of the class with your doll until you've done it right," Flynn says, as she works a brush over an angel's face. "Especially those eyebrows."

"It's girls' day out, and we get to play dolls," adds Hoult.

According to Ness, Wilder is "the old lady living in the shoe." Her comment is a reference to the fact that Wilder is a mother of eight and that doll-making became her passion when they were young.

Wilder's face turns somber when she explains that she took up doll-making to cope with her grief after her 16-year-old son was shot and killed 21 years ago. She began by sculpting and creating a doll of her infant grandson.

"I've always done art. I've

always been crafty. When you have eight kids, you have to do a lot of things yourself," she says. "Instead of going crazy, I started doing dolls."

Others enjoyed the doll of her grandson so much that they requested figures of their own, she continued, and thus did she give birth to Wilder's dolls. Wilder's hobby has, in the past two decades, become a thriving business that also includes doll repairs and restorations, doll costumes, supplies, classes, shows and competitions. The business has been located in Waterford Township for two years.

"I warn everybody when they start: It's a perpetual disease," she says. "If you've got two, you're a collector."

The process of making greenware or porcelain dolls involves molding the dolls' heads, cleaning the greenware, firing it several times in a kiln, painting it, assembling the body and making or finding clothes for it.

While her clientele is mostly women, she says, some children and men have participated in her classes.

Wilder recalls that when she was a child she didn't like dolls.

"I had one doll when I was 4 and I got it for Christmas and I busted its head because I wanted roller-skates," she says.

She now prefers making what she calls "character" dolls or fashion dolls over baby or children's dolls. Her creations have

been as small as 2 1/2 inches and as large as 5-foot-4-inches tall. Most of her dolls are about 2 to 4 feet tall.

"I like to make big dolls," she says, displaying an upstairs room lined with the figures of glamorous dolls of all nationalities, some dressed in handmade native costumes. "There's no such thing as an average doll. Sometimes when you sculpt all that comes out is what's in your head. My ideas work faster than my hands will. We try to make them look human."

Wilder says she has seen some decline in the number of students in recent years, she adds, attributing that fact to the increase in modern technology and the availability of parts over the Internet.

"Most of the younger people today are not as crafty as the older," she says.

Still, dolls do hold an allure for many.

"They represent something. Most of my students make things that look like their kids or their friends' kids. It's a fantasy," she adds, pointing to one doll with a fancy dress and another with a set of wings. "I would never dress like that."

"You look at them. You look at them. That's what you do. You look at them."

People interested in taking classes or having dolls repaired can call: (248) 618-9506.

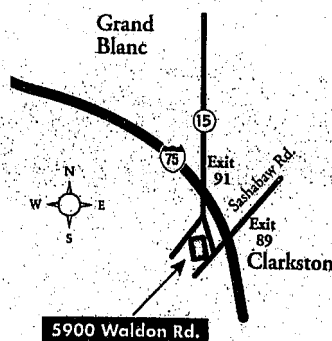
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'Rock movement' can be a back-breaking experience

Americans seem to have a preoccupation with rock. Rock crosses all social and economic boundaries. It's become a real icon of oneness among all generations. Everywhere you travel, rock is present. Into fancy neighborhoods, down Main Street, into business areas — it's everywhere. I'm not speaking of musical rock and roll. I'm talking about rock. You know, big stones. The next time you go for a drive, it may surprise you to count the number of homes and businesses that have used large rocks in their landscaping. I had never noticed this strange phenomenon until this past summer.

When you think of it, the concept is rather strange. Something free, that you dig up in your yard, which really is not terribly attractive, is on display everywhere you look. If they find really big ones, people often flaunt them, build flower bed around them, or put them on either side of their driveways for decoration. If not fortunate enough to dig one up in their own yard, many people actually pay to have them trucked in for

displaying purposes.

Although I question the logic, when our house was under construction, I too hated to waste the large treasures dug up by the excavator so we asked him to move all the large rocks into piles around the yard so we could use them in our landscaping. In hindsight I wonder if the largest rocks weren't in my head.

When summer came, we started making plans to move the rocks. We decided to build a rock wall behind our driveway to terrace the steep hill leading to the back yard. It took only minutes to realize that large rocks are unbelievably heavy. Since the excavator and his heavy equipment were now gone, our family of four worked for weeks, rolling the smallest of the large rocks into our wheelbarrow and struggling to get each of the heavy, awkward things placed just perfectly to form the rock wall. After that excruciatingly backbreaking experience, we decided the really large rocks were too heavy for us and would need to be moved professionally.



ROCHELLE SMITH

We proceeded on to other projects and left the huge boulders sitting in the middle of the yard. Although we had made the decision to hire the job done, my husband kept thinking of ways that we might be able to move those heavy things ourselves. "We just need leverage," he would start. "No we need money — to hire movers," I'd reply. "We have a truck with a winch," he would reason. "We have aching backs from moving the small ones," I would counter.

By late summer he and our neighbor had come up with a plan. My husband built a wood platform, hooked it to his truck with a sturdy chain and borrowed some heavy metal bars to use for leverage. Since our sons had already been involved in building the rock wall and five weeks worth of digging trenches for a sprinkling system, I had promised there would be no more landscaping projects involving them this year. That was before I heard the final rock movement plan. I am, however, a mother of my word.

Through much protest from my husband, I insisted that our boys be allowed to sit in the house and play video games and watch TV while he and I struggled to pry the metal bars under these unbelievably heavy rocks and slowly roll or turn them onto the wood platform. I knew I was in trouble after the first day. We worked from morning to night and managed to move only the three smallest rocks. We still had the six largest ones to go.

After a project like that, I have a new

respect for all the large rocks I see used in landscaping designs. Although the two rocks on either side of our driveway are not particularly attractive (unless they are wet and it is sunny — a circumstance that does not happen often in nature), I'm proud of them because I know how difficult it was getting them there.

This "rock movement" has given me a new definition for some familiar phrases. "Rock of ages" refers to how old I felt after the "rock movement." "Rock headed" describes a person who tells an excavator to save rocks instead of burying them. "Rock solid faith" is what you need in order to walk away from a rock that has just rolled to a stop at the top of a hill. "Heavy metal" is what you need to start a "rock movement." And "rock and roll" is a lot of exercise resulting in major back pain and a headache. (Oh, I guess that definition is not so different.)

Rochelle R. Smith is a free-lance writer who lives in Independence Township.



Who's that?: Independence Elementary School special education teacher Michelle Sturgis (left) and Nathan Hunter, physical education teacher, take on a different look for Halloween.



Horrors: Parents and staff transformed the Independence Elementary School's upper gymnasium into a Halloween Fun House.



Yuck! Independence Elementary third grader Lauren Struble reacts to one of the scary exhibits at the school's fun house.

School becomes fun house

The youngest to oldest student at Independence Elementary School went through a house of minimized horror Friday.

Teachers Nathan Hunter and Carrie Bruek came up with the idea of transforming the upper gymnasium into a Halloween Fun House.

That's what they did, with the help of all the staff and many parents.

Students got to visit different stations, which ranged from gory spaghetti guts to the dangers of swinging over an alligator-infested swamp.

Later that day, the 540 students donned their own costumes and enjoyed classroom Halloween parties.

PUTTING YOUR "FEET FIRST"

What is a bunion? If you answered a "calcium deposit," read on. Contrary to popular belief, a bunion is "not a bump of bone or a calcium deposit, it is an angular deviation of the big toe joint. It is a normal bone out of place," said Dr. Ellen Mady of Feet First Podiatry. Bunions can occur at any age, occur equally in men and

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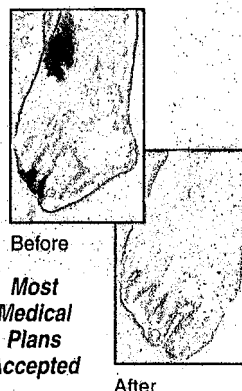
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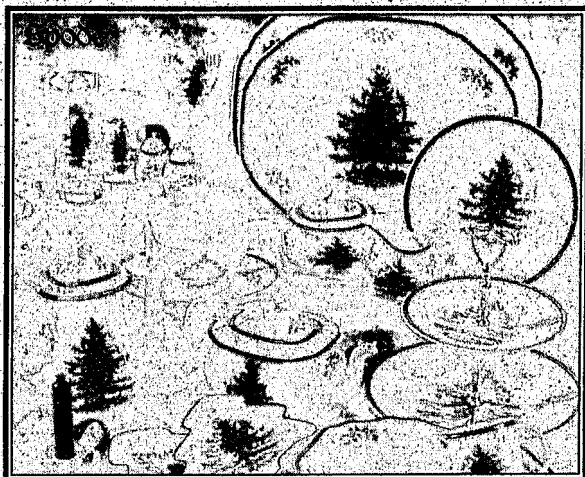
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EVERY MONDAY

BOY SCOUT TROOP #284
7-8:30 p.m., King of Kings Lutheran Church, 1715 South Lapeer, Lake Orion. Any boy 11 years of age or older are welcome to join (no previous camping experience required).

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS EXCHANGE
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EVERY TUESDAY

SERENDIPITY BIBLE STUDY
7-8 p.m., King of Kings Lutheran Church, 1715 South Lapeer, Lake Orion. A bible study for women on Max Lucado's book, In the Grip of Grace. For more information, call (248) 693-1676.

EVERY 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY MORNING

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS)
9:30 a.m. St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. For further information contact Nancy Schutt (248) 922-9460.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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MARTIAL ARTS CLASS
7-8:30 p.m., King of Kings Lutheran Church, 1715 South Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. Wing Tsun, women's self-defense classes, will be conducted by a licensed instructor. Students must be 18 and older. Cost: \$30/month for weekly classes. Call (248) 559-2094 to register.

3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP
7 p.m. Independence Township Library, Clarkston. There will be no December meeting. For information, call Carol 625-5275 or MLDA 1-888-784-LYME.

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EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY

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7-8:30 p.m. Clarkston Christian Association, corner of Sashabaw and Maybee roads. New Clarkston chapter welcomes new members. International club promotes communication and leadership skills. For more information and to RSVP contact Barry Gair (248) 877-6271 or Ann Blizzard (248) 393-1820 or visit club at www.geocities.com/Paris/Salon/7232.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 4

"PARENTING PUZZLE: THE MIDDLE YEARS"
7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library. Clarkston Area Youth Assistance is sponsoring an education program for parents of children ages 9-13. Jan Colbrunn, L.P.C. is the facilitator for this series, which will provide tips and techniques to make life easier for children and parents alike. There is no charge to attend. To register, call the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance office at 625-9007.

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7-9 p.m., Deer Lake Banquet Center (Courtside Room). Dinner from 7-7:45 and the speaker until 9 p.m. Speaker: James B. Krizan, CFP and Branch Manager; Raymond James, Financial Services, Inc. To register and for further information contact Doug 800-638-6900.

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP - INFORMAL SHARING MEETING

7 p.m. Independence Twp., Senior Center, Clintonwood Park, Clarkston. Topic: "Coping with Special Days." Facilitator: Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., Director of Bereavement Services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. For more information phone (248) 625-5231.

FRIDAY, NOV. 5 - 6; 10 - 13; 18 - 20

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School superintendent union bill clouded with misunderstandings

BY MIKE MALOTT

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State Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton) says he's frustrated with the way the opposition is playing his proposal to prohibit school building principals from joining unions.

"They can use the five-second, one-liner to scare everybody into thinking their rights are being taken away," he said. "It would take me five minutes at the kitchen table to thoroughly explain what this bill is really going to do."

For example, some opponents say the bill would also bar school secretaries and janitors from unionization. Not so, according to Bennett.

"Confidential assistants" would, under the verbiage of the bill, be blocked from joining unions, but not all secretaries could be given that title, he said. For each one given that title, and therefore exempted from unionization under the legislation, a hearing would have to be held before the Michigan Employment Relations Commission. And MERC would not allow all secretaries within a school district office to be given that title.

Janitors wouldn't be barred from unionization just because they may occasionally oversee the work of fellow janitors on a given day. Only those with in a "truly supervisory capacity, with personnel decision-making

authority" would be kept from unionization, according to Bennett.

Bennett introduced Senate Bill 663 in reaction to the Detroit teacher strike, where he said principals joined teachers on the picket lines.

His bill, he said, would amend Michigan law to follow federal law, which makes a clear distinction between management and labor.

"This is a very simple concept," he said.

"The federal government has

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—R-Canton*

said that organizations work best where there is a strong, definite distinction between management and labor. Where there is strong management and strong labor, that organization will be successful."

Among the opposition is Rep. Gerald Law (R-Plymouth), who said he sees the bill as overriding local control.

In many school districts, superintendents have encouraged building principals to bar-

gain for pay and benefits as a group.

"If it is working for them, who are we to say they can't do," Law said. "I don't see that this is a problem in my district. It's not a problem in Northville. It's only a problem in Detroit, but then everything is a problem in Detroit. I think it is an ill-advised bill."

Although management is typically exempt from unionization in the private sector, Law said public employees are different and have been treated different-

ly as a tradition. There are other areas in the public sector where supervisory personnel are allowed to unionize, such as in police and fire departments.

Senate Bill 663 cleared the Senate in a 21-17 vote.

Here's how local lawmakers voted:

Sens. Bill Bullard (R-Highland), Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion) and Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak) voted yes.

Sens. John D. Cherry Jr. (D-Clio) and Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield) voted no.

New LTU director has vision

Mary Ann Marcum has big plans to increase non-traditional educational programs at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Marcum, the new director of Lawrence Tech's Division of Continuing Education and Professional Development, said she sees no boundaries on age, experience or specialties of the Division's individual or corporate experience.

"Traditionally, continuing and professional education developed and taught non-degree courses for a particular industry corporate client," Marcum said. "Our specialized course work for the insurance industry and for automotive manufacturers are good examples of this."

Marcum, however, said she seeks to be far more aggressive in expanding this client base and developing new programs. One example, Summer Odyssey, was launched this year as a summer camp alternative for middle and high school students.

The program included three two-week sessions during which participating students were exposed to different topics including web site design and space travel, all taught by leading educational experts and visiting industry practitioners.

Summer Odyssey is prototypical of what today's continuing experience can be, Marcum said. A program for senior citizens is also being considered for launch late this year.

"Education is really a lifelong process," she said. "We see that today's diverse work environment must embrace three rapidly changing components: technology, market conditions and customer demands. This fuels the need for employees to refresh their current skills and develop new skills. We observe that even in avocational areas, individuals at all age levels are exploring new interests and developing skills."

Marcum is targeting new industries as potential clients and is moving outside of what might traditionally be considered the forte of a technological university.

"We're opening a new international hospitality development and management program in cooperation with St. Clair College in Windsor," she said. "The new casinos opening in Detroit and the hospitality industry need trained and experienced personnel familiar with the specific management needs of the industry."

Lawrence Tech's Division of Continuing Education and Professional Development also plans to expand course offerings in the area of architecture and design, computer and information technology, plastics and manufacturing technologies, management, quality, science, humanities and the arts.

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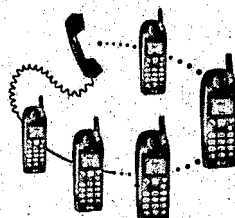
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Lifetime experience

Lasting friendships formed at international village

BY TIM SMITH
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When Elizabeth Ferriss and Michael Roberto signed up for the Children's International Summer Villages program, they figured they would be learning all about other countries and cultures.

But they probably didn't figure on making a much more personal connection, perhaps lifelong friendships.

This summer, the 11-year-old Farmington residents were among 60 youngsters to travel to Tennessee for one of the CISV camps. Of the 60 kids, there were only four Americans, including Elizabeth and Michael.

"These kids learn from children from all these other countries," said Elizabeth's mother, Andrea, who praised the program.

"For example, with the recent earthquake in Turkey, previously they wouldn't have given it a thought. Now, they're very concerned. ... Now it's not just a country but people in a country.

■ **'It gives them a global perspective on life.'**

Andrea Ferriss.
—mother

She's made a connection.

Elizabeth and Michael, who attend Power and East middle schools respectively, last week talked about their month-long summer camp experience.

"I'd tell my friends that it's a lot of fun," Elizabeth said. "You meet a lot of neat people from all over the world."

According to Michael, who has since turned 12, learning about the different cultures was an eye-opening experience.

"And we learned how to say good morning and good night in 12 different languages," Michael emphasized.

With so many interesting displays from countries near and far, it is not surprising that Elizabeth and Michael disagreed on which "national night" they thought was the best.

Each country represented at the camp put on a performance to really show off their culture.

Michael liked India's the best. But Elizabeth was most taken by the Philippines' performance; participants balanced candles on their heads, she explained.

Some of the other countries represented at the camp included Brazil, Sweden and Denmark.

Another popular activity for the young campers was a "Bazaar Day" at which kids traded trinkets and other collectable items from their native countries.

Although the camp costs \$1,500-\$2,000, Andrea Ferriss said the experience is so rewarding parents should consider it for their children.

"We had to give it quite a bit of thought because it's a big chunk out of the family budget," Ferriss said. "But we decided it was too educational to pass up. This is a once-in-a-lifetime thing."

The Ferrisses found out about

the camp during 1998, while reading a newsletter for Girl Scout Troop 71. Elizabeth is part of the troop, which includes students from Power Middle School and Longacre Elementary School.

Children's International Summer Villages is an independent, non-profit, volunteer organization "promoting peace education and cross-cultural friendship" through multi-cultural camps and international exchange programs for kids ages 11-18.

A family information meeting about future CISV opportunities is scheduled from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the downtown branch of the Farmington Community Library.

Another session is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, in Room A of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, between Hubbard-Farmington roads.

"We want (parents) to know it (CISV) exists," Ferriss said.

For more information, call (313) 342-7185 or (248) 474-9262.

Stolen drug is deadly, police warn thieves

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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Authorities have issued a warning after a shipment of a drug anesthesiologists use during surgery was stolen from a Farmington Hills apartment.

A pharmaceutical representative told police \$2,000 of Raplon was stolen from his residence on Highland Park Court in Muirwood Apartments Oct. 8. He made a report last week after discovering the theft.

Raplon is a surgical muscle relaxant and can cause death if taken, police said.

The fear is whoever stole the package may not be aware of the drug's lethal nature. The person might try to sell it or ingest the drug himself, Chief Bill Dwyer said.

Didn't know

"I have to believe the person responsible didn't know what they were stealing," Dwyer said.

The package had 90 plastic vials of the drug in liquid form. The manufacturer, Organon, shipped the package from a warehouse in Allington, Pa., Oct. 5.

On Oct. 8, the courier service R.P.S. delivered the package. No one was at home, so the parcel was left inside the door, police reports said.

A signature wasn't required for receipt of the package. A courier service said it delivered the pack-

■ **The fear is whomever stole the package may not be aware of the drug's lethal nature. The person might try to sell it or ingest the drug himself.**

Bill Dwyer
Farmington Hills Police
Chief

age and put it inside the door, police reports said.

"You have to be concerned that the delivery of a potentially deadly drug can be made to a home and just be left on the doorstep when no one is home," Dwyer said. "By law, there is nothing illegal as far as we can tell."

"There should be legislation covering shipments like this."

Authorities were still trying to contact the manufacturer to get a description of the drug.

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Lady Liberty's back!

Just in time for Franklin's 'Big Night'

BY CORINNE ABATT
SPECIAL WRITER

Not everyone loved the Statue of Liberty that stood for many years on the east side of Franklin Road, a block south of 14 Mile in the heart of Franklin Village.

About a year ago it suddenly disappeared. Few mourned the absence of the life-size metal figure of Liberty holding a torch.

Among those who did bemoan its absence was its owner and stalwart supporter, Edna M. Girard, 94, owner of the property on which it stood.

Its disappearance wasn't a mystery. Girard had a bad fall while working at her shop, The Franklin Buggy Works.

"I was spraying a teacart," she says. "I fell and broke my knee and my hip," adding with a wry smile, "and I was sober."

She went back to her old hometown near Cincinnati, Ohio to be with relatives while she recuperated. Months later when she returned, Liberty was gone. "My daughter sold it while I was in Cincinnati," she says.

As soon as she was re-established in her apartment in Southfield, she ordered another from Mexico. The 300-pound metal figure holding a globe (soon to be electrified) arrived last summer. It was installed on the patio in front of the woodshed, recently reopened by Roger Downing of Bloomfield Township as the Old Buggy Works with an assortment of antiques and collectibles.

Downing and Girard friend and oftime helper, Frank Ashinger of Franklin Village, used a dolly to move the statue while Girard, on a walker, super-



Statue returns:
The first statue disappeared, so Edna Girard bought another to show her patriotism.

vised. After several tries, all finally agreed on a location at the far corner. Ashinger promised to see that it is securely in place on a foundation.

The fact that Girard has never seen the original in New York harbor isn't important to her. "I want it here because I'm an American," she said. "I love my country. I try to do everything possible to show it. Franklin is historic. It needs a Statue of Liberty. That's why I bought it."

And yes, indeed, if one of the business owners on her property didn't object, Girard would like it out near the road again.

Still, it's easy to spot looking down the lane that runs between

the bright red Village Barn and the gray house occupied by Paige Stanton's gift shop.

Downing said, "Since I opened in August, I've had more than a hundred people ask about Mrs. Girard. To be that age, to be that lucid, to be that sharp is really something."

He said Girard will be a guest of honor for what promises to be Liberty's unofficial, but festive welcome back party, Thursday, Nov. 4. That's Franklin's Big Night celebration when all the stores will be open 6-9 p.m. There will be a special open house at the Old Buggy Works with live music and refreshments.



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CORRECTION NOTICE:

The Mistletoe Madness Ad that appeared in the Sunday, October 31, 1999 issue contained an error. The event on November 20th is NOT a BLACK TIE EVENT.

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Better Health Store.....Walled Lake
10% Off On All Supplements
Checker Drugs 190 S. Wayne Road.....Westland
Reynolds-Foil-Hot-Bags-Buy 1 Get 1 Free
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Dr. Lefkowitz.....Ferndale
Free Initial Consultation
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Farrell Rels.....Birmingham
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Family Dental Center.....Livonia
10% Off First Visit & Free consultation.
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10% Off Any Service
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\$1 Off Haircuts + \$5 Off Highlights & Colors
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Spunkys Women's Gym.....Clawson
15% Off Any Membership
The Gallery of Hair.....Royal Oak
10% Off All Services
Vanish Electrolysis.....Ferndale
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Mary Danning's Cakes.....Westland
10% Off Special Order Cakes
New York Bagel.....Ferndale
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J.S. Prestige Cleaners on 5 Mile.....Livonia
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Park Ave \$1.75 Cleaners 844-5091.....Canton
\$1.50 Per Item for Drycleaning
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\$ Entertainment
Ambassador Roller Rink.....Clawson
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Saxton's Garden Center.....Plymouth
10% Off All Hand Garden Tools
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College Inn Pizza.....Birmingham
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Samuel Hoffman's New York Deli.....Clawson
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Steve's Deli.....Bloomfield Hills
\$10.00 Off Any Catering Order
Subway.....Berkley/Ferndale
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Supreme Deli.....Clawson
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Woody's Diner.....Royal Oak
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LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Class of 1979
Nov. 27 at Vladimir's in Farmington.
(734) 459-6486, (734) 459-0254
or at NOWANDTHEN.COM/
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Class of 1990
Is planning a reunion.
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number and e-mail address to
CHC Class of '90 Reunion, 6609
Salem Road, Plymouth 48170 or
by e-mail to
hallen72@hotmail.com

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Class of 1984
Nov. 26 at the Livonia Elks Club
(734) 421-0852

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Class of 1979
Nov. 27 at the Novi Hilton Hotel.
(248) 344-4457, (734) 416-5013
or JHeyNow@aol.com

MERCY
Class of 1950
Is planning a reunion for June.
(248) 851-7620
Class of 1989
Nov. 27 at Baker's of Milford.
(313) 621-8350
Class of 1979
Nov. 27 at the Novi Hilton Hotel
in Novi.

(248) 344-8767

PLYMOUTH CANTON
Class of 1980
Aug. 12 at the Double Tree
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(248) 366-9493, press #6

PLYMOUTH SALEM/CANTON
Class of 1989
Nov. 27 at Burton Manor in
Livonia.
jenti@optonline.com or P.O. Box
622, Farmington 48336-0622

REDFORD THURSTON
Class of 1979
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Class of 1955
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Romulus.
(800) 677-7800 or e-mail at
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TAYLOR TRUMAN
Class of 1979
Nov. 13 at the Holiday Inn Heri-
tage Center in Southgate.
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works.com

TRENTON
Class of 1990
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Tuesday, November 9
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Troy MSU Management Center
811 W. Square Lake Road

PLEASANT RIDGE
Wednesday, November 10
10:00 - 12:00 Noon
Pleasant Ridge
Community Center
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2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Orion Township
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7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
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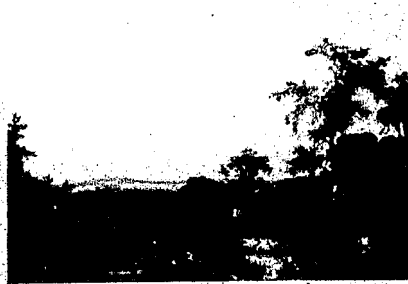
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Saturday, November 13th 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Williams Shayer, Sr., (English 1788-1879), oil on canvas, 28" x 37", Sunday #2005



John George Brown, N. A., (American 1831-1913), oil on canvas, 24" x 19", Sun. #2035



Eduard von Grutznagel, oil on board, 11" x 10", Sunday #2030



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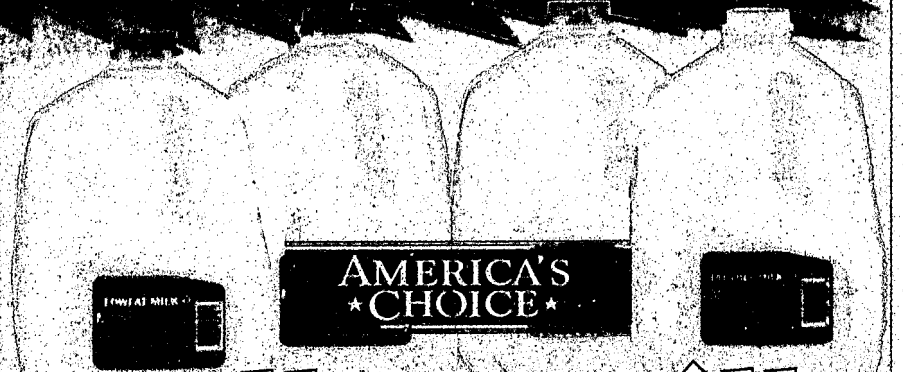


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Spike Ridge bowhunters enjoy success

Back-to-back mild winters in the Upper Peninsula, coupled with fair weather during the spring fawning seasons, has resulted in an increase in the deer population across the region. For proof of that increase, look no further than the recent success of Dale Horst's hunting party.

For the past seven years, Horst and nine or 10 friends have made their bow camp during the last week of October in the western Upper Peninsula — somewhere near the Marquette/Iron county line. Last week there were 10 hunters in the "Spike Ridge Bowhunters' camp and all 10 tagged a deer.

"That's the best we've ever done," said Horst, of Redford. "I keep a log each year and the best we had done before this year was eight deer between 11 hunters back in 1995. The (deer) numbers are definitely up. On the average we were probably seeing three or four deer each day, which is pretty good for up there. The numbers are coming back up."

Of the 10 deer, four were bucks. The largest was a four-point.

"We're all dedicated bow hunters. There are bigger bucks up there, but we're really not after the trophies," Horst said.

- Clarkston's Jack Ross arrowed a 5-point buck last week in Oakland County while hunting from a tree stand on private property.

- Troy's Mark Williams reports downing a 9-point buck with his bow while hunting along a corn field in Clinton County.

- Oxford's Billy Edwards shot a 5-point buck from a ground blind in Lapeer County.

DNR seeks deer heads

As part of the state's overall strategy to eradicate bovine tuberculosis from Michigan's white-tailed deer herd the DNR is asking for hunter's assistance. Hunters who shoot deer in northeastern Michigan are asked to bring the head of their deer to a DNR check station for free examination. Fawns will not be tested.

Hunters who take deer from the following counties are asked to participate in the testing program: Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Alpena, Montmorency, Otsego, Antrim, Kalkaska, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Iosco, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Missaukee, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin and Arenac.

Heads of bucks and does are needed for laboratory examination because the lymph nodes located in the head near the base of the neck are used to determine if a deer had TB. Deer with advanced stages of the disease may have pea-sized yellow or tan lumps on the lungs or body cavity, but 60 percent of infected animals do not have these visible lesions.

For a list of check stations call the DNR Rose Lake Laboratory at (517) 873-9358.

Red Man Regional

Four area bass anglers will join 116 other competitors next weekend in the Red Man Regional bass fishing tournament on Table Rock Lake in Kimberling City, Missouri.

Linda Bennett of Canton, Scott Emery of Livonia, Kevin Long of Oxford, and David Reault of Livonia have all qualified for the regional by placing in the top 30 in the Red Man Michigan Division.

The top prize at the regional is a new Chevy truck and a Ranger bass boat equipped with a 175 hp Johnson outboard motor. In addition, the top eight finishers at the regional will advance to the \$290,000 Red Man All-American, May 8-13, on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, or send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net

Springfield cagers fall in MACS



For the fourth straight year, Springfield Christian's girls basketball team reached the MACS Division I state finals. And like the past three seasons, the Eagles came up on the short end of the stick, falling to Davison Faith Baptist.

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When it comes to winning the money match in girls basketball, there seems to be a road block in Clarkston Springfield Christian's path.

The Eagles, playing in their fourth consecutive Michigan Association of Christian Schools Division I state

championship, saw their championship dreams brushed away once again Saturday as top-seeded Davison Faith Baptist cruised to a convincing 64-26 triumph over second-seeded Springfield Christian at Perry High School.

"We have nothing to be ashamed of," said first-year Eagles coach Lynn Beardslee. "I told the girls, if you come off the court with nothing, if you give it

your best, then there is nothing wrong with that. Faith is just a really good team."

Faith, which had beaten the Eagles (17-4) twice during the regular season by 21 and 13 points, respectively.

Kaleen Miller, a 6-foot junior center, and senior guard Brooke Watterworth each scored 14 points to lead Faith (19-1), which won the MACS Division I title for the first time since 1995.

Sophomore forward Amanda Vanaman scored 11 points to lead Springfield, but the Eagles' top two leading scorers, junior center Holley Vanaman (seven rebounds) and freshman guard Sarah Beardslee, were held to a com-

bined seven points.

Senior guard Kellie Fornwall also had a strong floor game for Springfield.

"Our defense did a pretty decent job, but t Faith's shooting was really on, especially from the outside," said Beardslee. "Our offense struggled a bit, we never really got into a flow offensively."

Looking back, Beardslee was pleased with Springfield's season. After all, the Eagles did win their fourth straight Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference Red Division and FBAC tournament titles as well as winning their

Please See **SPRINGFIELD, C2**

Harris, Falcons too much for Clarkston

25 turnovers costly as Wolves cagers fall to Rochester, 62-39

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Coming off a five-point upset loss to Troy, Rochester was looking to regroup and take out some of their late season frustrations. Unfortunately for Clarkston, the Wolves were the Falcons' next opponent on the schedule.

Behind four players in double figures and the all-around effort of senior guard Paige Harris, Rochester returned to its early-season form Tuesday with a convincing 62-39 Oakland Activities Association Division I road win over Clarkston.

"When you have four players in double figures, you don't lose too many ball games," said Rochester veteran coach Tom Hawes. "These girls came to play tonight."

Perhaps no one came more ready to play than the 5-foot-10, University of Massachusetts-bound Harris, who moved to within seven points of the 1,000 career-points barrier with 12 against the Wolves. And for good measure, Harris contributed 10 steals, nine rebounds, eight assists and two blocked shots while altering several other Clarkston passes.

"She didn't receive a Division I college because of her points, its all the other things that she does out there — the little things," beamed Hawes. "She scraps and hustles to get the steals, the rebounds, the assists. She's all over the court. She doesn't pour in 30 points a night like Milford's (Christie) Schumaker or (North) Farmington's (Samantha) Holcomb, but she does everything else."

Even Clarkston coach Ann Lowney was impressed with Harris' performance.

"Paige, she was just awesome out there," said Lowney. "When a player like that is on, you can't really stop that."

Clarkston (8-10, 2-8) led 6-5 with

1:37 following a free throw by senior forward Rachel Uchman, and then tied the game at 10-10 with 7:29 left in the second period on a putback by 5-10 junior center Sarah Morgan. But that was the end of the good times for the Wolves.

Rochester (14-4, 7-3) answered with a 15-5 run over the next four minutes, which built a 25-15 advantage. And the lead never got any smaller than seven points the rest of the way.

Sara Potts, a 5-11 junior forward, topped Rochester with 17 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks. Junior guard Jessica Boyk added 11 points on the strength of three triples, and 6-0 junior center Amy Bicknell powered her way for 12 points and seven rebounds for the Falcons, who had nine of 11 players reach the scoring column.

Rochester shot just 37 percent (21 of 57) from the field but made up for it as the Falcons posted a 38-31 rebounding edge and forced 25 turnovers.

Uchman led Clarkston with eight points and six rebounds. Morgan added seven points and four boards, and freshman guard Kira Karlstrom scored eight for the Wolves, who shot 14 of 48 (29 percent) on the evening.

"I knew that it would be this type of season, we don't yet match up with teams like Rochester," said Lowney. "We only have three seniors and I'm trying to get the freshmen and sophomores as many minutes as I can because that experience will help us down the road."

"Right now, we're just building for districts," added Lowney. "We hope to give Oxford a good showing. And I think facing teams like Rochester (Waterford) Kettering and Troy means a lot. We've played a tough schedule, and that should help us down the road."

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—Clarkston basketball coach

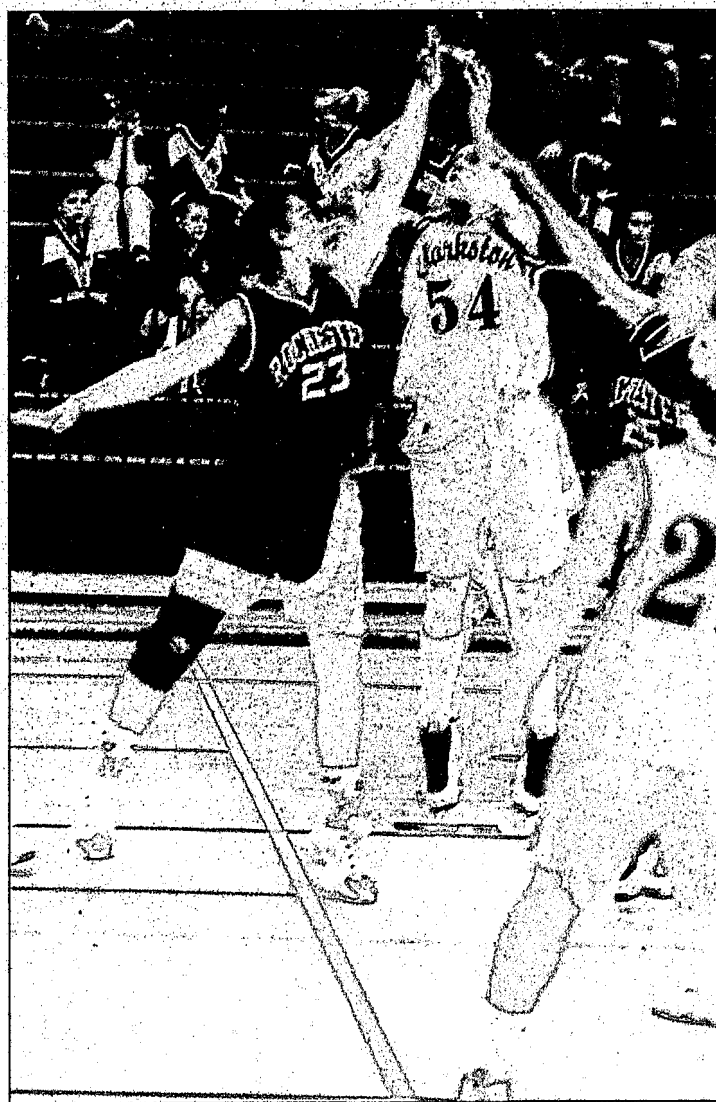


PHOTO BY BOB KNOSKA

Up for grabs: Clarkston junior center Sarah Morgan and Rochester junior forward Sara Potts battle for possession during Tuesday's OAA Division I clash in Clarkston. Morgan scored seven points and hauled down four rebounds, but after 32 minutes Potts and her Rochester teammates came out way ahead with a convincing 62-39 triumph.

Mirror images meet in play-off tilt

Grand Blanc to post stern test for Clarkston

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If both teams stick to their strengths in Friday's Division I district football championship game, Clarkston and Grand Blanc might think they're looking in a mirror.

Both teams bring strong running attacks to the forefront, as last weekend's play-off openers proved, and Friday's tussle promises more of the same.

The Wolves have ridden the strong legs of seniors Chris Mitchell and Rob Conley to the tune of about 2,000 yards. Grand Blanc, meanwhile, boasts the all-time rushing leader in Big Nine Conference history in senior Reggie Benton. Friday's result could very well come down to which team stops the run better.

"I think you have to concentrate on (Benton), but Grand Blanc is a pretty good team even without him," Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said. "They throw the ball pretty well, and they play good defense."

Benton brings a significant threat to the field for the Wolves. The senior, who has already committed to the University of Michigan, ran for 383 yards on 26 carries and scored five touchdowns for the Bobcats in their thrilling 41-34 win over Lake Orion last week.

Bobcats quarterback Jason McNally didn't pass much against the Dragons, but he has quality receivers in senior wideout Martin Duso and senior tight end Chris Van Etten, who caught a touchdown pass against Lake Orion.

Grand Blanc's defense held Orion to minimal rushing yardage, but gave up a ton of passing offense. Senior quarterback Luke Denver, playing for the injured Chad Day, completed 38-of-59 passes — both are state records — for 396 yards and five touchdowns. The five touchdown passes came in the second half. It was one short of the state record for TD passes in a half.

It could give Clarkston an area to attack. Junior quarterback Ryan Kaul has had a good season and could attack in the short passing game with seniors Andy North and Steve Schornak. Richardson said the Wolves will dance with what got them there.

"We'll stick to our strengths," Richardson said. "But hopefully we can throw on them a little bit."

The Wolves, meanwhile, will have to stop Benton. The 6-foot-2, 200-pound Benton can squeeze through small spaces, and left several Dragons clutching at air with his cutback

Please See **FOOTBALL, C2**



On the run: Clarkston senior Chris Mitchell (right) and the rest of the Wolves will have their hands full Friday night with Grand Blanc and star running back Reggie Benton

Wolves harriers qualify for state

Clarkston's second-place finish finally sends boys team to finals

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With five league champions and three state ranked teams amongst the 19 schools, the Holly prep cross-country regional was labeled as the most competitive in the state. But it was an unranked and unheralded team from left field which came out of nowhere to steal the show.

With five runners inside the top 35 finishers, Lake Orion pulled off a shocker Saturday at Springfield Oaks, winning its first boys regional title in school history with a 86-88 victory over state-ranked Clarkston. Milford, another state-ranked contingent, grabbed the third and final qualifying spot with 101 points as seven schools scored under 165.

The top three teams, plus any individual that finished inside the top 20 that is not on a qualifying squad, make the cut for the Lower Peninsula Class A finals, which will take place Nov. 6 at Michigan Speedway in Brooklyn.

"This is amazing, an amazing accomplishment," said Lake Orion coach Stan Ford, trying to hold back tears. "I really thought we might have a chance to qualify, but to win here is a great accomplishment. We beat a lot of great teams."

Lake Orion sophomore Justin Dew, the Dragons' No. 5 runner, passed Clarkston senior Daniel Burke inside the final 20 meters, which gave Orion the unexpected victory.

"I kept telling everybody, look out for Lake Orion," said Clarkston veteran coach Mike Taylor. "They have been coming on strong the last few weeks. I knew that they would be right there."

For Clarkston, the second place finish was bittersweet as the Wolves just missed qualifying the past two years despite being a ranked team.

"I am relieved," said Taylor. "We finally got through. We didn't have our best day, but we ran well enough to qualify. But right now I'm happy for Stan Ford. If we couldn't win it, I'm glad he did."

White Lake Lakeland finish fourth with 103 points, which ended the Eagles' bid for an 18th straight trip to the finals. Grand Blanc, the big 9 Conference champion, was fifth with 134 and Walled Lake Central, winners of the Western Lake Activities Association, scored 162 to lead a barrage of quality teams.

Waterford Mott was 10th with 267 points, Oxford placed 13th with 318 and Waterford Kettering was 17th with 518 to round out the Eccentric-area teams.

"We were one of the teams left on the outside looking in," said Central coach Carl McBride. "It was a great regional and, unfortunately, we didn't make the cut."

The Vikings missed the cut as a team, but Vikings senior Todd Mobley continued to shine as one of the state's top runners as he broke the tape with an impressive 15:55.5 clocking despite the humid temperatures.

"He ran another smart race," said McBride of Mobley's victory. "Todd is having a great season. We hope to see him have a good showing this weekend."

Milford senior Tom Greenless was second (16:07.6), Lakeland junior Pat Klein took third (16:14.4), Clarkston senior David Sage was fourth (16:33.3) and Lake Orion sophomore placed fifth (16:41.5).

Mott senior David Clingan was 10th (17:00.0) as he was one of 11 individuals to qualify.

In the girls' meet, Brighton outdistanced Milford 83-93 to take the crown, while Romeo, which had three of the top five finishers, grabbed third with 107 points.

Lake Orion led all area teams with 120 points, good enough for fourth place. Walled Lake Central was eighth with 230 points, Clarkston placed 10th (243), Mott took 12th (292), Oxford 13th (313) and Kettering 18th.

For Lake Orion, the fourth-place finish was the school's best.

"We've never done this well at a regional," said first-year Dragons coach Lori Ryba. "This team has come so far along. We were way back two years ago and maybe eighth or ninth last year. And this year we barely missed making the cut. These girls have worked hard."

Romeo sophomore Teresa Bongiovanni took the early lead and cruised to pole position in convincing fashion as she won in 18:32.3, as she beat her nearest competitor by over 40 seconds.

Milford freshman Katie Kramer was second (19:14.4), followed by Oxford senior Karen LeRoy (19:24.6), and the Romeo duo of senior Julia Schmidt (19:43.0) and sophomore Stephanie Saylor (19:54.1).

Lake Orion senior Sarah Penn (12th), Mott sophomore Megan Coughlin (17th) and Lake Orion junior Cindy Kus (18th) also qualified as individuals.

Clarkston senior Nicole Fisher ran in the top five for over half the race, but failed to qualify as she dropped from the race with an injury.

BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

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TEAM SCORES — 1. Lake Orion, 86; 2. Clarkston, 88; 3. Milford, 101; 4. White Lake Lakeland, 103; 5. Grand Blanc, 134; 6. Walled Lake Central, 160; 7. Howell, 162; 8. Brighton, 205; 9. South Lyon, 216; 10. Waterford Mott, 267; 11. Pinckney, 270; 12. Hartland, 294; 13. Oxford, 318; 14. Romeo, 372; 15. Holly, 469; 16. Pontiac Central, 505; 17. Waterford Kettering, 518; 18. Pontiac Northern and Flint Southwestern Academy, not team score.

TOP 20 INDIVIDUALS

1. Todd Mobley (WL Central) 15:55.5; 2. Tom Greenless (Milford) 16:07.6; 3. Pat Klein (Lakeland) 16:14.4; 4. David Sage (Clarkston) 16:33.3; 5. Michael Colt (Lake Orion) 16:41.4; 6. Matthew Haver (Clarkston) 16:48.1; 7. Brian Theut (Lakeland) 16:50.2; 8. Jason Pridmore (South Lyon) 16:55.6; 9. Eric Walters (Howell) 16:57; 10. David Clingan (Mott) 17:00; 11. Adam Frezza (Lake Orion) 17:03.4; 12. Andrew Fons (Lake Orion) 17:04; 13. Kevin Gienapp (Brighton) 17:04.6; 14. Jeremiah Webster (Grand Blanc) 17:05.9; 15. Brett Barley (Milford) 17:10.6; 16. Greg Pope (Pinckney) 17:13.3; 17. Brandon Burt (Hartland) 17:13.5; 18. Kevin Breen (Clarkston) 17:13.9; 19. Benjamin Dickie (Grand Blanc) 17:14.2; 20. Eric Nalkowski (Brighton) 17:14.5.

AREA PERFORMERS

LAKE ORION (86) — 5. Michael Colt, 16:41.4; 11. Adam Frezza, 17:03.4; 12. Andrew Fons, 17:04.0; 26.

PREP SCOREBOARD

Chris Morehead, 17:29.8; 32. Justin Dew, 17:35.5; 38. Spencer Aston, 17:45.9; 57. Dane Beardsley, 18:13.8.

CLARKSTON (88)

David Sage, 16:33.3; 6. Matthew Haver, 16:48.1; 18. Kevin Breen, 17:13.9; 27. Brett Quantz, 17:30.3; 33. Daniel Burke, 17:36.4; 60. Chris Weber, 18:24.3; 75. Brian Parker, 18:44.5.

OXFORD (318)

39. Dan Nelder, 17:47.4; 69. John Stein, 18:18.5; 68. Jon Zmickley, 18:36.8; 70. Matt Anderson, 18:38.3; 82. Sam Slown, 18:57.1; 96. Dominic McGaughlin, 19:33.5; 102. Mike Banachowski, 20:15.8.

(Brighton) 20:21.0; 10. Stephanie Kaulfersch (Brighton) 20:21.3; 11. Sarah Penn (Lake Orion) 20:32.0; 12. Sarah Romanski (Holly) 20:33.7; 13. Colleen Faes (Hartland) 20:34.8; 14. Stephanie Morrison (Milford) 20:35.6; 15. Katherine Seiter (Pinckney) 20:36.2; 16. Ryan Hittle (Brighton) 20:36.4; 17. Megan Coughlin (Mott) 20:36.8; 18. Cindy Kus (Lake Orion) 20:37.6; 19. Katherine Frank (Hartland) 20:40.4; 20. Emily Monti (Brighton) 20:48.2.

AREA PERFORMERS

LAKE ORION (120) — 11. Sarah Penn, 20:32; 18. Cindy Kus, 20:37; 27. Amy Penn, 21:08; 30. Jenny Sutter, 21:22; 34. Melissa Ehrecke, 21:34; 45. Sarah Drouillard, 22:08; 49. Julia Cummins, 22:31.

CLARKSTON (243) — 35. Carla DelVecchio, 21:43; 39. Lisa Gauthier, 21:52; 51. Meghan Pocs, 22:36; Karen Erkrantz, 22:46; 64. Jessica Duffresne, 23:07; 80. Sarah Stolk, 24:07; 118. Nicole Fisher, did not finish.

OXFORD (313) — 3. Karen LeRoy, 19:24; 60. Stacy Nyland, 22:55; 82. Katie Bowden, 24:13; 83. Troy Albertson, 24:13; 85. Elizabeth Banachowski, 24:26; 93. Andrea Bungart, 25:10; 98. Frances Kabat, 25:34.

(The top three teams, plus any individual inside the top 20 finishers not on a qualifying team, advance to the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Class A state finals Saturday, Nov. 6 at Michigan Speedway in Brooklyn.)

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fourth straight MACS regional crown while advancing to the state tournament game.

"I am pleased, considering that this was my first year coaching

and I didn't really know what to expect," added Beardslee. "We did a good job. These girls carried on the school's tradition."

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moves. He scored touchdowns on runs of 71, 87 and 46 yards against the Dragons. Clarkston must cut off the angles and get as many people to the ball as possible. Senior tackle Scott Smereka and the defensive line have to close the gaps, and the linebackers, like Jeremy Williams and Andy North, must

swarm to the ball.

"We're not going to put in any special defenses or anything, but I think you have to take away the cutbacks (Benton) likes," Richardson said. "We're working hard on getting 11 people to the ball."


Game time Friday is 7:30 p.m. The winner

plays the winner of the Macomb Dakota (9-1) at Clinton Township Chippewa Valley (9-1) district final either Nov. 12 or Nov. 13. Chippewa Valley beat Macomb Dakota earlier in the season.



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SEASON/DATES

DEER
Archery season runs through Nov. 14 and Dec. 1-Jan. 2 statewide. A late antlerless-only season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in DMU 452. A late antlerless-only season will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Muzzelloading season runs Dec. 3-12 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 10-19 in the Lower Peninsula.

DUCK
Duck season runs through Nov. 30 in the North and Middle zones and through Dec. 7 in the South Zone.

ELK
Late elk season runs Dec. 7-14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower Peninsula.

GROUSE
The regular grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT
Pheasant season runs through Nov. 14 in the Lower Peninsula. A special late season runs Dec. 1-15 in much of the southeastern part of the state.

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

TURKEY
The fall wild turkey season runs through Nov. 9 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

WOODCOCK
Woodcock season runs through Nov. 8 statewide.

CLASSES/ CLINICS

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY
A snowmobile Safety Certification Class begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Novi Expo Center. Class is open to persons of all ages. Children must be 12 by March 31, 2000. Cost is \$5 and registration begins Oct. 25. To register and for more information call (248) 681-7429.

FLY TYING
Hook Line & Sinkers bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fly tying classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

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

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS
An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

ACTIVITIES

OAKWOODS HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a visit to the nature center and a four-mile hike along the Huron River during this program, which will be held Sunday, Nov. 7. Participants are asked to meet at noon behind the Dearborn Civic Center. Call Ed McArdle at (313) 388-6645 for more information.

MAYBURY HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a hike at Maybury State Park on Sunday, Nov. 14. Participants are asked to meet at 1 p.m. at the park concession stand (at the Eight Mile Road entrance). Call Max Nemazi at (734) 421-4397 for more information.

ARCHERY

LIVONIA RANGE
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

SHOOTING SPORTS

SPORTING CLAYS
Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Bald Mountain range in Lake Orion. A similar shoot will be held Dec. 19. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FLY TYING
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets

Please see CALENDAR, C4

8 still standing after 1st week

And what a rough first week of play-offs it was.

Seventeen Eccentric-area teams ventured off on the first leg of the journey to the Silverdome and only eight were left standing following district semifinal play.

The Troy and Rochester schools were exceptionally hard hit. Rochester, Rochester Adams and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest all were eliminated, while Troy and Troy Athens fell victim to MAC powers Uica Eisenhower and Sterling Heights Stevenson, respectively.

Avondale was once again hit by the injury bug and proved little trouble for St. Clair, and Lake Orion was bowled over by the rushing talents of Grand Blanc's Reggie Benton. Waterford Mott couldn't equal the likes of Pontiac Northern and Bloomfield Hills Andover was finished before taking the field against perennial power Farmington Harrison.

So much for the teams that are out. Now let's get to those select eight left standing.

(Last week's picks: 11 right, 5 wrong. Season's mark: 152 right, 43 wrong.)

Grand Blanc at Clarkston (7:30 p.m. Friday): Clarkston's first and foremost order of business has to be trying to slow down Grand Blanc's Reggie Benton. Benton ran through and beyond Lake Orion defenders for 383 yards and five TDs last week, so Clarkston defenders Scott Smereka and Mike Carlson

will need a big game. The Wolves' offense should be able to attack the Bobcats, but not enough for the win.

PICK: GRAND BLANC

Orchard Lake St. Mary's vs. Marine City at East China Stadium (7 p.m. Friday): Two solid defenses will have all they could handle in this matchup as both the Eagles and Mariners put up more than 40 points against their respective first-round opponents. The difference is Mariner defenders haven't had to face such offensive talents at Jermaine Gonzales and Maurice Searight.

PICK: ST. MARY'S

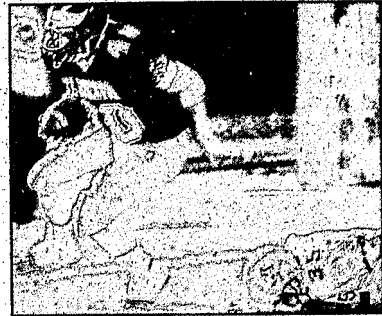
Flint Powers at Oxford (1 p.m. Saturday): Stingy defensive play has seen the Wildcats give up less than a touchdown a game. That type of play will be needed again to help keep Powers tailback Justin Barcey in check and the Chargers out of the end zone.

PICK: OXFORD

Walled Lake Western at Redford Catholic Central (1 p.m. Saturday): These two undefeated heavyweights, the only two remaining in Division 1, will stand toe-to-toe to the very end. Cody Cargill (1,057 yards, 13 TDs) has sparked the Warriors' offensive success, while John Kava has powered CC to a perfect mark. Both should find the going a lot rougher and the Warriors falling short at the end.

PICK: CC

Birmingham Groves vs.



Big game: Clarkston's Chris Mitchell (40) has had a great year, but Grand Blanc may have too much Reggie Benton.

Birmingham Brother Rice
at Birmingham Seaholm (1 p.m. Saturday): It's been 21 long seasons since these neighbors met. The Warriors spoiled that outing for the Falcons by handing them their only loss of the season. Much more balance offensively will send the Warriors past the Falcons and onto Division 2's Great Eight.

PICK: BROTHER RICE

Clawson at Detroit Country Day (1 p.m. Saturday): The Yellow Jackets appear to be getting healthy at the right time. RBs Ashton Aikens and Jason Probert and wide out Jeremy Battier possess enough firepower to make it a long day for the Trojans.

PICK: COUNTRY DAY

Morrice at Waterford Lady of Lakes (1 p.m. Saturday): The Lakers proved last week they can stand the pressure of playoff football by rallying past little-known Ashley. Well, another little-known, Morrice (6-4), can't offer up much more, which is good news for Laker followers.

PICK: LAKES

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SATURDAY							
Flint Powers Catholic at Oxford	Oxford	Oxford	Oxford	Oxford	Flint Powers	Flint Powers	Flint Powers
WL Western vs. Catholic Central	Catholic Central	Catholic Central	WL Western	WL Western	Catholic Central	Catholic Central	Catholic Central
Birmingham Groves vs. Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice
Clawson at Detroit Country Day	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day
Morrice vs. WOLL	WOLL	WOLL	WOLL	WOLL	WOLL	WOLL	WOLL
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for a donation to WWCCA's junior program. WWCCA is located at 6700 Napier Road, Plymouth Twp. Call (734) 453-9843 or (734) 455-5060 for more information.

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Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is

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Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

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Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

TRAVELS WITH A NATURALIST

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Learn about the Churchill, Manitoba area with photographer Jim Simek during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at Stony Creek.

LIVES OF VOYAGEURS

Home schoolers will learn about the impact the French Voyageurs had on the Great Lakes region during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Stony Creek.

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

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Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

PERMITS

The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30 and \$25 thereafter. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

FALL STAR PARTY

Visit the Starlab Planetarium and view the fall sky through the oakland Astronomy Club's telescope during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Saturday Nov. 6, at Independence Oaks.


NATIVE AMERICANS AND

PIONEERS
Ages six through eight can explore the life of Native Americans and early settlers through crafts, games, a hike, stories, a snack and more during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Independence Oaks.

FRIENDS OF FEATHERS

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712.....Garage Sales-Wayne
713.....Moving Sales
714.....Clothing
716.....Household Goods
718.....Jewelry
719.....Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs
720.....Bargain Buys
721.....Bicycles
722.....Building Materials
724.....Business & Office Equipment
726.....Office Supplies
728.....Cameras & Supplies

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730.....Commercial/Industrial Restaurant Equipment
732.....Computers
734.....Electronics/Audio/Video
738.....Video Games, Tapes, Movies
739.....Farm Equipment
740.....Farm Produce-Flowers, Plants
741.....U-Pick
745.....Hobbies-Coins, Stamps
746.....Hospitality Equipment
747.....Jewelry
748.....Lawn, Garden & Snow Equipment
750.....Miscellaneous For Sale
751.....Musical Instruments
752.....Sporting Goods
753.....Trade Or Sell
754.....Wanted To Buy

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757.....Horse Boarding Commercial
758.....Household Pets
759.....Pet Grooming/Boarding
760.....Pet Services
761.....Pet Supplies
762.....Pet Wanted
763.....Lost & Found

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764.....Animal Services/Supplies
765.....Breeder Directory
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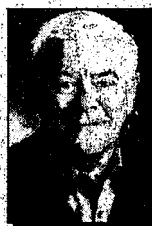
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JOE GAGNON

A little while back I wrote about a defective dip tube in hot water tanks and it wasn't long before I was all over ABC television on "Good Morning, America" and being interviewed by media across the country.

I suddenly became an expert on hot water tanks even though I didn't have a plumbing degree. For those of you who don't know, it takes a while and a lot of work to become a master plumber.

My comments today are directed toward some of the plumbers in the industry who are doing the repair work for the many consumers who are affected by the defective dip tube.

I am receiving many phone calls from homeowners who tell me that even though the plumber has changed the dip tube, they are still getting little particles plugging up their shower heads, aerators and screens on their washers and dishwashers' water valves.

I have asked the standard question of many of these people, "Did the plumber flush out your tank?" and the answer is usually "No."

Now I know that the plumbing industry is very busy and the sooner you get in and out of one home you can get to another. It doesn't take you very long to change the plastic dip tube but it does take a while to flush out the tank properly.

You know as well as I do that if you don't take the time to do so, the customer will continue to have problems long after you are gone.

What you should also know is that a class action lawsuit has been filed in Michigan against the hot water tank manufacturers, and the attorney general's office has a pending action as well.

When all of this comes to settlement it is possible that any damage suffered by a homeowner may also be pinpointed directly at the plumber who didn't do the repairs correctly. As a great coach named Bowman always says, "Let's get back to the basics."

With the premature failure of this little plastic tube in hot water tanks you get a flaking bunch of little white particles floating around in the inside of the

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tank. These little flakes will travel through the hot water lines and plug up your whole system.

If the tank isn't flushed out when changing the dip tube, the total problem hasn't been corrected. You must go inside the tank with a garden hose and flush it out until there are no residues left.

When done with this step, you should remove the screens and aerators at the outlet and inlet points of water distribution and flush out the lines. Now you can smile and say that you're proud of your work.

This column wasn't meant to be demeaning of the plumbing industry, because the majority is hardworking and my kind of blue-collar guy. There are always a few who will tarnish the image and I seem to be the guy who hears it all.

The consumers suffer when the quality of service they pay for doesn't equal the value they receive. It is also the responsibility of the consumer to do even a little bit of investigating before having any kind of service business come into the home.

On a personal note: The phone number listed at the bottom of this column is there to help those people in need. I make myself available and talk to 200 people a week who have troubles. Some of the calls I return pertain to subjects I can't answer nor do I want to.

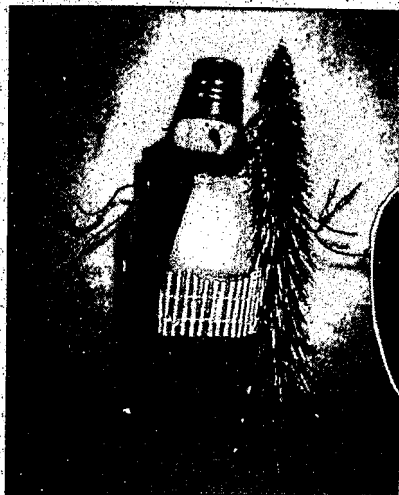
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Joe Gagnon can be heard Saturday and Sunday on 760 WJL. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.



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Yay for Yates

Local flavor: Whenever a Sally Huss Gallery opens in an area, the artist paints a



local landmark in her "happy art." With the opening of the Sally Huss Gallery at 415 Main in Rochester, Huss has painted a rendition of the Yates Cider Mill, available as a 9-by-11-inch framed print for \$34.95, and as a trivet by Cornerstone for \$19.95 that can be used for hot or cold. The pieces are great additions to any home or office and make nice gifts, such as for someone moving away from the area. Call (248) 652-2262.

Experience the creativity

Grand event: New Jo-Ann etc stores in Westland, Novi and Roseville will mark their grand openings this weekend with 15 free demonstrations and activities. The "etc" in Jo-Ann etc is pronounced "E-T-C" (not



"et cetera") and stands for "experience the creativity." Store departments include home decorating, which features custom furniture and custom bedding with more than 3,000 decorator fabrics from which to choose; fashion fabrics; a sewing machine center; a quilt shop; notions and embellishments; a rubber stamping emporium; and seasonal merchandise. The stores are at The Crossing, 36577 Warren Road in Westland; Twin Oaks II, 43570 West Oaks Drive at Novi Road and I-96 in Novi; and 20600 E. 13 Mile at I-94 and Little Mack Road in Roseville. The grand openings will also feature a face painter, a balloon sculptor and a disc jockey; and the first 200 guests at each location will receive an opening day gift. Guests may register to win two \$500 shopping sprees or other gifts. Five-dollar gift certificates will be given to the first 200 customers. Scheduled events are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. Store hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

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Treat your 'throne room' like royalty



DIANA KOENIG

Q: Our bathroom is the first room to become cluttered and dirty. I want a clean bathroom with minimal effort.

A: Imagine walking into your bathroom and smelling the scent of a spring day. As you enter the room you observe beautiful hanging linens, sparkling fixtures and fresh flowers. This dream can be a reality if you are willing to clean and maintain.

Your bathroom is usually the smallest room in your home yet one of the rooms most frequently used. It can go from clean to disaster area in a few moments.

Limited space usually equals a cluttered castle. Continual use of a space means it requires extra attention. Therefore if you think of the bathroom as your throne room you will want to treat it like royalty.

You can minimize the workload and enjoy cleanliness by systematically cleaning. The number of people who use the facility will determine the amount of time and effort you clean. A heavily used bathroom should be thoroughly cleaned each week. This should include:

- Vacuuming and scrubbing the floors.
- Scrubbing the bathtub, shower, toilet and sink.
- Cleaning the mirrors with a good glass cleaner.
- Hanging clean linens.

The following tasks should be done each month. I like to incorporate them into my weekly cleaning, doing a few each week:

- Dust the light fixtures.
- Polish the faucets.
- Clean the woodwork; baseboards, cabinets and doors.
- In tiled areas, whiten the grout with a cleaner or bleach solution.
- Buy a cleaner to eliminate soap scum buildup.
- Dust wall decor and silk floral arrangements.

■ Wipe the wall close to the light switches.

■ Clean the windows if applicable.

■ Wash off the shower curtain if applicable.

■ Straighten items in the drawers, cabinets and closets.

In addition, daily maintenance is a must for bathrooms. Below is a list of daily tasks:

■ Wipe the mirror, sink and toilet with the appropriate cleaning solutions.

■ Empty the wastebaskets. In a small space a full or partially full wastebasket can make a room look cluttered. I empty mine a couple of times a day.

■ Hang or place fresh hand towels on the vanity. I do this several times a day for germ control.

■ Wipe the shower door with a dry rag after each use. This will avoid the accumulation of soap residue and mildew.

■ Remove any hair that falls into the sink. Eventually the hair will clot your drain. Don't brush your hair over the sink.

■ Each person should rinse the sink thoroughly after brushing his teeth.

■ Keep a rag and cleaner under the sink to be used for a quick cleanup.

your visit a pleasant experience. Decorating possibilities for bathrooms are endless. Limit your decorations or you will increase your cleaning time. It will be easier to clean the sink vanity, tub, ledges and back of the toilet if decorations are kept to a minimum.

Don't decorate the bathroom with heirlooms, photos or special keepsakes. Moisture and mold are inevitable in this room and can be destructive to these items.

Reduce bathroom mildew by providing plenty of light and good air circulation, and use a disinfectant cleaner.

Keep cabinets and drawers partially empty and use small plastic containers to separate groups of items.

To keep from passing germs, store toothbrushes so they don't touch each other, especially during flu season. Rinse your toothbrush thoroughly with hot water after each use.

Fold bath towels, washcloths and hand towels into separate stacks. Don't overstack, and make sure they are easily accessible.

Your bathroom can smell fresh if you include scented candles, potpourri, scented room spray, or fresh flowers from your yard or local florist. A pleasant scent makes for a pleasant bathroom.

A burning candle will absorb smells. I burn scented candles when I entertain in the evening. The candle also provides a beacon to the bathroom if the light is off.

Today's refrigerator bulletin: "Maintain a clean, fragrant throne room!"

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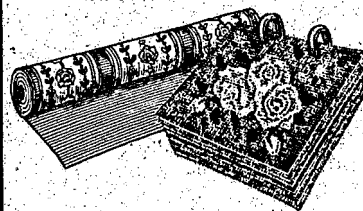
Some homes have bathrooms that are as large as bedrooms. Many of these larger bathrooms have a separate shower and tub instead of the traditional combination. You can also find bathrooms with two sinks, a large vanity and a walk-in closet. You will need to schedule more time to clean these larger areas.

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MARTY FIGLEY

In October I wrote about daffodil bulbs that Livonia Garden Club members are planting in answer to the president of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan. It is nice to know that other clubs are following suit.

The Beverly Hills Garden Club and the Garden City Garden Club are also participating in this PETALS (Protect the Environment Through Action, Learning and Service) beautification project that also includes planting wildflowers.

If your club is participating, please let me know and you will be recognized. We'll all look forward to this beautiful flowers in our cities.

This idea came from Horticulture magazine, February '98: Order Shirley poppy seeds in early winter and mark a place in the garden where you will sow the seeds around February or early March. The best time is when a significant amount of snow has fallen, then scatter the seeds in the marked area. Ideally, the following day the sun and the warmth will draw the snow and the seeds into the soil. Don't sow too thickly as the poppies don't transplant easily. Might be fun.

Are you growing African violets for the first time? I have had success with growing them in an east window. A sheer curtain protects them from the direct bright sun. The temperature is around 68 degrees F in the room (the thermostat is there) and it seems to suit them.

I use a regular potting soil with good drainage; equal parts of potting soil and perlite or sand is fine. I grow the plants in pretty pastel colored plastic containers made by Bemis, which have a drainage hole in the bottom.

When the soil feels dry to the touch, I water them with room temperature water from the dehumidifier or with water that has been in a container for several days to dispel the chemicals.

I water from the top and am careful not to get water on the leaves. Cold water causes white ring spots to occur. It is recommended to water them from the bottom, but I haven't experienced any problems with the way I do it.

They're fertilized irregularly with Shultz African violet liquid fertilizer, best applied just before flowering. I also try to keep the spent blooms and unattractive leaves removed. I keep my fingers crossed - no pests or diseases for many years.

If you'd like to increase your supply of African violets (*Saintpaulia*), here's how:

Select several leaves with a 1-1/2-inch stem from the middle of the plant and cut them on an angle. Dip the cut end into a root-growth hormone and tap excess powder off. With a small stick, make holes in sterilized soil; insert the stems up to 1/4-inch of the leaf blade and firm the soil around each stem. Set the pot in bright, indirect light and water every other day.

In about six to eight weeks new plantlets will appear. When they are about 3/4-inch high, cut off the original leaf (parent plant), then pot each plantlet in a 2-1/2-inch container. As it grows it can be transplanted into a larger pot.

These small, tabletop plants are available in a variety of colors and leaf shapes. The foliage is arranged in a rosette and the flowers bloom above it.

The leaves are thick and fuzzy on top, are smooth on the bottom and vary in shape from oval to heart-shaped. Sometimes it is solid green, other times variegated; edges can be smooth, fringed or wavy. The bloom colors are white, pink, blue, purple, red or a color combined with white and they can be single, be double or have fringed petals.

Miniature African violets are very dainty.

I was lucky to find an oak antique plant stand that is long, narrow and tall (similar to the old wicker ones) and it holds four 6-inch pots. I set them on a plastic tray to avoid damaging the wood.

Good luck with this little project. I often give an African violet as a small gift, potted into a container that will match the recipient's décor.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

Viewing violets: African violets are easy to grow and propagate. This is a view from above.

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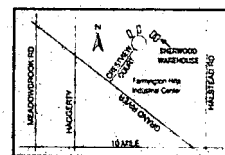
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Take your time deciding on tiles

BY TINA RUARK
ImproveNet

There is an almost panic in the air from consumers who have gotten a taste of the weather change and are trying to finish all of their home improvements before winter.

Our contractors are helping consumers to get ready for the snow and the cold. Since the winter storm of '99, the homeowner is getting ready for another blast of cold, not to mention the stocking up of survival items for Y2K.

Here are some easy and quick ways to help get ready.

Fall chores

No matter where you live, seasonal changes in temperature and moisture levels require special maintenance tasks. Fall cleaning is necessary to maintain a house's appearance and keep the home in good condition.

- Close and drain garden hoses and keep ends of hoses open for expansion.
- Rake debris away from side of house and other structures.
- Clean out gutters and downspout elbows.
- Check gutters, downspouts and roof for penetrations for leaks.
- Treat wood gutters if needed.

- Check and repair caulking (if needed) around exterior surfaces.
- Note any cracks in foundation, brick or stucco.
- Clean gaps between deck boards above joists.
- Clean around air conditioner compressor.
- Trim any trees or shrubs that touch house.
- Inspect and replace weather stripping (if needed).
- Inspect and clean storm window weep holes.
- Clean out basement window wells.
- Examine septic system drain field for flooding, odor; have tank pumped yearly.

Q: We are thinking of doing a complete remodel of our master bathroom. We have attempted to do very little with the bath since we purchased the home 25 years ago. We have always been under the assumption that we would have to completely destroy the bathroom once we decided to do the work. We would like to add a whirlpool tub and redo the ceramic wall tiles in the shower. Do you have any ideas when considering a project like this?

A: There are quick fixes for basic

bathroom remodeling, but by the way you have described the home you should update all the areas of the bath.

Before actually deciding on what you think you may want, go to a bath store and research the whirlpool tubs. Talk to a salesperson; find out what the "pros" and "cons" are to each style.

There are several different types of whirlpools on which to decide. Most tubs have items like heating elements, power jets and hydro massage units and many other options.

This should be a decision that you are willing to live with for several years to come. Not to mention the idea of when you sell your home you want this room to be very appealing to a buyer (Remember, bathrooms are very important when selling a home).

Replacing ceramic tiles in any home can be a very stressful project, but the finished product is always loved by all who visit your bathroom.

Are you sure you want to completely remove the existing tiles? This can become a very detailed project. If you are planning on replacing the tub, you may need to replace the tiles anyway.

If you have never attempted to work with tile before, I would strongly suggest contacting a professional to do the

■ Get involved with the decisions. You'll feel wonderful as you see your new bathroom coming together.

work. There is a "talent" to working with tile; it takes a skillful hand.

When deciding on what types of tile to use, be sure to take your time. Make sure your decision is a solid one. Colored grout is now an option to add a modern look to your bathroom. Tiles now come in several types of textures, sizes, colors and design patterns.

Most of all, make this a fun project by getting involved with the decisions, and you'll feel wonderful as you see your new bathroom coming together.

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MONTÉ NAGLER

How you hold your camera when you photograph is important to obtain sharp pictures. Camera movement during exposure is one of the most frequent causes of unsharp photos. Too often, I've seen amateur photographers jerk the shutter release button and what could have been a prize-winning picture is hopelessly lost to camera jiggles.

There are some simple techniques you can follow when not using a tripod to minimize the shakes and maximize the chances of steady and sharp pictures.

To start with, hold your camera in a way that's both comfortable and steady. If right handed, grasp the right side of your camera in your right hand with your forefinger gently resting on the shutter release. Cup the camera body in your left palm with your fingers on the focusing ring. For left handers, just reverse the positions.

Keep your arms and elbows against your body, not suspended in air. Stand firmly on the ground with your feet slightly wider than shoulder width. Hold your camera tightly against your face, take a breath, hold it, and gently squeeze the shutter release. Chances are you'll make a picture free from camera movement.

Even try bracing yourself against a nearby tree or set your camera atop a fence post or car roof to improve sharpness.

What shutter speed should you use? It depends on the size of the lens you're using. A general rule is to use a shutter speed equal to or faster than the focal length of the lens.

For example, use a shutter speed of 1/60 second or faster when using a normal 50mm lens. A 1/250 second speed should be used with a 200mm lens and a 1/15 second or faster with a 17mm wide angle lens.

With zoom lenses, this guideline still holds true. Just use a shutter speed close to wherever you've set your zoom.

A golfer will practice his swing and how to properly hold the club. A marksman will practice squeezing the trigger.

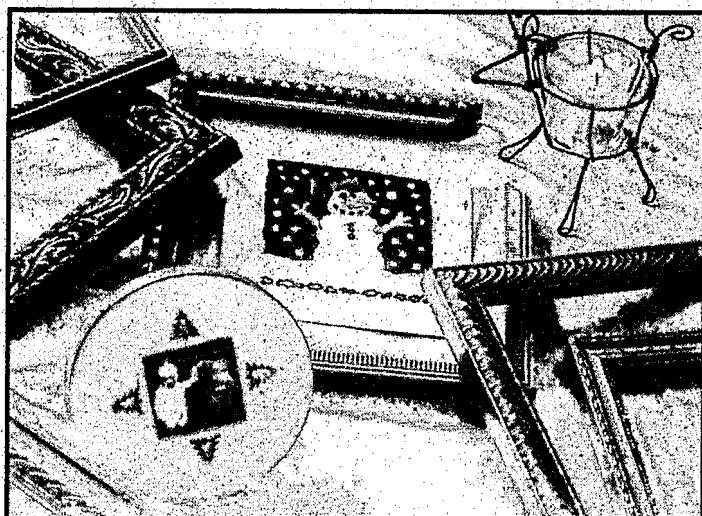


Field day: Holding his camera steady produced this razor sharp photo for Monte Nagler. This was taken near Heng Tang, China. (Yes, the farmer eventually got his whole field plowed.)

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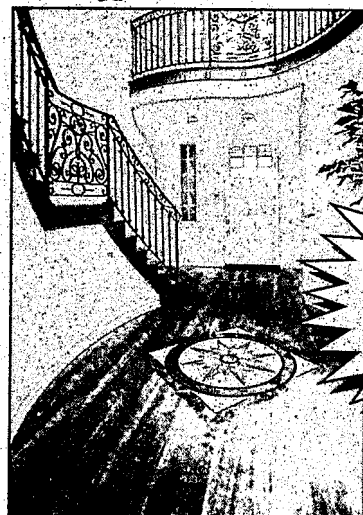
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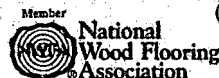
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Holiday Tables: Crystal clear



Sterling examples: Family sterling pieces and crystal – including a caviar serving set (below) – will be part of the setting by Robert and Ann Greenstone for Holiday Tables this month at Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills. Staff photos by Jerry Zolynsky.

BY MARY KLEMIC
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Ring in the new millennium, and ring out the old, with the gentle ping of crystal.

That's suggested in more than one way at the 24th annual Holiday Tables, "A Farewell to the 20th Century," presented by Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary.

There's the stylish setting by Robert and Ann Greenstone, one of the 20 elegant tables featured in the event. And there's the raffle of two Waterford Crystal limited production collections that will be raffled this year.

Holiday Tables will take place Friday-Sunday, Nov. 19-21, at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. A patron tea and preview, a benefactor evening, and a mother/daughter day are part of this year's event.

Greenstone's of Birmingham and Waterford Crystal are sponsors of the patron tea and preview, 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at Cranbrook House. At the traditional high tea, the holiday tables will be previewed, fashions from the 20th century will be modeled, and seasonal music will be performed. Patron tea tickets are \$50.

The tables will be designed by area personalities and arranged throughout eight rooms of Cranbrook House.

The Greenstones' table will be set with crystal and sterling pieces from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It offers a fitting way to end the millennium, with great champagnes, French pastries and caviar, served on family collection pieces.

"We tried to keep this simple," Robert Greenstone said.

The setting speaks with clear style. On the table will be Waterford crystal champagne flutes, a caviar serving set with dish and spoon of Roc crystal, and a rare collection of Val St. Lambert crystal plates. The plates bear etched portraits of great people from over the centuries, including Leonardo Da Vinci and Sir Joshua Reynolds.

Among the family sterling pieces are English, American and Sheffield sterling. Also on the table will be white antique linens bought at Cranbrook.

The year 2000 is special in a personal way for the Greenstones, as it will mark the 75th anniversary of the family business. Greenstone's started in what is now the Detroit Opera House.

"When we attend Michigan Opera Theatre we can still clearly see my grandfather's... location at 1550 Broadway," Greenstone said.

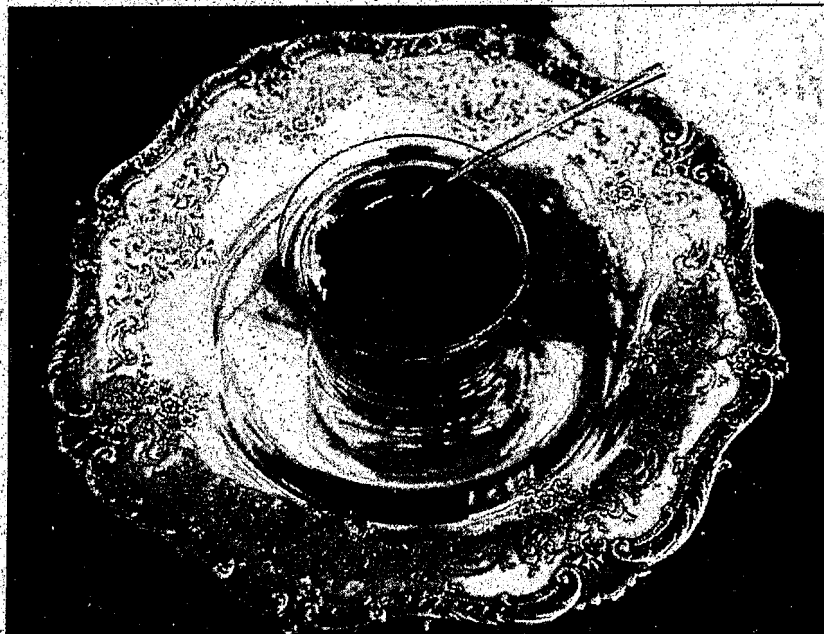
Among other Holiday Table exhibitors will be Linda Dresner of Birmingham; Luann Battenberg, Nancy Boos, Judith Darin, Irma Elder, Lynn Ferron, Linda Kane, Roberta Toll, Altha Wargelin and Chris Zantop of Bloomfield Hills; Graciela Bustos and Susan Dresner of West Bloomfield; Betty Hart, Michael Farrell and Robert Hawley of Detroit; and Pat Young of Grosse Pointe. Robert Yares of Cranbrook Academy of Art will present a whimsical table designed by academy students.

Features

General admission times are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 19-20 and noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 21. A holiday boutique with selected American Girl™ items will be open each day. General admission tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults, \$5 for kindergartners to 12th graders accompanied by an adult.



Famed: The crystal plates feature portraits of great names from over the centuries.





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Free parking and shuttle service will be available at the Christ Church Cranbrook lot across Lone Pine Road from Cranbrook House. The shuttles will range from limousines and town cars to a 19th century enclosed horse-drawn carriage.

The benefactor evening, "Salute to Holiday Tables," will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road at Coolidge in Troy.

It will feature a strolling cocktail reception, and a program of dances through the ages presented by the Wayne State University Department of Theatre. The evening is sponsored by Neiman Marcus. Tickets are \$100.

Mother/Daughter Day, sponsored by Northern Trust Bank, is a new feature this year that will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 20. It will include a special children's tea, a children's room with dolls of the millennium, informal modeling of children's fashions from the 20th century, seasonal music performances and refreshments.

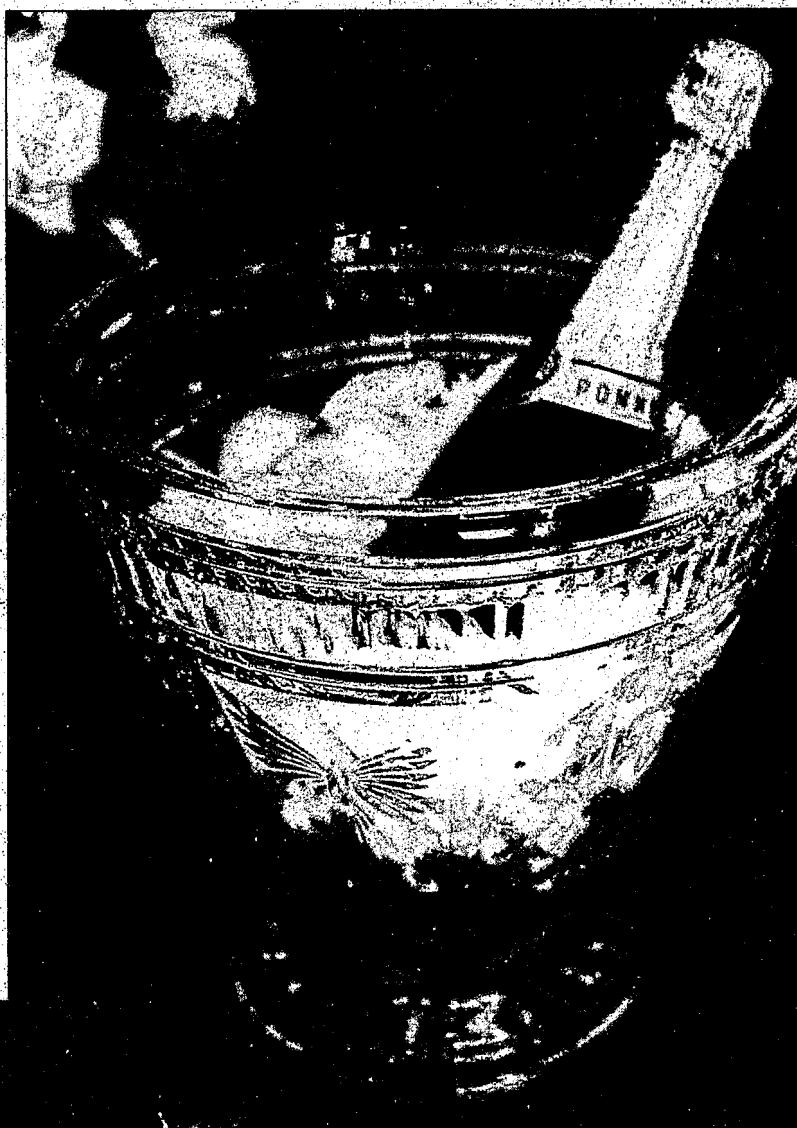
Thanks to Greenstone's and Waterford Crystal, the Waterford Crystal limited production collections - Times Square and the Millennium - will be raffled. The drawing will take place 3 p.m. Nov. 21. Tickets are \$20 each. A total 1,500 tickets will be sold for the raffle.

The Times Square Collection includes the Seven Continent 12-inch centerpiece bowl on pedestal, a 10-1/2-inch hurricane, a Times Square clock and sculpture, Star of Hope and ball ornaments, and a centerpiece.

The Millennium Collection includes five pairs of commemorative champagne flutes, a 12-inch vase, a 10-inch centerpiece bowl, a champagne bucket and coasters, one pair of 8-inch plates, a portrait frame and a bell ornament.

For advance tickets or more information, call (248) 645-3147.

Proceeds from Holiday Tables 1999 will benefit the preservation and restoration of Cranbrook House, which is on the National Historic Landmark Campus of the Cranbrook Educational Community.



Good taste: Champagne is served from a crystal container, and French pastries from sterling, on the Greenstone table. Twenty other elegant table settings will be displayed for this year's Holiday Tables event, presented by Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxillary.



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Treat family to ounce of prevention



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Take heed, for flu season is looming on the horizon. You may already be running for cover by stocking up on home remedies and storing plenty of chicken soup in the freezer. You tell yourself you can't afford to get sick at the

height of car pool and activity season, or amidst trying to close a deal with a potential new client at work.

You know the cold and flu repertoire whether you are victim or caregiver. Get lots of rest, consume plenty of fluids and take in or give as much tender loving care as possible. How you effectively treat your family, or they treat you, with TLC depends on the amount of quality time given up to nurse another family member back to good health.

Start by realizing you may have to make sacrifices to nurse yourself, your spouse or your child back to good health. Make concessions in your daily routine.

If you have to conduct business, try to work at home when you cannot be at the office. If you have a home fax machine, ask co-workers to send important documents only if they deem it absolutely necessary. Otherwise, request that a co-worker deliver paperwork to your home for your review.

Let your answering machine pick up telephone calls when you need to rest or tend to a sick family member. Don't allow the telephone to get in the way of the quality of care you give or receive.

Allow activities to take a back seat to recuperation. It won't hurt to miss a few soccer games, gymnastics lessons or committee meetings. It can make you or a family member feel miserable if pushed to make one of these events while not feeling well. The activities will still be there when the illness is gone. Someone can always fill your family in on any details that were missed.

Try to minimize the risks of other family members being exposed to cold and flu germs. Encourage everyone in the house to wash his or her hands with soap and water to avoid spreading germs to each other or shared items. Don't share food or drinks with each

other because germs are passed on in these items, right down to the plates, glassware and eating utensils.

Keep the house as clean as possible to minimize germs from spreading. Change and wash bedding frequently. Wipe off doorknobs, telephone receivers, toys, countertops and household handles, particularly those that come in contact with sick family members.

Spread tender loving care to your sick child while he rests. Read his favorite books together. Play favorite board and card games. Watch an old movie. Make your child his favorite ice cream sundae or milk shake if he is able to tolerate milk products.

Treat your spouse to newspapers and books in bed. Keep replenished beverages and favorite foods that appeal to him or her nearby. Ensure he or she gets plenty of rest by keeping the rest of the family out of earshot.

If it is your flu turn, express your needs to your family without being too demanding. It's frustrating when you need something and everyone is busy with other household activities. Don't assume anyone can read your mind.

Lisa Luckow-Healy is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a freelance writer who regularly contributes to parenting publications. She is also an active member of Detroit Women Writers and a contributing author to the organization's latest book, "Century of Voices." To leave her a message from a touch-tone phone about how you celebrate family, call (734) 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1903; or e-mail your suggestions for future family topics to LLHealy@aol.com.

at home calendar

■ The Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan will present a slide/lecture on sewing machine arts by Pat Rodgers of Sea Cliff, N.Y., 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at First Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham. The public may attend. Guest fee \$5. For more information, call (734) 475-5851 or (248) 363-5697. Rodgers is known for her innovative techniques for creating wearable art, combining cutwork, pinweaving, embroidery, beading and piecing.

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Wildflower authority to speak at Meadow Brook Hall next week

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

Frederick Case Jr., noted wildflower authority, will be the guest lecturer 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester.

His presentation, "A Michigan Wildflower Sampler," will include many beautiful slides that he has taken as he has traveled through much of North America, concentrating particularly on the Great Lakes region, Alaska, the Rocky Mountains, Newfoundland and the Appalachian Mountains.

The lecture will take place in the Meadow Brook Hall ballroom and is sponsored by the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this special event; non-member charge is \$3. Reservations aren't necessary.

Two of Case's books will be available for purchase - "North American Native Orchids" and "Trilliums."

Case, who is in great demand as a speaker for many organizations across the United States, Canada, England and Sweden, has taught biology and ecology since 1953 and is a Fellow and Research

Associate of the Cranbrook Institute of Science and Adjunct Research Investigator of the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

He has studied the native orchids of northern North America across their continental range and has searched for wildflowers, American pitcher plants, terrestrial orchids, and trilliums, the subject of his most recent book, authored with his late wife.

Concerned with the disappearance of wild species and their habitats, Case now studies methods of propagation and cultivation of rare plants, especially

orchids at the greenhouses and ecologically designed habitat plots at his home.

He has authored several books and has written many journal articles on native plants.

His many awards include the Outstanding Botanist Award of the Michigan Botanical Club, the Edgar T. Wherry Award of the American Rock Garden Society, and the Conservation Award and Medal of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Case has been honored as Michigan Biology Teacher of the Year and Michigan Science Teacher of the Year.

Nutcracker luncheon, holiday boutiques event to benefit DSO

An annual benefit for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Nutcracker Luncheon and Holiday Boutiques, will begin the holiday season Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Hyatt Regency at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn.

Shoppers can start early at 10 a.m., checking off their gift lists at more than 25 specialty boutiques. With a portion of their proceeds earmarked for the DSO, the boutiques will remain open to 3 p.m.

A noon luncheon will feature entertainment by the Mercyairens from Mercy

High School of Farmington Hills and informal modeling of fur fashions from Bricker-Tunis of West Bloomfield.

A raffle drawing will follow the luncheon, event chairman Rita Margherio of Orchard Lake said. Prizes will include a sheared mink jacket donated by Bricker-Tunis, a diamond-and-sapphire ring and tickets to DSO concerts.

Tickets for the Nutcracker Luncheon and Holiday Boutiques are \$40, \$75 and \$100. Advance reservations are requested. For reservations and other informa-

tion, call the DSO Volunteer Council office at (313) 576-5154.

Among the participating boutiques are Apple Tree Room and Marilyn Vale-sano of Franklin; Born to Shop, Cathy Schulte and Sally Huss Gallery of Rochester; Bosco Designs and Innis Joswick of Farmington Hills; Designs in Metal of Birmingham; Elaine Surnow, Marigold and Yado Inc. of West Bloomfield; Gail Sammet of Troy; Mrs. Mason's Luscious Temptations of Southfield; and Nine July of Bloomfield Hills.

Co-chairwomen of the luncheon are Mary Happel and Mary MacNee, both of Bloomfield Hills, who are leading a 24-member committee that began meeting in June to plan this benefit.

The 600-member Volunteer Council is a committee of the DSO formed to promote and support the artistic excellence of the DSO, to ensure the restoration and preservation of Orchestra Hall, and to encourage community involvement.

Lucy Debol of Troy is president of the Volunteer Council.

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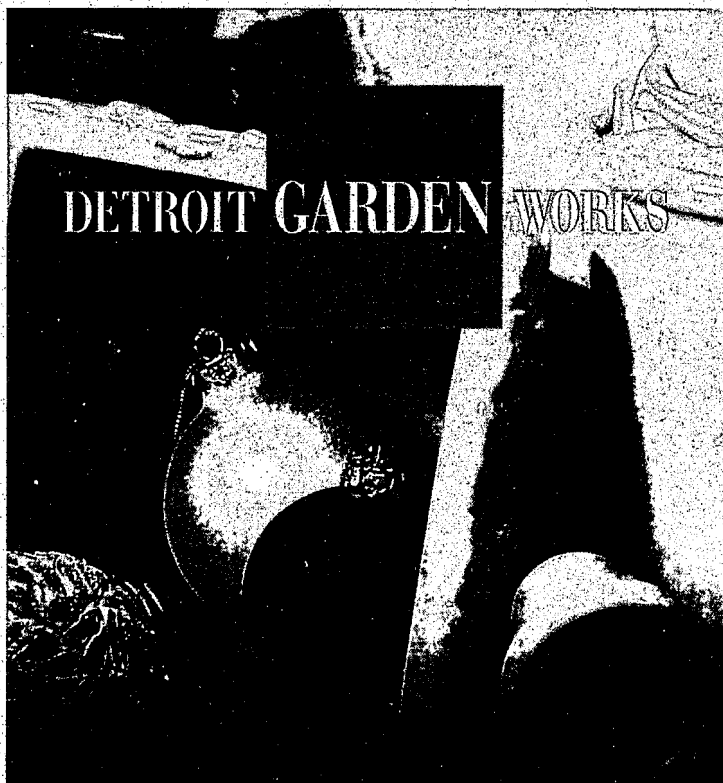
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What crust: Recipes boost confidence



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

There is a definite mystique about making crust. For seasoned pie makers or pastry chefs, it's a no brainer; for those of us who have concentrated on food, not desserts, it is definitely intimidating.

Last November when I was offered a recipe development job out of Vermont, the position was to develop recipe cards for pies and pastries. Of course I took it. When I excitedly told one of my best friends, her reply was, "Since when do you bake?"

My impetuous response was, "Since now."

In April, I saw Rose Levy Beranbaum, the author of "The Pie and Pastry Bible" (published by Scribner ©1998 Cordon Rose, Inc.). She was at that time a complete stranger to me. I hugged her and told her she had made me into a confident baker.

I'd like to share one of my favorite crust recipes from Rose's book. Try this recipe and check out her other baking books, especially "Rose's Christmas Cookies" and "The Cake Bible."

FLAKY CREAM CHEESE PIE CRUST

Pastry for a 9-inch pie shell or a 9 1/2- or 10- by 1-inch tart shell:

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, cold
1 cup + 1 tablespoon pastry flour or 1 cup (dip and sweep method) bleached all-purpose flour

1/8 teaspoon salt (for savory recipes, use 1 1/2 times the salt)

1/8 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 cup cream cheese, cold

1 tablespoon ice water

1 1/2 teaspoons cider vinegar

Pastry for a 9-inch lattice pie, a 9-inch deep-dish pie, a 10-inch pie shell, or a 12- to 14-inch free-form tart:

8 tablespoons unsalted butter, cold

1 1/3 cups + 4 teaspoons pastry flour or 1 1/3 cups (dip and sweep method) bleached all-purpose flour

1/8 teaspoon salt (for savory recipes, use 1 1/2 times the salt)

1/8 teaspoon baking powder

one 3-ounce package cream cheese, cold

1 1/2 tablespoons ice water

1 1/2 teaspoons cider vinegar

Pastry for a two-crust 9-inch pie:

12 tablespoons unsalted butter, cold

2 cups + 3 tablespoons pastry flour or

2 cups (dip and sweep method) bleached all-purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon salt (for savory recipes, use 1 1/2 times the salt)

1/4 teaspoon baking powder

1 1/2 3-ounce packages cream cheese, cold

2 tablespoons ice water

1 tablespoon cider vinegar

Food processor method:

Cut the butter into small (about 3/4-inch) cubes. Wrap it in plastic wrap and freeze it until frozen solid, at least 30 minutes. Place the flour, salt and baking powder in a reclosable gallon-size freezer bag and freeze for at least 30 minutes.

Place the flour mixture in a food processor with the metal blade and process for a few seconds to combine. Set the bag aside.

Cut the cream cheese into 3 or 4 pieces and add it to the flour. Process for about 20 seconds or until the mixture resembles coarse meal. Add the frozen butter cubes and pulse until none of the butter is larger than the size of a pen. (Toss with a fork to see it better.) Remove the cover and add the water and vinegar. Pulse until most of the butter is reduced to the size of small peas. The mixture will be in particles and won't hold together. Spoon it into the plastic bag. (For a double-crust pie, it is easiest to divide the mixture in half at this point.)

Holding both ends of the bag opening with your fingers, knead the mixture by alternately pressing it, from the outside of the bag with the knuckles and heels of your hands until the mixture holds together in one piece and feels slightly stretchy when pulled.

Wrap the dough with the plastic wrap, flatten it into a disc (or discs) and refrigerate

for at least 45 minutes, preferably overnight. (For a pie shell and lattice, divide it in a ratio of two thirds:one third - use about 9.5 ounces for the shell and the rest for the lattice, flattening the smaller part into a rectangle.)

Hand method:

Place a medium mixing bowl in the freezer to chill.

Cut the butter into small (about 3/4-inch) cubes. Wrap it in plastic wrap and refrigerate it for at least 30 minutes.

Place the flour, salt and baking powder in a medium bowl and whisk to combine. Add the cream cheese and rub the mixture between your fingers to blend the cream cheese into the flour until it resembles coarse meal. Spoon the mixture, together with the cold butter, into a reclosable gallon-size freezer bag. Expel any air from the bag and close it. Use a rolling pin to flatten the butter into thin flakes. Place the bag in the freezer for at least 10 minutes or until the butter is very firm.

Transfer the mixture to the chilled bowl, scraping the sides of the bag. Set the bag aside. Sprinkle the mixture with the water and vinegar, tossing lightly with a rubber spatula. Spoon it into the plastic bag. (For a two-crust pie, it is easiest to divide the mixture in half at this point.)

Holding both ends of the bag opening with your fingers, knead the mixture by alternately pressing it, from the outside of the bag, with the knuckles and heels of your hands until the mixture holds together in one piece and feels slightly stretchy when pulled.

Wrap the dough with plastic wrap, flatten it into a disc (or discs), and refrigerate for at least 45 minutes, preferably overnight. (For a pie shell and lattice, divide it in a ratio of two thirds:one third - use about 9.5 ounces for the shell and the rest for the lattice, flattening the smaller part into a rectangle.)

Store refrigerated, up to 2 days; frozen, up to 3 months.

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1902.

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at home calendar

■ Celebrate the season at the Holiday Victorian Tea 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Senior Center, within the Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. The program, "December Brides," is a Victorian wedding gown fashion show presented by Pamela Yockey, who collects and restores wedding gowns dated from 1800 to 1910. A floral fantasy by Hearts

& Roses Florist, seasonal music, fragrant greenery and finger sandwiches and desserts catered by Mrs. Maddox Cake Shop will offer a lovely way to while away a December afternoon. Tickets, limited to 300, are available at the Senior Center now to Nov. 30 for \$8 (non-refundable). No tickets will be available the day of the event. Call (248) 473-1800.

Cameras roll for remodeling show

BY CORINNE ABATT
Special Writer

Vicki Payne, multi-talented host of the public TV show, "For Your Home," hit the "how-to" craze running.

She and her husband, Chris, and a camera crew were back on their home turf in Royal Oak recently, taping a series on remodeling to be released in December. The site was a small box-style house on North Washington belonging to their daughter, Sloan Payne-Rutter, and her husband.

Vicki, a slim, attractive woman wearing a light blue velveteen shirt and jeans, explained the project.

"This show will focus on the downstairs, turning the living room and dining room into one room, adding a powder room and replacing walls with columns, but we can't expand the size of the house."

When completed, there will also be a master bedroom and a nursery upstairs instead of three small bedrooms. In back they will add a deck, a play area and a garage where presently there is only grass.

Saying there will be six segments on the house this season and five more next year, including several on gardening, Vicki Payne said, "We try to focus on the realities."

She interviews professionals from nationally known companies such as Georgia Pacific and Owens-Corning, while trying to appeal to all skill levels, from do-it-yourselfers to pros.

On other shows in the series, crews will install a sliding glass door and new siding, measure and install windows and redo the backyard. One on putting a Solatube (tubular skylight) in the upstairs bedroom was just finished. This latter was done by Zambeck Remodeling of Lincoln Park, the only local contractor on the project.

"My father was a building contractor," Payne said, as she stepped lightly through the maze of camera and construction paraphernalia jammed into the small first floor living space. "I grew up around this."

Once the camera crews were in place, she moved to a work table where the architect's blueprints were displayed. After a rehearsal without a hitch, the show was taped.

Sloan, expecting her first baby in a few weeks, often acts as co-host. This

time she watched from the kitchen.

As if to explain her mother's glib, conversational style and her own lack of concern about the hubbub around her, she said, "As long as I can remember my parents have been remodeling - taking the worst house on the block and making it into the prettiest."

"My mother was pregnant with me when she took her first stained glass class. I grew up in the store. We knew when we bought this house that we would totally be redoing everything. There's so much happening in Royal Oak now."

The Paynes owned Cutters Art Glass in Royal Oak for 15 years, a studio as well as a teaching and supply center for stained glass artists.

Home base for Cutters Productions is now North Carolina, where Vicki and Chris moved in 1993. Vicki left behind some stunning examples of her artistry, such as the harvest and bygone days scenes at the Farmers Market in Royal Oak.

The camera followed as Vicki moved from behind the table to a corner of the dining room, where the wall was down to the studs and about to be removed. After explaining how to identify the type of construction, balloon or platform, she compared remodeling to layering.

"This living room was remodeled in the '60s with a drop ceiling," she said. "We removed that, then the moldings ... and the paneling, down to the studs."

This was an opportune time to look for construction mistakes, she said, noting there was no insulation.

"We'll put in R-13 insulation..."

Later in the program she advised viewers "to make plans ahead of time to get rid of the junk," describing how they saved about \$1,000 by renting a pickup truck and making a lot of trips to the landfill themselves.

In addition to "For Your Home," Vicki and Chris, CEO and president respectively of Cutters Productions, produce "Glass With Vicki Payne," and a craft show on Home and Garden Television's new DIY network. Next year Sloan will have her own public TV series, "Just Paint It."

The shows are presently seen on PBS stations in the North Carolina area. Readers here will find information on videos, programs and products at the Web address, www.foryourhome.com.



Corinne Abatt

For home: Tom Zambeck of Zambeck Remodeling and Vicki Payne talk during a recent taping of Payne's public TV show, "For Your Home," in Oakland County.

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Subdivision honors beautification

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

Fox Hills subdivision in Bloomfield Hills has announced its 1999 Beautification Award winners.

"Gardens are nominated by neighbors and several criteria are necessary to win," said Fran Portnoy, a member of the judging team. "They include overall effect (how the garden is integrated with the home), general maintenance, and landscaping."

Because of temporary personnel changes at this paper, the 1998 winners weren't recognized, so we will remedy that situation now.

In 1998, Ellis and Kathleen Ross were awarded first place for an unusual color combination that works well in their shady garden, which has an overall look of quiet refinement.

A small feature garden at the edge of the front walk has a 30-inch tall cement urn that contains a lavender-pink chrysanthemum, an asparagus fern and a spike. Lavender-pink geraniums and tall yuccas add an exotic look to the garden.

Along the front of the house clipped yews, red impatiens and salvia are interspersed with pink and green caladiums that add a new note of color. Hostas



Marty Figley
1999 winners: Robert and Jean Zemke won first place this year. Their landscape consists of raised beds outlined by slate stones.

with lavender blooms repeat that color and snow-on-the-mountain with its variegated green and white foliage adds a necessary brightness. Several pots contain the same red impatiens.

Ellis applies Miracle-Gro every 2-1/2 weeks and uses Jerry Baker's advice and some of his formulas, two of which are sprayed on the lawn and garden every three weeks. An automatic sprinkler system provides necessary water.

Elaine Houlihan and Jay Brant received second place for their artfully created landscape. A bench near the

front walk holds pink and blue potted plants.

The landscape is held in place by gray stone. Shades of pink impatiens, phlox, miniature roses and a Rose-of-Sharon are set off by white alysium and deep magenta impatiens. Azaleas line the back of the bed that contains several trees, including crabapples. In the spring, all the blooms are white.

Third place was awarded to Don and Lou Mirzoian, whose neat garden is edged with stone; the walk is brick. The garden has a white, pink and purple theme with begonias and ageratum providing the color.

Pots of pink and white impatiens add punch and two large weeping Mulberry trees add height. An island bed contains plants that bloom in purple, pink, gold, yellow and white, depending on the time of year. The beds consist of topsoil, composted manure and Canadian peat.

The garden is fertilized twice a year with Miracle-Gro, the end of June and mid-September.

1999 winners

The 1999 first place went to Robert and Jean Zemke, whose landscape is

shady most of the day, as it faces north. The landscape consists of raised beds that are outlined by slate stones put in 23 years ago by Bob and his dad. The area has completely been redone in the past three years, when overgrown plants were removed.

A line of red-pink begonias grows in front of the stones and they, as well as New Guinea impatiens, are striking. In the center and outer corner, two Sergeant crabs, pruned into a round form, add balance.

A large weeping elm tree stands guard at one side, complemented with spirea and English Ivy that has been used extensively as a ground cover. Low-growing, emerald-pink phlox, rug ice blue Junipers (ground-hugging without gaps) and hostas fill in the space to the brick walk. Weigelas add balance.

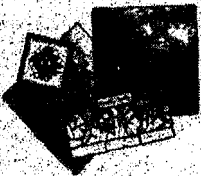
Nestled against the porch, boxwood and additional tuberous begonias and New Guinea impatiens glow in pots. Low boxes on the porch contain impatiens and a dark green variegated vinca.

Along the wall next to the garage, a large magnolia tree that blooms white in

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1998 winners: Ellis and Kathleen Ross won first place last year. Their garden has an overall look of quiet refinement.

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■ The Frank Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will have an auction 6 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 10-11. Preview noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Monday, Nov. 5 and 8, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9. Call (248) 332-1500.

■ The Print Gallery, 29173 Northwestern Highway in Southfield, will celebrate its 20th anniversary 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5. Call (248) 356-5454. The Mona Lisa has been the icon of the gallery, and many items with the face of Mona Lisa on them will be available, including salt and pepper shakers, fresco tile coasters, jewelry, scarves, afghans, kaleidoscopes, cast paper teapots and chocolates. A Mona Millennium contest, asking guests to submit their favorite theory in writing of 75 words or less about why DaVinci painted Mona Lisa, and a Mona look-alike contest will be among the festivities. Student artists from the Center for Creative Studies will paint their Mona renditions on a car, a building that will become part of The Print Gallery's facade, and a canvas. Entertainment,

food and even a Mona Lisa wine will be other highlights of the evening.

■ English Gardens will host a dazzling glass blowing and decorating demonstration Friday-Tuesday, Nov. 5-9, at its five locations. The event will take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road (call (248) 851-7506). Mathias and Beatrice Koch, a husband and wife team from Germany, will demonstrate the time-honored tradition of glass blowing and hand painting the delicate decorations. Ornaments will be made to order and can be signed by the artists for a one-of-a-kind holiday gift or treasured family heirloom. Call (800) 335-GROW to find the nearest English Gardens location.

■ A local group of want-to-be artists has put together a fair called "Artisan Faire," which will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Admission is free. Featured works will include photography, aromatherapy, handmade vegetable/glycerin soaps,

wooden toys, hand-dyed silk angel and fairy dolls, sculpted Christmas figurines/ornaments, decorated wicker baskets, unusual antique vintage accessories, silver jewelry created from old typewriter keys and hand-painted furniture (Lisa Knoppe-Art for a Cause). Cash or check only; no credit cards. Call (248) 644-5832.

■ Nationally renowned master faux artist Eric Jones, of Just! All 4 Walls of Oak Park, will teach unusual techniques, finishes and ideas for decorative walls for the do-it-yourselfer 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 6 and 20, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 N. Woodward at Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. Participate in hands-on demonstrations of tone on tone color-wash, lead, leather, suede, ragging, sponging, granite, sandstone and distressed look. Seating is limited. Groups are welcome. For reservations, leave a message at (248) 968-8119.

■ Thirty vendors from 10 states will exhibit a variety of items at the Michigan Depression Glass Society Annual All Depression Era Glass Show and Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Southfield Pavilion, Evergreen at 10-1/2 Mile. Admission is \$5, which includes both days. Also available will be special displays of glassware by MDGS members; guests Gene Florence of Lexington,

Ky., author of books about Depression glass, and Teri Steele of Otisville, Mich., editor and publisher of the Depression Glass Daze newspaper; glassware repair; and food service.

■ Learn the basics of landscape design and how to design a plan for your home in a four-session class meeting Wednesdays, beginning Nov. 10, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. The class will be taught by Merritt Wolson of Merrittscape Inc. Call (248) 644-2476 for information.

■ The Troy Garden Club will present "Prairie Grasses and Flowers," a slide presentation by Dan Framer, noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, north of Big Beaver Road. Guest donation \$3. Reservations aren't required. The presentation will be accompanied with a handout. Refreshments will be served at noon. For information, call Doris at (248) 641-7904.

■ The fifth annual Chair Affair will take place 6-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz in Troy. At the event, used, usable chairs made into works of art by local artists and designers are sold at auction to benefit the Furniture Resource Center of Oakland County. (The featured chairs are displayed in business fronts in Birmingham through Monday.) Tickets are \$50. Call Deb Huston at (248) 649-4772.

Seminars on entertaining set

In anticipation of Thanksgiving, the holidays and the millennium, Hudson's is hosting a variety of high-profile presenters to divulge successful entertaining tips Friday-Sunday, Nov. 5-7, at Hudson's stores in the area.

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Renowned wildlife artist and Michigan native Catherine McClung will sign purchases of her charming Winter Greeting china pattern 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 12 Oaks.

Barbara Smith, TV personality, restaurateur and well-known author, will share secrets for creating a beautiful holiday gathering 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday at Northland, Greenfield and Eight Mile in Southfield.

Learn how to create festive and elaborate centerpieces perfect for any holiday occasion in a Lalique demonstration noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at Somerset.

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the spring is surrounded by PJM rhododendrons and a hydrangea from Bob's grandmother's garden. An old large red oak is surrounded by geraniums and other flowers planted in an old metal pot.

The Pontiac farmers' market is a source for plants. The grass is watered when it starts drying and no fertilizers are used.

"My parents always had flowers and a rock garden," Bob said. "I guess my gardening interest is in my genes."

The second place winner for 1999 is Dottie Slater. Curving beds of clipped yews, purple barberry and pink geraniums nestle against the house and curve around a brick wall and lamp.

A nearby bed contains three dwarf crabapples under planted with pink wax begonias, yellow dwarf dahlias, yellow and white daisies and pink anemones. The total effect is very soft. She finds gardening relaxing.

Dr. John and Lee Ross garnered third place with their formally clipped foundation planting of yews fronted by pink and cream chrysanthemums.

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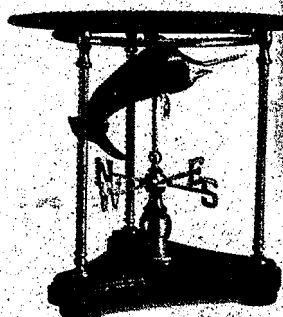
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



"Jest a Second!" Don't miss the Ridgedale Players' presentation of the sequel to "Beau Jest" by James Sherman, 8 p.m. at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Tickets are \$11 and include coffee and sandwich afterglow. (248) 988-7049.

SATURDAY



Guest conductor Carl St. Clair leads the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Concert features soloist Camellia Johnson, soprano, and includes two works by American composer Frank Tichelli. Tickets are \$19-\$50. Call (313) 576-5111.

SUNDAY



Musica Viva opens its season 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at Kingswood Auditorium, Cranbrook, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, with "Flamenco Passion," a show featuring Dame Maria del Carmen Spanish Dance Theatre with soloists, guitarists, dancers and singers; the premiere of the "Gypsy Ballads" by Garcia Lorca; and a guest appearance by flutist Ginka Ortega. Tickets are \$25, patron tickets \$50. Includes preferred seating and private afterglow. Call (248) 851-8872, patrons call (248) 626-6245.

TICKET



Hot Tix: Michigan Opera Theatre presents "Werther," an opera starring Andrea Bocelli, Danyee Graves (pictured), Ying Huang and Christopher Schaldanbrand at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 12; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14. Tickets \$55-\$250. Call (313) 237-SING, or (248) 645-6666.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Family connections: Photo at left, Rikki Schwartz (left to right), Jan Cable and Michelle Roschek rehearse a scene from the Clarkston Village Players' production, "Close Ties." Below, Tim Dunham (Rev. Jerry Dolan) shares a moment of humor with Nora Bonner (Margarette) in "To Forgive, Divine."

Community THEATER

Clarkston Village Players presents 'Close Ties'

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Clarkston Village Players is bringing to its Depot Theater a play that will elicit a range of feelings — including possible hunger pangs — from the audience.

The play, "Close Ties," takes place in the kitchen of a family matriarch's summer home. Stage manager Joanne Anderson of Waterford is trying to make the kitchen come to life just as the characters do.

"We're trying to set up the kitchen with running water and a stove that works," said director Al Bartlett of Rochester Hills. "Joanne is a cracker jack. We hope to have a cake baking on stage and we'll have the smell of bacon running through the theater."

But the real challenge to directing this drama written by Elizabeth Diggs, he said, is bringing this "very meaningful story to the people" without it's appearing as a soap opera.

"If it's done successfully, the audience should be able to laugh, to be touched emotionally, to see themselves and members of their families in the characters on stage," added Bartlett, a life member of Clarkston Village Players.

"Close Ties" is set in the 1980s. It centers around the matriarch of the family, Josephine, played by Jan Cable of Clarkston, Josephine's family and a granddaughter's boyfriend.

Others in the cast are Michelle Roschek and Jeff VoVillia of Clarkston, Rikki Schwartz and Bob Gerics of Waterford, Mary Beth Skinner and Linda Killewald of White Lake and Bill Bailey of Auburn Hills. Behind-the-scenes people include producer Don Foster of Waterford and set designer Holly Stephens, also of Waterford.

"This is an extremely good play. It's a powerful drama with a beautiful story," Bartlett added. "It reveals the relationships between the people in the family and their relationship with Josephine, whom they realize is developing senility."

Clarkston Village Players presentations are done in the attractive and comfortable Depot Theater, an actual former train depot. The small house brings an intimate atmosphere to productions that isn't experienced at large theaters.

Bartlett recommended the play for adults and teenagers.

"If I had to rate this, I'd rate it PG-13 plus," he said. "There is nothing extremely objectionable, although there are a couple of lines with adult references."

"Close Ties" opens to the public on Friday, Nov. 5.

The rest of the Clarkston Village Players 1999-2000 season includes an unannounced comedy in January, "A Case of Libel" in March, "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" in May, "Mass Appeal" in June and an unscheduled children's show and comedy night.

On Stage

What: The Clarkston Village Players presents "Close Ties" by Elizabeth Diggs

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, Nov. 12-13 and 19-20; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11 and 18.

Where: Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston

Tickets: \$12, \$10 on Thursday. Call (248) 625-8811.



Trinity House injects humor into religious issues

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When Thomas Malcolm Olson first read Jack Neary's "To Forgive, Divine," he knew he had a hit on his hands.

As director of Trinity House Theatre, Olson finds it's not always easy to come up with a play that tackles moral issues in a humorous manner. But the opening show of the 1999-2000 season does just that.

"It's one of those plays, you just laugh out loud," said Olson. "I thought it was one of the best comedies I ever read. It has heart without being sentimental. It's about a priest who's examining his life, all the sacrifices he's made, is it worth it."

Tim Dunham plays Jerry Dolan, the young priest struggling with major life

Please see **HUMOR**, E2

On Stage

What: Trinity House Theatre presents "To Forgive, Divine" by Jack Neary.

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Play what you can preview performance 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4.

Where: 38840 W. Six Mile, between Haggerty and I-275, Livonia.

Tickets: \$10, \$5 on Sunday. Call (734) 464-6302.



In tune: Cellist Shauna Rolston performs traditional and contemporary compositions for cello. She is among the top cellists expanding the repertoire for the instrument.

Flattering face redefines classical music boundaries

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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The resemblance between cellist Shauna Rolston and pop-country singer diva Shania Twain might be more than superficial.

Besides sharing obvious physical similarities and a defiantly glamorous attitude, Rolston is very much like Twain in redefining the boundaries of her musical genre.

Rolston will perform in a concert recital Tuesday at the Cranbrook House. Her program includes sonatas by Debussy, Barber and Chopin.

But don't expect Rolston, 32, to accompany her bow and cello by wearing a pleasantly indistinguishable monocolor gown. Or a neatly pressed and urbane expression.

If some think a half-century of country music traditions were tough barriers to break, then consider what Rolston has accomplished in redefining the image of a classical musician, with her hair-blowing-in-the-breeze super-model looks and easy-to-laugh nature.

"I'm not trying to project an image," she said. "I just want to feel as natural and free and inviting to the audience."

While Rolston often performs classical pieces considered within the standard repertoire for the cello, her relentless approach and zeal are anything but stodgy traditionalism.

"I imagine that I'm having a conversation with the composer, that they're right there with me and I can ask them questions," said Rolston.

That might not be too far of a stretch. Rolston is in high demand as both a performer and an artist coveted by contemporary composers.

"It's exploring sound and gesture," said Rolston. "I learn a lot working with current composers. I've learned that responding to music requires different types of reflexes, gestures and a sense of drama."

Please see **BOUNDARIES**, E2

POPULAR MUSIC

Ready, set, go: Park set to tour, release album, star in film

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A name like "Park: A Rock Band" doesn't leave much to the imagination, but the Detroit-based band is anything but a predictable bunch.

Don't confuse Park with the Detroit street of the same name, or the lush, green playground that comes to mind with any mention of the word. Just give the band a listen.

"I like a lot of fire and passion," said Chuck Bartels, Park's bassist and a former Garden City resident. "We try to groove as hard as possible at all times." Perhaps it's just that explosive energy that brought the band together in the first place.

Park's guitarist Joshua Funk (his real name, believe it or not), has been playing music since he was in grade school. He started on the piano and moved on to the trumpet, cello and guitar — perhaps not the most common path for a rock musician, but it's given him a broad base of knowledge. Funk names The Pixies, The Beatles and Ween as musical influences.

He met keyboardist Chad Krueger in 1996 while

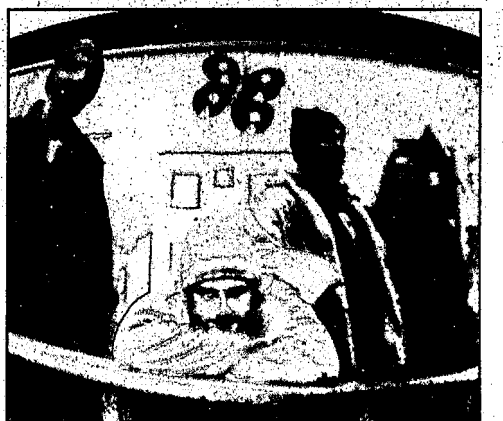
working as part of Second City's improvisational comedy troupe, and they formed the band. Park was named for the building in which they lived, Detroit's Park Avenue Hotel. About a year and a half ago, the band solidified its cast of characters adding Bartels and drummer Doug Walsh into the mix. With a regular Monday night gig at The Town Pump, on the first floor of the building, and by completing two CDs within a three-year period, the band has worked quickly to build its reputation in the Metro area.

"Musically we attempt to combine different styles of music together, find new sounds," said Funk, classifying the group's music as a sort of pop-rock fusion. "There's a lot of improvisation, too."

"One of the things we took from Second City was the comedic improvisation and the musical improvisation, and (we're) applying it to music," he said. "I'd say it's a lot easier (improvising) in theater."

Park completed its first national tour in support of "What I Did On My Summer Vacation," their second

Please see **PARK**, E2



Homecoming: Welcome "Park: A Rock Band" home when they perform Monday, Nov. 8, at the Town Pump in Detroit.

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In addition to recently recording short pieces for cello and piano, Rolston has collaborated with a choreographer on a dance, and a filmmaker and percussionist on music for a video entitled, "Smokin' f-holes."

"I'd like to expand the repertoire (for the cello) because that means that I'm evolving as a musician and that I'm contributing to the history of the instrument."

Since her days as a child prodigy, Rolston's career has been

closely followed. She made her New York debut in Town Hall at 16, and has appeared in recital at the most prestigious concert halls in the world. She has also recorded with the London Philharmonia Orchestra, pianist Meahom Pressler and Angela Hewitt.

Rolston last appeared at Cranbrook House in the winter of 1997 as a guest cellist with the renowned St. Lawrence String Quartet.

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album, last summer, but returns to the road this month. The album is described as a combination of Zappa freakout, prog-rock symphony and rock-opera parody. And the band is known for its ability to induce a party at any given moment. Catching Park live is an unpredictable experience, according to band members.

"We can jam one song all night, or stop and start improvised breaks," said Bartels. "On a

good night, a little bit of everything happens, and it works well."

But Park: A Rock Band, hasn't stripped itself completely of its theatrical skin. The band performed in a musical comedy, "Garage," at Hamtramck's Planet Ant Theatre. The show, co-written by Funk and Nancy Hayden, debuted in February 1998. A film version is currently in the works, starring Park as — what else — a rock band. "Garage: A Rock Saga" includes a celebrity appearance from George Wendt (Norm of "Cheers" fame).

"It's about a rock band in 1974, a 25-year story about a garage band," said Funk, a Dearborn Heights resident. Park will provide the music for the movie soundtrack, titled "Garage: The Soundtrack," which is due out next spring.

Not all the band members, however, consider themselves actors.

"I felt like a fish out of water," admitted Bartels. "(For) the live part, we got a lot of material from our album. This movie has kept everyone really busy, especially Josh."

But moviemaking is on hold for the time being as Park sets out on a cross-country tour, starting on the West Coast. "We get to meet people from all over the country, from coast to coast," said Funk with anticipation.

However, it can be rough getting used to touring. "We camp or stay with people we meet," he said. "We usually don't make any money. It gets kind of difficult. But it's kind of an investment. You get what you put into it. You get to eat."

While Park is away, check out the band on disc. Both albums, "Seventh Heaven" and "What I Did On My Summer Vacation," are available through Planet Ant Records. Call (313) 365-4948 or e-mail info@planetant.com. Check the Web at www.planetant.com/park. Welcome the band home when they perform Monday, Nov. 8, at the Town Pump in Detroit. Call (313) 961-1929 for more information regarding the show.

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decisions. A graduate of Southfield Christian High School, Dunham is a screen writer himself. He appreciates the subtle nuances Neary has written into the play.

"Like any good play, it has something to say. It's almost a tragic comedy," said Dunham who studied screen writing and directing while earning a master's degree at Regent University in Virginia. He's currently working on a film project that is an adaptation of a Flannery O'Connor short story.

"On the eve of his high school band reunion, he runs into a girl he always admired. These feelings for her have resurfaced. She's in a less-than-happy marriage. She starts to have feelings for the priest. He's torn between his responsibilities to the church and his old flame."

Dorothy Dunne plays Rev. Dolan's housekeeper, a woman trying to keep the priest on the straight and narrow path his calling requires him to walk.

"She's a woman devoted to her church and religion," said Dunne, a Livonia resident. "Suddenly she sees this young priest grow up and his great potential and now sees an interruption. Millie is a woman who plays by the rules with a great deal of love and commitment to those around her. She has little patience with human frailty. The play is showing even though he's a priest, he is human. That's what the whole play's about — that we're human."

At 65, Dunne only recently returned to the theater. Most of her roles so far have been with Trinity House because of its commitment to presenting plays with substance.

"At Trinity House, they're very insightful, very thoughtful," said Dunne. "They do the kind of plays that make you think about your religion."

In addition to delivering plays with value, Olson plans to continue working to broaden Trinity House Theatre's audience by also presenting concerts, films and comedies.

■ Reviving the membership in Trinity House has been a challenge. Actors in the first play will work behind the scenes in the spring play, and vice versa. Thomas Malcolm Olson believes the theater belongs to the people who do the work.

"We're also reaching out to the community by bringing in Hartland Theatre Company productions. The Ann Arbor playwrights also meet here," said Olson. "We want to be seen as a resource for the community by meeting a variety of needs, an outlet for creative expression."

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"The theater is holding a membership drive so we can get a core group of artists who believe in what we're doing," said Olson. "We've enhanced the mission statement that Trinity House exists to enrich and enliven the communities of southeastern Michigan through brave, truthful and necessary works of art. We integrate faith and art but we're not confined to do religious plays."

One of the programs the theater is instituting to encourage membership is the "On the Boundary Series" beginning in January.

"Trinity House is not an actor's theater but a worker's theater," said Olson. "We're giving theater members a venue for their work. The series will try to break down the walls that separate the audience from the actors. The audience will critique the works but emphasis is going to be on craft."

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Bocelli's appearance, MOT's 'Werther' create spectacle beyond stage

Michigan Opera Theatre presents "Werther," an opera starring Andrea Bocelli, Denyce Graves, Ying Huang and Christopher Schaldanbrand. Music by Jules Massenet. Conducted by Steven Mercurio. Directed by Mario Corradi.

Performances at 8 p.m. Saturday Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 12; 2 p.m. Nov. 14 at Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets \$55-\$250. Call (313) 237-SING, or TicketMaster (248) 645-6666.

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Right up until he arrived on the Detroit Opera House stage sitting atop a white horse, the

anticipation surrounding Andrea Bocelli making his North American opera debut had stirred a grand spectacle, even by opera standards.

Nearly 50 critics from around the world showed up in downtown Detroit. Local media talking-heads put on tuxedos and conducted interviews in the opera house lobby. And the streets outside the opera house were filled with pedestrians walking in the brilliant light cast by the massive towers of the nearby under-construction Comerica Park.

Without a doubt, Bocelli's debut must be considered among the operatic events of the year, not just for the Michigan Opera Theatre, but in the international

opera world.

On an exceptionally warm night in late October, the opening of "Werther," starring the world-famous Italian tenor in the lead, had the cosmopolitan feel of a historic performance. Partly because of his wide international popularity and partly because of the obvious challenge for a blind singer to perform the difficult dramatic role, there was a palpable rooting for Bocelli to succeed. Swooning females could be heard, and eager supporters frequently applauded encouragement.

Of course, when it comes to critically dissecting MOT's "Werther" and Bocelli's performance it depends on how success is defined.

For a debut, Bocelli's performance was more hype than rewarding. Unfortunately, it soon became clear that Bocelli's softly modulated, fragile tenor was better captured in the confines of either an amplified stage or a recording studio.

At times, Bocelli's voice was overshadowed by Jules Massenet's music. And for a portrayal of an impulsive, love-at-all-cost romantic caught in a tragic tailspin of unattainable love, Bocelli was altogether too emotionally restrained to be believable.

While the pacing and endless dirges of "Werther" is at times tiresome, the performances of mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves and soprano Ying Huang provide

a stirring demonstration of the power and subtly of a trained voice and charismatic stage presence.

Like a bright jewel in the October night, the promise of "Werther" is reflected early in the third act as Graves and Huang share the spotlight. Graves vocal girth invokes the depth of her pain over desperately loving a man she can never marry. And Huang's vocal dexterity is a delightful reprieve from the syrupy melancholy.

Yet perhaps in the end, the knight that rode atop a white horse arrived for another purpose. After all, MOT's "Werther" just wasn't about opera. There was, no doubt, a higher agenda.

In the end, there's little to crit-

icize when considering the sheer guts required for Bocelli to undertake the demanding role of Werther. And perhaps equally impressive is Bocelli's willingness to broaden his horizons, and bring along an adoring public to the melodramatic spectacle known as opera.

Thus, in many ways, Bocelli's mere presence on the Detroit Opera House stage is in itself an unqualified success, and a reminder that MOT Managing Director David DiChiera is one of the most creative and persuasive forces in the opera world.

To think that more and more people are talking about opera and the future of downtown Detroit's theater district shouldn't be underestimated.

'The Heidi Chronicles' has message of honesty and hope

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "The Heidi Chronicles," by Wendy Wasserstein, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 4-6, at 400 Lone Pine Road, between Cranbrook and Lahser roads, Bloomfield Hills. Shuttle service available from Christ Church parking lot across from the theater. Tickets \$12, seniors and students \$10. Call (248) 644-0527.

MARY JANE DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

Amy Lynn Smith makes such an engaging lecturer as professor Heidi Holland talking about 16th century women artists in the opening of scene of St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook's "The Heidi Chronicles" that her lecturing should garner more interest in the subject. This illustrated mini-course in art history is part of playwright Wendy Wasserstein's Pulitzer Prize winning theatrical view of Americanisms since 1960.

The series of 13 scenes portray and satirize women's issues over the last 40 years, from Miss Crane's high school dances to radical feminist demonstrations. Though seemingly a one-issue play (women's rights), St. Dunstan's version is a touching, more universally conceived nostalgic look at baby boomers, flower children and the now generation from the grassroots up.

As the series of episodes in Heidi's life are presented, Heidi and her friends change their orientation from idealism to political radicalism to militant feminism, and end up fully committed to '80s materialism.

Through three decades of the story, Heidi moves from being a women's rights activist to earning a Ph.D. in art history and becoming a world wide expert on women artists in history. Society and major national events do not influence her even as she is affected by the changes in society.

In these character changes Smith excels. She plays a Heidi

who is compassionate, loyal, kind, non-vengeful, and a good listener. Heidi is a person who believes in her friends, even when they are so wrapped up in their own lives that they are insensitive to her needs. Smith reveals Heidi's hurt and pain.

Mark Nathanson directs this play about women's lib in a straightforward manner making the emphases more widespread than one of just women's issues.

The characters are normal, everyday people portrayed in a subtly satirical manner that, while not uproariously hilarious, is quietly funny. Linda Parker Watson plays April, a stupid TV interviewer who reviews the country's social changes through the lives of the three prominent main characters in a 1982 television program.

Scott MacDonald is the gay pediatrician Peter Petrone and

Chris Steinmayer is the outrageous but arrogant magazine publisher Scoop Rosenbaum. The two of them completely overpower Heidi in the TV interview, not allowing her any opportunity to respond to any questions.

The brilliant Peter uses little jabs to make April's ignorance more apparent. During all of this Watson plays an overdone April with an interpretation that brings out the amusement in the entire satirical scene.

Watson also plays the lesbian Fran who has a chip on her shoulder. This adorable snippet of American life in the 1970s takes place in Ann Arbor. Fran is in a women's rap group made up of Heidi, her friend Susan (played by Marnie H. Diehm), Jill (played by Nicole Stacey) and Becky (played by Jill D. Ross).

Fran is waiting for newcomer

Heidi to admit she is offended by Fran's sexual orientation. When that doesn't happen, Fran verbally attacks Heidi.

Jill is an overly self-conscious American sweetheart "cup cake" type who wants to be in the forefront of this newest fad, women's liberation, but doesn't really want to alter her comfortable position in society. Becky is a high school student from a broken home living with a difficult boyfriend. The scene is wittily written and played out with a great deal of naturalness.

All of the 13 scenes in the show are oriented toward major national events - Nixon's presidency, John Lennon's death, the AIDS crisis, Reaganomics - all meshed together with a nostalgic revue of American pop music played during many of the scenes.

The men in this show are not

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"Escanaba In da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through Feb. 13, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 963-9800

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"The Immigrant" by Mark Harelik, Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 4-7. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday; Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25, (248) 788-2900

COLLEGE

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

William Shakespeare's comedy "The Merchant of Venice," Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6 for dinner theater (\$19), and Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13 for theater performance only (\$8), in the Liberal Arts Theatre on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 462-4596

U-M OPERA THEATRE

"Susannah," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 11-13 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$14, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

WSU HILLBERRY

"Merchant of Venice," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6; "Some Americans Abroad," Nov. 12 through Feb. 8, at the theater 4743 Cass, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO THEATRE

Two, one-act plays, "Rags and Old Iron" and "Day of Absence," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday through Nov. 6, downstairs at the Hillberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$6-\$8. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATRE

AVON PLAYERS

"Walt Until Dark," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5-7, and Nov. 11-13, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$13. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Close Ties" by Elizabeth Diggs opens 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays Nov. 11 and 18 (\$10), and 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20 (\$12), at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. 248-625-8811

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

"The Women," a comedy by Clare Booth Luce, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 and Thursday, Nov. 18, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 7, 14 and 21, at the theater 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 553-2955

FIRST THEATRE GUILD

"Brigadoon," 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 30-31, and Sunday Nov. 7; and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, Knox Auditorium, 1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Tickets \$8 adults, \$5 students and seniors. (248) 644-2087, Ext. 151. Seniors admitted free 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS

"Lunatics, Lovers and Poets," an evening of scenes and monologues from plays by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, at University of Michigan-Dearborn's School of Management Auditorium B, Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Ave; and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13, at the Livonia Civic Center Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. \$10, \$7 seniors/students, \$6 high school students. (734) 797-JACK

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"Jest a Second," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 14 and 21, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. \$11, \$10 seniors/students on Sundays. Includes sandwich and afterglow. (248) 988-7049

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

"Three Murders and It's Only Monday," by Pat Cook, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, Nov. 12-13, and Nov. 19-20; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, east of Lahser, Detroit. Tickets \$10, reserved. (313) 537-7716

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK

"The Heidi Chronicles" by Wendy Wasserstein, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 4-6 at St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook, 400 Lone Pine Road, between Cranbrook and Lahser roads, Bloomfield Hills. Shuttle service available from Christ Church parking lot across from the theater. Adults \$12, seniors and students \$10. (248) 644-0527

STAGECRAFTERS

"Dracula," Nov. 5-21, signed performance for the deaf Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$12-\$14, (248) 541-6430



Greetings: Andrea Bocelli (left), and Christopher Schaldenbrand of Farmington Hills star in Michigan Opera Theatre's production of "Werther, an opera by Jules Massenet, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. Performances are set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 12; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14. Tickets \$55-\$250. Call (313) 237-SING, or TicketMaster (248) 645-6666. See review on Page E3.

THE ACTORS' COMPANY

Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13 and 19-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 and 21, at the Livonia Redford Theatre, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford. \$14, \$12 students/seniors. (248) 988-7032

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

"To Forgive, Divine," a comedy by Jack Neary, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, and 3 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28, pay what you can preview 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, between Haggerty and I-275, Livonia. \$10, \$5 Sundays. (734) 464-6302

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE

"Finnegan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$25 Thursdays and Sundays, and \$30 Fridays-Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

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With the Magic Carpet Theatre, an evening of interactive presentations of favorite children's stories and poetry where you can become part of the action, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 (doors open 6:15 p.m.), bring your own picnic dinner and blanket, at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Road. \$5, family at door. (248) 948-0480

YOUTH

DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE

The classic Russian tale "The Firebird," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

SPECIAL EVENTS

ASK THE EXPERTS

Detroit Institute of Arts curators and staff members help identify objects and offer advice on restoration and proper care of works 1-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8 (registration begins 12:30 p.m.), limit three objects, no monetary values will be given, at the museum, 5200 Woodward. Free. (313) 833-0247

BARBIE DOLL SHOW/SALE

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Meadowbrook Village Mall, 82 N.

Adams at Walton, Rochester Hills. Free. (248) 816-8791

BEANIE BABY SHOW

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. \$5, \$2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE

Maria Mikhayenk singing Russian Romance Songs, 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-7777

GUITAR SHOW

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, until 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, Woodward and 7 1/2 Mile Road, Detroit. \$10. (248) 546-7447

PHOTOGRAPHICA

Michigan Photographic Historical Society trade show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Novi Community Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile, west of Novi Road. \$3. (313) 882-1113

S.S. EDMUND FITZGERALD SERVICE

11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at Mariners' Church, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 259-2206

WILD GAME DINNER

7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at Northville Manor & Bushwood Golf Course, 3940 DunRovin, west of Haggerty Road between Five and Six Mile. \$50. (734) 420-0144

WINE MAKER DINNER

Celebrate the cuisine of France and the release of the 1999 Nouveau Beaujolais, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. \$125. (313) 441-2100

BENEFITS

EMPTY BOWL PROJECT

To benefit Haven, an Oakland County domestic violence shelter, decorate your own bowl symbolizing hunger around the world, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, hot soup by Zoupi \$20 per parent and one child for one hour, \$10 each additional child. (248) 350-3007

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

"The Women," by Clare Booth Luce, benefit performance for the breast cancer program at Henry Ford Health System's Josephine Ford Cancer Center, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5 at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$50, includes admission to play and afterglow reception and \$100, includes priority seating, admission to afterglow reception, recognition in program and a breast cancer awareness pin. (313) 876-9259, Farmington Players continues its sea-

son with "The Women," weekends through Nov. 27. (248) 553-2955 for ticket information.

FESTIVAL DE LAS AMERICAS

6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, dinner at 7 p.m. with music by Salvador Torres and his Mariachi, also Samuel Del Real and his International Orchestra and Dimension Latina from Detroit, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. \$75, \$70 advance. (248) 960-0308/(734) 416-1199/(734) 453-9428

FINE ARTS AUCTION

Conducted by Park West Gallery of Southfield to benefit the Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies, 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Botsford Inn Coach House, Farmington Hills. \$15. (248) 657-4522

FORGOTTEN HARVEST COMEDY NIGHT

The benefit for hunger relief stars American Comedy Awards winner for Best Female Stand Up Performer Kathleen Madigan, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$25 on up. (248) 350-3663

GUARDIAN ANGELS BENEFIT

7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, swing night with the Johnny Trudell 17 piece Big Band, six-course Italian gourmet dinner, at Andiamo Italia; Warren. \$50. (248) 588-1222

GUY FAWKES BALL

6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Cranbrook Art Museum, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. \$75, \$200 patrons, \$300 benefactors, to benefit the Cranbrook Academy of Art. (248) 645-3329

HOMELESS ACTION NETWORK WALK

Registration for Walk Against Homelessness begins 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, seven-mile walk at 1 p.m., in front of the New Center One Building, W. Grand Blvd. and Second, Detroit. (313) 831-3777

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

With cornet virtuoso Russell Gray in a benefit performance for Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile. \$10, \$8 students/seniors. (248) 424-9022

PEWABIC POTTERY'S EMPTY BOWLS

To benefit Gleaner's Community Food Bank 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, soup and bread by Beverly Hills Grill, Stribad's, Sprout House, Tom's Oyster Bar and Metropolitan Baking Co., at the pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. \$10-\$20, includes bowls. (313) 822-0954

UNDER THE STARS GALA

Benefit for the Detroit Institute of Arts features dinner, dancing and entertainment, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the museum, 5200 Woodward. \$400. (313) 833-7969

FAMILY EVENTS

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11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. \$5, \$2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

CLASSICAL

BRUNCH WITH BACH

Soprano Glenda Kirkland performs the music of Gershwin, Debussy and Mendelssohn, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward. \$22, \$11 children under 12 (includes brunch and concert), \$5 stairwell seating. (313) 833-4005

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA

3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$4, \$30 for box of six seats. (313) 576-5111

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Guest conductor Carl St. Clair with soprano Camellia Johnson 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 4-5 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 (\$14-\$50):

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A concert spotlighting a "Salute to 20th Century Music" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$10 students/children. (734) 421-1111 or (734) 464-2741

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Bartok, Bach, Barber and Beethoven performed by the orchestra, violinist Juliana Athayde and the St. Kenneth's Handbell Choir, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at St. Kenneth Church. \$12, \$10 seniors. (734) 451-2112

ST. CLAIR TRIO

8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at St. Regis Catholic Church, corner of Lahser and Lincoln, south of Maple, Bloomfield Hills. \$20; \$12 students.

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Auditions for "Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, \$5 audition fee, at the Depot Theater. For performances Jan. 7-8, 12-15, 20-22. (248) 666-3094/(248) 674-0886

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Open auditions for children ages 8-14 for a walk-on role 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Fox Theatre. Must make reservation by noon Friday, Nov. 5 (313) 471-3288. For performances during the spectacular Nov. 26-Dec. 30.

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Auditions for the mystery "Deathtrap" 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. (810) 677-2077

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YOUTH COMPETITION

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking for contestants for its Youth Competition to be held in December at Evola Music of Canton, in addition to orchestral instruments, piano contestants are also being sought, winners will perform on the youth concerts in February of 2000. (734) 451-2112

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM

Auditions for "Oliver" Sunday, Nov. 14 and Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. for children (ages second grade on up), 8 p.m. adults, at the theater on Woodward, two blocks south of Maple. For performances Jan. 21-Feb. 6. (248) 647-0052

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Guitarists Michael Varverakis and Jeff Hartshorn perform 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at Borders Books and Music, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110

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With vocalist Barbara Ware, Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756

JEANNINE MILLER

With Vincent Shandor Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. Cover \$5. (734) 662-8310

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Thelonious Monk's son and his award-winning combination perform 8 p.m., 11:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$20 advance. (734) 662-8310 or (248) 645-6666

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9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Edison's 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

SHAHIDA NURULLAH

8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

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8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at Edison's 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

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 Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, \$8, (248) 356-5678

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 Through Nov. 7, at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$10.75-\$35, (248) 645-6666
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 Basile, Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 3-6, also J.R. Remick, special Greek show 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6; Steve Marmel, also Greg Lausch and Rich Higginbottom Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 10-13, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555
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 Ricky Kalmon, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885
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 Dave Coulier, Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 4-7, also David Luther Glover, Todd Wooster also Derek Richards Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 10-11, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursdays, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY
 Alternative Mondays production through Nov. 22 (\$8), "Phantom Menace to Society" Wednesday-Sunday, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM
 Re-opened its door Oct. 19, the celebration continues with Super Science Weekends, Nov. 6-7 "Mix It Up" which is devoted to chemistry demos and activities, in addition to more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439
CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
 Chemistry day features 10 hands-on chemistry activities 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, Animals in Michigan program 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 13, pre-reg-ister (248) 645-3210, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. \$7, \$4 seniors/students/ages 3-17. (877) 462-7262.

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
 Folksinger Lee Murdock sings songs and ballads of the Great Lakes 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 \$12, \$10 members; visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
 Amateur historian Dorothy Holman speaks about "The Great Train Wreck of 1907" 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7; Mike Smith, archivist at Wayne State University's Walter Reuther Library talks about "100 Years of Making Cars in Michigan—1896-1996" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11; "Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. \$2, \$5 kids, \$5 family. (734) 455-8940

SPIRITS OF FORD
 Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge, Turbo Tour full-motion simulator ride, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12, (313) 317-7474
THE PARADE STUDIO
 Tours weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., also Saturday, Nov. 6, at the studio, Detroit. \$10, \$7 student. (313) 341-6810

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS
 Thursday, Nov. 11, Memphis Smoke, downtown Royal Oak (248) 543-4300 (blues)
GREG ALLMAN
 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$28.50, \$24.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666.
LORI AMEY
 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, Borders Books and Music, 3724 Baldwin Road Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013

(folk/pop/rock)
AQUABATS
 With The Hippos, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$10, (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com
AUSTIN LOUNGE LIZARDS
 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Tickets \$8, (248) 424-9022 (bluegrass)

JOCELYN B
 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. \$5 cover. 21 and over. (248) 305-5856; Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13, Bogey's Bar and Grill, 142 E. Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441
THE BACK DOORS
 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$10 in advance. (248) 544-3030
BACKSTREET BOYS
 7:30 p.m. Saturday—Monday, Nov. 6—8, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Sold Out! Quiet room available. If you missed out on tickets, see them perform the national anthem before the Detroit Pistons season opener, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills. (248) 645-6666

BARENAKED LADIES
 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills, Tickets \$50 and \$35 reserved. (248) 645-6666
BIG BAD VOODOO DADDY
 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets \$17 on sale now. All ages. (248) 645-6666.
THE BLANKS
 With Criminals, LES Stiches, Ducky Boys, 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$8. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

BLUE CAT
 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
BLUE RODEO
 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, Majestic Theatre, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$15, 18 and over. (313) 833-9700
BLUE ROSE
 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE
 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$10 advance. (734) 996-8555
MAIRE BRENNAN
 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. Tickets \$20, 18 and over. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com
THE BOMBORAS
 With Forty Fives, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$9, 18 and over. (313) 833-9700

BUJU BANTON AND BERES HAMMOND
 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$25 advance. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com
CAFE DE TACUBA
 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$10 advance/ \$12 day of show. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

CHAIN REACTION
 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, Michnos Cafe, 25524 Five Mile Road, Redford (313) 532-9212; 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, The Berkley Front, 3087 W. Twelve Mile Road, Berkley (248) 547-3331. (rock)
CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND
 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450
CHRIS CORNELL
 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$24.75. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

COUNTING CROWS
 With Joe 90, Gigolo Aunts, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$27. All ages. (248) 645-6666
COWBOY MOUTH
 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$13. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

CROSBY, STILLS, NASH AND YOUNG
 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$76, \$51, and \$40.50 reserved. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100
SHANNON CURFMAN
 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. Tickets \$8. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (blues)

DADDY LONGLEGS
 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, Rochester Mills Beer Company, 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080
DANZIG
 With Samhain, Hatebreed, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, State Theatre, Detroit. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

DAYS OF THE NEW
 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$12. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com
DEAD MOON
 With Rocket 455 and Bantam Rooster,

9 p.m. Thursday, November 4, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$8 in advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (garage punk)
'DEATH IN VEGAS
 With DJs Paul Heart and Richard Fearless, 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22; St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$10. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

DETROIT BLUES SOCIETY PRESENTS
 Women of Detroit Blues, featuring Priscilla Price, Bettye LaVette and Kerry Price, 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. Free. Donations benefit Detroit Blues Society Education Fund. (313) 831-1250
DEZINE INTENT
 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Dec. 10-11, Monday, Dec. 31, Mr. Z's Steakhouse, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Redford. (313) 372-5600
THE DIAMOND DUKES
 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

THE DICTATORS
 With Bump-N-Ugiles and Clone Defects, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$12, 18 and over. (313) 833-9700
THE DOPES
 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, Rochester Mills Beer Company, 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080
GLEN EDDY
 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

BRIAN FERRY
 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, Detroit Opera House, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$45, \$35. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com
FILTER
 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets \$15 advance/\$17 day of show. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com (Industrial)
FORGE CD RELEASE PARTY
 With Lollipop Lust Kill, Culture Bandits, Correctional Education, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$7. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

GALACTIC
 With Anders Osborne, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$13 advance/\$15 day of show. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com
KATIE GEDDES & THE USUAL SUSPECTS
 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, Borders Books & Music, Arborland Mall, Ann Arbor. (734) 677-6948
CHARLIE GEHRINGER
 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (folk)

GET UP KIDS
 With At The Drive-In and Ultimate Fakebook, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$7 advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700
GIVE
 With Sector 7G, Vudu Hippies, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale (248) 544-3030.
MICHAEL GLABICKI
 of Rusted Root. With Mike Errico, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. Tickets \$15. (248) 355-3540

HARRINGTON BROTHERS
 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, 16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
ROBYN HITCHCOCK
 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$15 cover. (248) 544-3030
HOUSE OF BLUES LONE STAR TOUR
 Featuring The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown & Gate's Express, C.J. Chenier & The Red Hots, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, Masonic Temple Theatre, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$37.50 and \$29.50. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (blues)

IMPACT 7
 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. 21 and over. \$5 cover for Friday and Saturday performances. (248) 305-5856 (r&b)
J. GEIL'S BAND
 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$150, \$75, \$59.50, \$29.50 includes parking cost. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

NEIL JACOBS
 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (guitar)
JELLY'S PIERCED TATTOO
 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (funk/alternative)
JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION
 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

JODI
 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. (248) 305-5856
JUNIOR BROWN
 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. Tickets \$30 on sale now. (248) 544-3030
KGB
 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. (248) 305-5856
KIDS IN THE HALL
 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$35, \$27.50. (248) 645-6666
BB KING
 With Bobby "Blue" Bland, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets on sale \$55. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND
 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213
SHEILA LANDIS TRIO
 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (holiday jazz)
BOBBY LEWIS AND HIS CRACKERJACK BAND
 After the Winter Wonderland Holiday Parade, 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, Wonderland Mall, Livonia. (734) 466-2212 (classic pop)

LIVE
 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Sold Out.
LUNA
 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$12 in advance. 18 and over. (313) 996-9700
EUGENE MANN
 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (saxophone)

MARCY PLAYGROUND
 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$10. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com
KY-MANI MARLEY
 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$10 advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700
SARAH MASEN
 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets \$10, \$8 for members. (734) 464-6302 (singer-songwriter)

J. MASCHIS
 of Dinosaur Jr., 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. Tickets \$15. (248) 544-3030
JIM MCCARTY & MYSTERY TRAIN
 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
NEIL MCCOY
 With Riccochet, Friday, Nov. 5, Compuware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth. Tickets \$30. (734) 453-6400 (country)

MEGADEATH
 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$24.50 general admission. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (thrash metal)
BETTE MIDLER
 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale \$49.50, \$80.50, \$150.50 at Ticketmaster. Call (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com
DAVID MILES
 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10; 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13; 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, all at Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. 21 and over. \$5 cover Saturday performance only. (248) 305-5856 (r&b)

JEFF MILLS
 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$25. 18 and over. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com
TS MONK SEXTE
 7:30 p.m., 11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$20 advance. (734) 662-8310
MEATLOAF
 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$28.50, \$49.50. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

MUSTARD PLUG
 With Strike, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets \$8.50 advance/\$10 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com
MIKE NESS
 With Road King, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. Tickets \$17.50 advance. (248) 645-6666
ROBERT NOLL MISSION
 Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, Paul's Place, 325 Walton Blvd., Pontiac. (248) 334-0311; Friday, Nov. 12, Muldoons, 3982 W. Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-2707; Saturday, Nov. 13, Bullfrog, 225 Ortonville Road, Clarkston. (248) 627-7755; Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Hamlin Pub, 741 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. (248) 814-8109

ORIGINAL HITS
 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (variety blues)
ROBERT PENN
 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 (blues)
PENNYWISE
 With Strungout and All, 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, Clutch Cargo, 64 E.

Huron, Pontiac. All ages. Tickets \$12.50. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com
BRENDAN PERRY
 With Kristin Hersh, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$18 advance/\$21 day of show. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com
PET SHOP BOYS
 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Tickets on sale \$35 general admission. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

PHISH
 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale \$25 advance/\$27 day of show. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com
PODUNK
 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets \$6. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com
ARCHER PREWITT
 Time to be announced, Friday, Nov. 5, The Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. (313) 833-9700
THE PRIME MINISTERS
 With False Fiction, Friday, Nov. 12, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. (313) 567-6020.

PRIMUS
 With Incubus and Buckethead, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$20. All ages. (248) 645-6666
THE PROMISE RING
 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 16, Magic Stick, Majestic Theater Center, Detroit. Tickets \$9 advance. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com
QUEENSRYCHE
 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$39.50, \$29.50. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

JAKE REICHBART
 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (holiday guitar)
RARE EARTH
 Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. (248) 305-5856
REGULAR BOYS
 Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, Bogey's Bar and Grill, 142 E. Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441

ROYCE
 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, Dec. 3, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. 21 and over (248) 305-5856
SATIN DOLLS
 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 (vocal quartet)
MERL SAUNDERS & MELVIN SEALS
 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$15. (734) 996-8555.
SAVE FERRIS
 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets \$8.50 advance/\$10 day of show. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

SAX APPEAL
 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 11, 18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues duo)
JOHN SCOFIELD BAND
 With Charlie Hunter, Adam Cruz Duo., 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$22. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com
SGT. ROCK
 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. 21 and over. (248) 349-7038; Wednesday, Nov. 24, Woodbridge Tavern, 289 St. Aubin, Detroit. (313) 259-0578; Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4, Lake Point Yacht Club, Livonia. (734) 591-1868.

KENNY WAYNE SHEPARD
 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets \$22 advance. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com (blues)
KRISTEN SMYTH
 Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Bogey's Bar and Grill, 142 E. Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441
SPATI
 With Stunning Amazon and Time No Reason, Saturday, Nov. 6, The Village Idiot, 15421 Mack, Detroit. (313) 884-1111; Sunday, Nov. 14, Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit. (313) 882-8560
spat@www.detroitmusic.com

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS
 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450
STEREOLAB
 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets \$12 advance. 18 and older. (248) 645-6666
THE STILL
 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

JOE STRUMMER AND THE MISCALEROS
 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. 18 and over. Tickets \$20 advance/ \$23 day of show. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com
SUN MESSENGERS
 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River, Novi. (248) 305-5856

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KOKO TAYLOR
 10 p.m.

'The Bachelor' is cute, but don't stand in line for him

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Mom and I both agreed "The Bachelor" was cute and funny, but not worth waiting for.

Starring Chris O'Donnell as Jimmie, the reluctant groom, and Renee Zellweger as Anne, his dearly beloved, "The Bachelor" is like a long wedding service. It starts out slow and goes from a yawn to a yowl.

Jimmie's a wild mustang who doesn't want to give up his freedom. He and Anne have been dating for three years; he loves her, but not enough to get hitched.

His only surviving relative,

grandfather (Peter Ustinov) is anxious for Jimmie to get married and start having children. Jimmie tries to get engaged, he takes Anne to the Starlight Room, the most romantic restaurant in town, and pops the question. "We've reached the place," he tells her. "The upshot is you win."

Disgusted, Anne asks, "Was that a proposal?" and leaves him. Jimmie tries to win her back, fails, but becomes desperate when his grandfather suddenly dies. Grandfather's will includes an ultimatum — get married by your 30th birthday to someone you'll stay married to for 10 years, and have children with her by your fifth year of mar-

riage — or lose your \$100 million inheritance.

In a panic, Jimmie who has only 24 hours before his birthday, begins looking for a bride.

At stake is the family business and the lives of the over 200 employees who will be out of work if Jimmy doesn't find a bride. If Jimmy doesn't succeed, family attorney Gluckman (Ed Asner) says he'll have to put the company up for sale in accordance with the will.

Rejected by Anne, Jimmie, with help from his best friend Marko (Arnie Lange) rents a limo, finds a priest, James Cromwell, and starts looking up old girlfriends including Buckley

(Brooke Shields), Jennifer Riopelle, and Ilana (Mariah Carey), an opera singer.

Hal Holbrook stars as O'Dell, grandfather's stock broker who, while not a fan himself of marriage, encourages Jimmie.

"The Bachelor" is funny, even a little romantic, but like mom says, "it's all one big chase." There's not much of a story, and very little character development.

Jimmie chases Anne, and reluctantly tries to reconcile with old girlfriends who don't want him back, even for \$100 million.

If you're a fan of "Suddenly Susan," you'll probably chuckle at Brooke Shields' characterization of Buckley. She's a former debutante in need of cash. Buckley's been waiting for this moment, and even has a wedding dress she quickly changes into. While smoking cigarette after cigarette and uttering "\$100 million," Buckley learns the terms of grandfather's will.

It's supposed to be funny, but mom and I weren't laughing.

The best part comes at the end when Marko puts a classified ad in the paper in a last minute attempt to find a bride for Jimmie who has exhausted all possibilities.

Imagine over 1,000 brides in all shapes and sizes converging on the church to meet a groom with \$100 million to offer. It's a chase that makes this mediocre movie memorable.

"The Bachelor" written by Steve Cohen is an update of the

1925 Buster Keaton film "Seven Chances," the story of a confirmed bachelor who has 24 hours to find a bride and get married to collect a \$100 million inheritance.

Gary Sinyor ("Stiff Upper Lips," "Leon The Pig Farmer" and "Solitaire for Two") directs "The Bachelor," a New Line Cinema release. O'Donnell is the executive producer; Lloyd Segal, Bing Howenstein, Leon Dudevior and Steve Hollocker are co-producers.

"The Bachelor" is rated PG-13 and opens Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters. To let us know what you thought of "The Bachelor," or any newly released movie, e-mail your comments to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net or fax to Wygonik (734) 591-7279.

Also scheduled to open this Friday is:

■ "Being John Malkovich" — Comedy about a puppeteer who finds a door in his office that allows him to enter the mind of John Malkovich and become the famous actor. Stars John Cusack, Cameron Diaz.

■ "The Bone Collector" — Drama about a corpse found next to railroad tracks in Spanish Harlem, which forces a street-smart policeman to team up with a brilliant, but bed-bound forensic expert in order to solve the murder. Stars Denzel Washington.

■ "The Insider" — Drama about a one-time corporate officer who becomes a key witness in lung cancer cases against tobacco companies. He tells his



MARK FELLMAN/NEW LINE CINEMA

Romantic comedy: Renee Zellweger and Chris O'Donnell star in "The Bachelor."

story to an investigative reporter who tries to get the piece aired, even though his network refuses. Stars Al Pacino.

■ "Boys Don't Cry" — Drama based on the life and times of Teen Marie Brandon, a 21-year-old who passed herself off as a boy before acquaintances turned on her in a violent attack. One week later, the same pair shot her and two others to death. Stars Hilary Swank.

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Live goes the distance, comes to Detroit

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How does one measure "The Distance to Here?"

For York Pennsylvania's pride, Live, it's measured with a healthy dose of heart and encapsulated in a fourth album sure to satisfy fans and newcomers alike. Guitarist Chad Taylor phoned in from the road — Mexico City to be exact — on Oct. 27 to chat about the new album and Live's world tour. The following are his thoughts:

Taylor on ... The road

"It's wonderful," he said of Mexico City where Live performed the night before. "It's our first trip down here. We're very excited. We played a show last night. It's interesting to hear several thousand non-English speaking people shouting lyrics at you. It's absolutely amazing." A slightly giddy Taylor claims he loves touring. Since Live will be on tour for the next year and a half, he better be sure.

"It takes a long time to take

this entire show around the world. The single greatest challenge of being on the road is keeping the energy intact. We lead a pretty eccentric life...I sleep through most of the day, eat a little something. Go to the gym. Try and get myself focused for the show." Afterwards, the band adds in some "late night frolicking." "I have to see something in the town I'm in. Then we jump on the bus or airplane to the next city. The energy needs to be there."

Taylor on ... "The distance to here"

It took the band two years to complete about 30 songs for the new album, said Taylor. "We weeded that down to 13. It's a very uplifting, bright, positive album. A 180 degree turn from 'Secret Samadhi.' As a band we're in a very bright spot. I would sum it up as (he slightly pauses) sunshine. I really honestly think 'The Distance to Here' returns to the urgency of (older material like) 'Throwing Copper' and 'Mental Jewelry.'"

His favorite tracks include "They Stood Up For Love" —

which he co-wrote with singer Ed Kowalczyk and bassist Patrick Dahlheimer. "I think that's the Live theme song. That's what we've been trying to do."

Taylor also shared a special affinity for "Run To The Water." "I don't know what it is about that song. I just find a feeling of inner peace. Aghh. I love them all."

He compares the recording of the album to a rollercoaster ride. It started as a slow process, but then took a turn. The rollercoaster headed downhill and took on a life of its own. "It rolled with the speed of gravity," he explained. The ride is available in stores now: thirteen sneak-peeks into the sunshine of Live.

Taylor on ... Performing

"All our shows have been the most energetic, insane...it's almost like a gospel experience. I think the music elevates people higher and higher, it comes over to the stage and we give it right back. I've never felt the instant attachment (like I have with) 'The Distance to Here.' Usually it takes an album months to satu-

rate."

Taylor on ... Growing up

It's no secret that Live is made up of a group of friends. To each other they are more than a band. Taylor explains: "It's a pleasure writing songs with these guys. We were truly boyhood friends. To see Ed's development into a songwriter, watch the natural maturity, it invigorates me."

Taylor on ... The state of rock 'n' roll

"I would say Live's approach to music is to remain pure and honest. Not to rely on a definition of a category or genre like rock and roll...What is rock and roll now is music based on a kindred spirit of sharing emotion purely and honestly in a way that has no limitations. To me I see it as being an endless category."

What can be found in his CD player these days? Chances are you'll run across some of his favorites: Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson Billie Holiday (if he's in a romantic mood), or Talking Heads. But Taylor tends to stay open to all kinds of music.



And kicking: Live is (left to right) bassist Patrick Dahlheimer, singer Edward Kowalczyk, drummer Chad Gracey and guitarist Chad Taylor. They'll live up the State Theatre for a sold out crowd Nov. 10.

Taylor on ... Life

"I'm living life one day at a time. When you have tour events, you get wrapped up in day-to-day functions...I enjoy every moment of every day and leave everything else to the future."

For more Live check the Web at www.friendsoflive.com for video clips or to hear the album before you buy it. If you don't have tickets to the band's sold out Nov. 10 show at the State Theatre in Detroit, that'll be the closest distance you'll come to Live this time around.

Homegrown: Support your local music scene

So you say you're in a rock band. And you want to hear your song on the radio? Good luck.

With so many new bands and musicians flooding the Metro area with sound, it's hard to keep up. But one goal most local musicians have in common is attaining that moment in the sun, Andy Warhol's 15 minutes, that first time they turn on the radio and hear their own words, their own music being broadcast across the airwaves.

One person who's succeeded in making that happen is 89 X Radio's Kelly Brown. Brown is well-known for her profound support of struggling local talent. As host of "The Homeboys Show," which airs 10 p.m. Sunday nights on the modern rock station, she's able to shine a spotlight on the music so often hidden in the dark corners of smoky bars around Metro Detroit.

"It isn't an easy task. Piles of packages and compact discs fall upon her desk daily. It's sometimes overwhelming just to keep up," she says. And I can certainly relate. But when music is your passion, you find a way to really listen.

Musical roots

Where did this dedication come from you may ask?

Brown, a self-confessed groupie, said she started out following her favorite local bands around town. One in particular,

Ash Can Van Gogh, was her favorite. "I loved them. I saw them struggle so much." Brown places the band, as a top reason for creating "The Homeboys Show" in the early 1990s.

"I wanted to get them recognition," said Brown of local bands in general. "I wanted some of their music to be heard. There was nobody listening to them. Nobody cared about these people."

But Brown did. And she's never stopped caring. With the support of 89X, where she's worked for nine years, she's able to do her part.

Gutsy, very gutsy

"Most radio stations don't want to take a chance with a band that isn't established. They're afraid of taking chances." During her career in radio, Brown said she's seen many "homeboys" shows come and go. She said ultimately radio stations "don't want to waste time with local bands." "I've watched every single radio station (try it). They have not stayed on the air long. They do it because they think it's right. 89X knows how important it is to keep a handle on what's going on on the street. Our listeners care about what's going on. They really care about music. They love our city."

Jeff Moehle, drummer of Knee Deep Shag and former Oakland County resident, said the fact that a radio station even has a "homeboys" show says a lot about its support of local bands.

With only 30 minutes to spotlight local music once a week, Brown has some major decision-making to do. "It makes me feel bad," said the Detroit resident. "I

want everyone to have time, have a little piece of the show." Listeners who've tuned in lately have been exposed to the likes of The Lanternjack, Roundhead, Forge and Queen Bee. And that's barely scratching the surface.

Hi, I'm in a band.

What local bands really need to know to thrive, is how to promote themselves. Whether it's radio or newspapers you're trying to target, it's important to reach out. If you're unsure, find out who the music editor or deejay is you want to reach, and call or e-mail.

Don't be afraid to ask questions. Get an address, fax number or e-mail address and let them know when and where you're playing. Give a few weeks notice. Just finished a compact disc? Send it in along with a brief history of the band and a way to contact you by phone.

Chances are if the music sounds decent, you'll get a call back — or even better, you'll generate something of a buzz. Maybe Kelly Brown will play a song on her show. Maybe I'll write an article. It's can be simple as one word — promotion.

As Brown said: "It has to be a well-oiled machine." Media types aren't looking for the flashiest

package. Information is key. And don't forget about the general public. Hand out flyers on street, send out mailer and e-mailers to fans and friends. During performances, announce when and where you're performing next. It could mean the difference between a full house and an empty club.

Sounding off

A few of Brown's picks for promising local artists? With thought and hesitation she sifts through a list in her mind, too vast to recite, and spouts out names like The Go, Solid Frog, PS I Love You, Perplexa, Speedball, Control Freq and, of course her boy Kid Rock. "He's one of the first people I played on 'The Homeboys Show.' People get really fired up when someone from Detroit makes it. But the great thing about Bob (aka Kid Rock) no matter where he is, what he's doing...he'll always have something from Detroit...He won't forget us."

Not all bands sound like Kid Rock. But perhaps the best part about making music and being a music lover in the Metro area is the diversity. Motown is no longer known for one style of music. From jazz and blues to Brit pop and metal, there's some-

thing for everyone willing to lend an ear.

"Detroit will never be a Seattle," said Brown. "There are so many different bands. There's music for everybody, always a bar to go to."

She remains optimistic about the local music scene. "I have to stay positive," she said. "I wish every radio station could have a local show." But she knows local musicians don't get the kind of support they need.

Her advice to music lovers? It's simple. It's almost a mantra. "Support local music. Get up, go

out and see a band, any band."

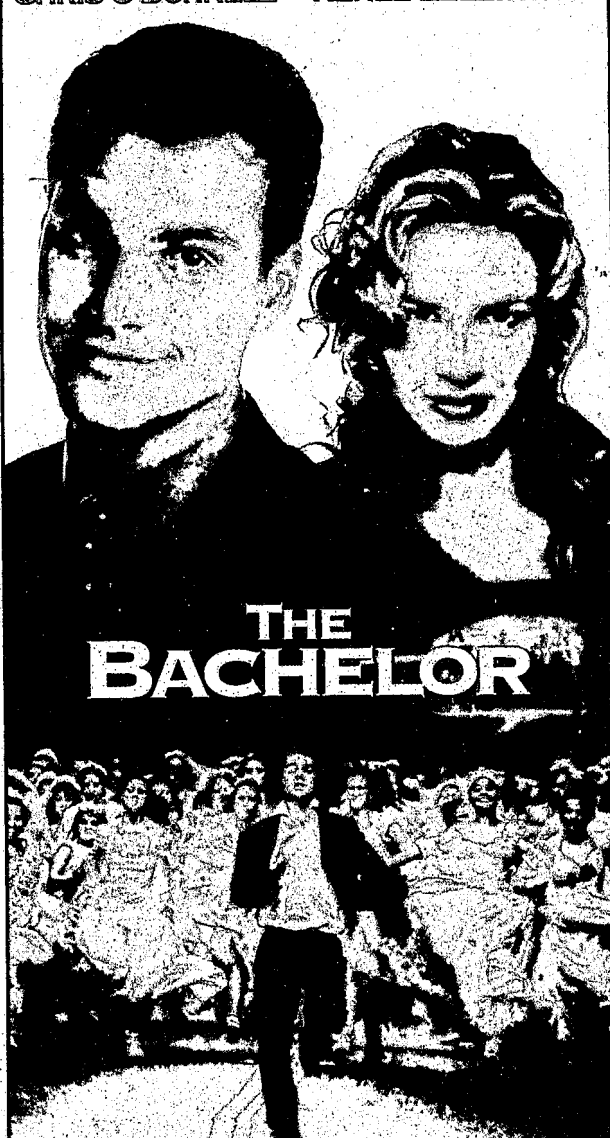
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DINING

Rustica Europa blends the best of southern Europe

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Peek over cafe window coverings into this Rochester Hills eatery. A pleasant surprise. A bit of southern Europe in both decor and menu offerings.

Since opening in December 1995 under the name Rustica Pizza, chef/proprietor Michael Thomas, Jr., has made culinary leaps. He added pastas in 1996 and served a total of six tables. By April that year, he had been discovered and was bustling at the seams. He bought the adjacent storefront, closed for six months, and re-opened three years ago as a dinner-only restaurant.

Menu items headlined in French and Italian set the expectations — a little bit of both on the compact menu that allows Thomas' small kitchen to make everything from scratch and to order.

The European, Old World and French country, relaxed atmosphere of Rustica provides a sense of comfort that's not noticed in national chain restaurants or absentee-owner eateries.

It's easy to note that 34-year-old Michael Thomas loves what he does.

"I've worked in restaurants since I was 14 years old," he said. "I started as a dishwasher, then bus boy, and rose to management before I went to culinary school."

Modest, but obviously proud of his skills, Thomas revealed that he graduated from Scottsdale Culinary Institute in Arizona, at the top of his class with a 4.0 GPA.

"For a food style, I've settled in on my southern-European family roots," he added. "Since this area did not need another traditional Italian restaurant, I chose to combine its style with southern French."

The principal menu changes

Rustica Europa

Where: 877 E. Auburn (northwest corner of Auburn & John R), Rochester Hills (248) 852-0011.
Open: Monday-Thursday 4:30-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday until 10 p.m.

Menu: Classically-styled cuisine of southern France and northern Italy.

Cost: All regular menu main dishes under \$15.

Reservations: For parties of five or more only.

Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Details: Full service bar.

Rustica uncorked

Chef/proprietor Michael Thomas, Jr., knows what he likes to drink with his food and let's you in on it.

■ Pepperoni e Salsiccia appetizer pairs perfectly with a glass of 1996 Ruffino Chianti Classico Aziano.

■ With Pescatora Pasta, it's 1997 Clos du Bois Pinot Noir.

■ Chicken or Veal Picatta calls for 1998 Banfi Pinot Grigio San Angelo.

with the season. Monthly specials add an additional appetizer, salad, pasta and three specialties which can range from a comfy stuffed pork loin to French country-style frog legs.

Rustica is divided into two dining options. The full-service bar side is the smoking area with 16 bar stools (where appetizers only may be ordered), five booths and two tables of eight. The non-smoking section has table seating only, accommodating a total of 36. It's here that you can experience both rustic and European.

A mid-room service table holds a large bottle of 1996 Banfi Col di Sasso Cabernet Sauvignon-Sangiovese blend. Getting a glass of this delightful red wine (\$3.95 for eight ounces) is an honor system self pour. Just tell your waitperson how many glasses were taken. Wine freshness is insured by a nitrogen system. A compact list of two dozen wines offers other options in the beverage department.

Interaction among diners in this non-smoking room is very reminiscent of a dining experience in southern Europe, with-

out the smokers Europeans tend to be.

Antipasti (Italian) is synonymous with Entrée (French) and translatable as appetizers in English. Among the most popular are Moules, farm-raised mussels steamed with white wine, garlic, and multi-color bell peppers.

Melanzane is eggplant layered with pomodoro sauce, ricotta, mozzarella, and fontina cheese, finished with fresh basil. Pepperoni e Salsiccia has hot Italian sausage mixed with roasted peppers, onions, and tomatoes.

The signature soup is Champignon avec Champagne, made from a wine reduction that is not as heavy as many mushroom cream soups. You may find a Soup del Giorno, varying daily and offered if time to make it permits.

That's rustic and a thoroughly southern French, small family-owned restaurant expectation.

Dried pastas are imported, but flat pastas are purchased fresh from Mama Mucci in Plymouth. Your choices abound here. Pescatora includes linguini, mussels, grilled tuna, littleneck



At your service: Curt Smith (left to right), Michael Thomas Jr. (chef/proprietor), Sebastian Ponce and Andrew Sanderson present some of the items you'll find on the menu at Rustica Europa.

clams, and shrimp in a spicy tomato sauce.

Since Judy Thomas (Michael's wife) is vegetarian, so is her favorite dish, lasagna, with nine layers, two sauces, fresh spinach, and five select cheeses.

You can catch Judy at the restaurant as hostess on Saturday evenings.

Michael's mom Pat Thomas assumes that role on Fridays.

Modestly-priced house specialties, served with fresh bread, a side of pasta, and a vegetable include both a chicken and veal

Picatta (sautéed and finished with lemon-caper beurre blanc) and chicken or veal alla Fiorentina, sautéed medallions with braised spinach and wild mushroom Burgundy demi glace.

Stemming from another southern-European region is Chicken a la Portugaise with tomatoes, mushrooms, garlic and olives, over a rice pilaf. Bistecca is grilled strip steak served with red onion confit and draped with a merlot sauce. Scampi and Sole round out specialty seafood offerings.

There's pizza. Small at \$6 is a child pleaser along with other classic pastas with sauces kids like.

Desserts always include Tiramisu, house-made Cannoli, and Strawberries with Frangelico Cream.

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■ **Gourmet Gala** — Presented by Crittenton Hospital, 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Tickets \$75 (friend), \$125 (patron), \$175 (benefactor), call (248) 652-5345. Event features many of the area's finest chefs, restaurateurs and vintners. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a handicapped-accessible passenger bus for the Older Persons' Commission.

■ **Celebrate Beaujolais Nouveau** — at Big Rock Chop & Brew House 245 S. Eton, Birm-

ingham (248) 647-7774. Between Nov. 10 and 20 beginning at 4 p.m. daily, enjoy a four-course very French Bistro dinner. Each course accompanied by wine. The cost is \$65 per person. Until Nov. 18, the legal first date the 1999 Georges Dubouef Beaujolais Nouveau can be poured, the substitution is the lovely 1998 Maison Louis Jadot Beaujolais Village with the grilled salmon crepe hors d'oeuvre. Entree choices include Supreme de Volaille (breast of chicken) or Petite Filet Mignon aux Duxelles (small grilled fillet stuffed with diced mushrooms) and served with a shallot and balsamic vinegar reduction. Salad is sliced smoked duck breast, chilled foie gras paté and pistachios atop mixed greens. Fresh Bartlett pear stuffed with gorgonzola and

poached in white wine rounds out offerings in the dessert category.

■ **Save A Heart, A Celebration of Wine and Food**, 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12 — at the Michigan League, 911 North University at Fletcher, Ann Arbor, to benefit the Michigan Congenital Heart Center at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Over 300 different wines will be available for tasting, accompanied by food from Ann Arbor's most popular restaurants. General admission tickets are \$50 per person (\$35 of which is tax deductible).

and Tasting from Private Cellars benefactor tickets are \$180 (\$125 tax deductible). Call (734) 936-9134.

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Double check your board

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Last year our board passed a resolution changing the method of electing board members, creating a staggered term. In effect, they changed the bylaws without a vote. Could we be liable for the illegal actions of the board? Should we consult the Michigan Department of Commerce?

Answering your second question first, the Michigan Department of Commerce is no longer involved in the business of regulating condominiums. Of course, to give you a definitive legal opinion, it would be necessary to review the condominium bylaws that you indicate require that the directors be elected in a certain way, which has purportedly been changed by resolution of the board.

Normally such a change would have to be done by an amendment to the bylaws. You should consult with legal counsel and, to the extent that the board is illegally constituted, someone could question the authority of the board to act in behalf of the association.

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



BY NORMAN PRADY
SPECIAL WRITER

Where did the draperies go?

You bought a house with living room draperies of antique velvet brocade. They reminded you of the ones Scarlett O'Hara fashioned into a ball gown. You fell in love with them — never mind that your spouse thought they were atrocious.

But love 'em or hate 'em, where are they? You closed the deal on your new house, went to visit the place. And no draperies.

Well, were they written into the purchase agreement you and the seller signed when you made your offer? If they were, you might — might — see them again someday. If they weren't, it's likely the draperies of your dreams have slipped through the technicalities of buying someone else's house.

"Whatever is fastened to the house stays," said Mike Judge, sales agent with Real Estate One, Livonia. But people interpret the meaning of fastened.

"The drapery hardware stays," Judge said, because it's screwed to the wall or window frame. Draperies can go because they're personal property, unless specified in the purchase agreement as being sold with the house.

The agreement might carry preprinted language including "all window treatments" in the sale, Judge said, but, like fastened, there can be varying definitions.

"I like to be very specific," said Joe Yelder, sales agent with ERA Country Ridge Realty, Farmington Hills. If the buyer believes the purchase includes "the gold chandelier in the dining room," Yelder said, "the purchase agreement should say gold chandelier in the dining room with a description."

"It might be necessary," Judge said, "to identify the brand and model number of a stove or frig being sold with the house so it doesn't get replaced with a clunker."

A house buyer, these and other

Here's a checklist of some things buyers and sellers might specifically want to clarify as to ownership in the purchase offer:

- ☐ Draperies
- ☐ Curtains
- ☐ Blinds
- ☐ Chandelier
- ☐ Stereo wiring
- ☐ Shelving sitting on wall-mounted brackets
- ☐ Accessories for built-in vacuuming system
- ☐ Water softener supplies
- ☐ Replacement filters (furnace, stove hood, water line)
- ☐ Window air conditioner
- ☐ Rooftop TV antenna
- ☐ Window fan
- ☐ Wall or ceiling TV mounting brackets
- ☐ Dishmaster kitchen sink appliance
- ☐ Special or unusual shower heads
- ☐ Basement workbench
- ☐ Above-ground pool
- ☐ Swing set sitting on ground
- ☐ Swing set mounted in concrete footings
- ☐ Outdoor storage unit
- ☐ Sandbox
- ☐ Barbecue
- ☐ Picnic table
- ☐ Planter boxes
- ☐ Holiday decorations
- ☐ Low-voltage garden lighting
- ☐ Yard tools and equipment
- ☐ Fireplace tools
- ☐ Firewood
- ☐ Dryer vent piping
- ☐ Personalized door knocker
- ☐ Door mats

agents suggest, would do well to make a checklist of items that are presumed to go with the house, but might or might not. The list and purchase agreement should be reviewed at the pre-closing walk-through.

A window air conditioner, Judge said, would be considered portable and not part of the house. Any mounting brackets attached to the wall or window frame, however, would have to stay.

So, too, Yelder said, a mirror

screwed to the wall has become part of the house. But a decorative mirror hanging on a hook is not.

But what do you do if something you bought with the house isn't there?

Ron Patterson, sales agent with Metro West Real Estate, Garden City, said this can be a matter for a lawsuit in small claims court if the value is within the court's limit.

"You show the purchase agreement," Patterson said. "It speaks for itself."

Sometimes, though, an unhappy buyer first speaks to the sales agent expressing a sense of loss, of being cheated. When the backyard rose tree was no longer there, believed to have been removed by the seller, Rosemary Votta's customer was very unhappy. Votta, sales agent with Real Estate One, Rochester, solved the problem with a trip to the garden store.

"I went and bought a replacement," Votta said, explaining that her customer's satisfaction with the house purchase was vital to her own reputation and well worth the investment from her own pocket.

"It's a learn-by-burn process, Judge said, recalling his expense for replacing vertical blinds removed from a doorway.

Judge said that a seller can face special problems by deciding to leave something for the buyer that wasn't agreed to. The huge workbench in the basement, for example.

The buyer didn't want it, doesn't want it, and the seller will have to get it out of the house even, if necessary, paying someone to dismantle it to make removal possible.

Under the heading of Expect Anything Whenever You're Dealing with People, Judge said there's really no telling what odd turns a house sale can take. He recalled a seller who felt she'd been mistreated and disadvantaged in the negotiations.

"She was so vindictive," Judge said, that she took out all the light bulbs when she moved out. And the toilet paper spindle.

Existing housing stock

Area	Residences In millions
Chicago	3.41
Cincinnati	0.79
Cleveland	1.2
Detroit	2.15
Indianapolis	0.67
Kansas City	0.74
Milwaukee	0.69
Minn./St. Paul	1.13
Pittsburgh	1.00
St. Louis	1.07

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

Choosing a national or local lender

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DAVID C. MULLY

Part 2 of 2

The company you get your mortgage from is often not the company that will be collecting your monthly mortgage checks, even though you may make the checks out to that company.

Many lenders sell their mortgages to either Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. These are federally chartered stockholder-owned corporations that buy real estate loans.

They make it possible for lenders to have the money available to lend to other homeowners, since the mortgage-selling process is repeated over and over again.

People don't actually make out their mortgage checks to either Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. These corporations use various mortgage companies to service their accounts by collecting and processing the checks.

Some borrowers prefer to deal with people they know, said Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Consumer Federation of America. Others borrowers aren't really concerned with who handles their mortgage checks. They are more interested in the fact that the process is established and that it works well. Their major concern is the end result.

Brobeck says an important question you want to ask yourself is: "Is the person you talk to the one who can make a decision?" You should also ask yourself if that is important to you.

If it isn't, then you won't care who handles your mortgage. If it is, ask your lender if he or she plans to sell it. Some lenders sell all their mortgages, while others sell a certain percentage of them and keep the rest as part of their own investment portfolio.

Another point to consider is how easy is it to pay your monthly payment to the mortgage company — either the one holding the mortgage or the one servicing it. Many people mail their payment to the mortgage company every month. Some have the mortgage company automatically transfer the payment from their checking account each month.

Still others make the payment in person every month, if the mortgage company is fairly close to where they live. The really important thing is to pay it every month and to pay it on time.

What company holds your mortgage and where the company is located may be important to you. However, there are other matters concerning your mortgage that should also be important to you. It is far more important that you handle your mortgage in a timely manner and that your mortgage company services it properly. If you don't, or they don't, something has to change.

David Mully's company, Mortgage Search Services, surveys lenders and provides updates on mortgage rates for homeowners. His survey and weekly column can be accessed online at www.MortgageSurvey.com. The survey report appears inside Thursday's Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The company provides consumers with a Mortgage Search Hot line at 1 (877) MTG-SHOP (684-7467). You can contact Mully at (248) 305-7337 or e-mail info@RateUpdate.com

Builder selling investment in homes being built

A Bloomfield Hills development/building company is looking for people to get into residential construction as a personal investment opportunity.

That money, along with traditional money provided by financial institutions, will provide Coast to Coast capital to keep its building momentum going.

"It's for people who have money and want to make more money but not in the stock market because it's volatile now," said Amos Knoll, CEO and chairman of Coast to Coast.

"It's just good business," he added. "I'm going to start other subs. It's a way I can expand business."

Knoll offers individuals the opportunity

to buy a lot and spec house at builder's cost at Belle Pointe Estates in Van Buren Township.

The investor pays 10-percent down on the home, pays all closing costs and the monthly mortgage until the house is sold, normally three to six months.

When an investor's home is sold to the ultimate owner, the investor receives a 10-percent return on all money invested and a 25-percent share of the builder's net profit. All of the invested money is returned.

Say the projected development/construction cost of a house is \$200,000. The investor would put down \$20,000 (10 percent) and pay closing costs of

\$2,000.

Coast to Coast now has this money available — along with money provided by banks — to buy materials and pay for construction labor.

Say the investor pays \$600 monthly on the loan for five months during construction for a total of \$3,000.

When the house eventually sells, the investor would get back all \$25,000 invested, \$2,500 return on investment (10-percent interest on \$25,000) and a projected \$8,000-\$9,000 as a 25-percent share percent share of the builder's net profit.

Money is channeled through a title company to keep everything above

board, Knoll said. The home is titled in the investor's name until sold to the ultimate buyer.

Knoll said he devised the program because banks generally finance only a couple of spec houses at a time for smaller builders. They're much more willing to lend with a buyer/investor committed to building.

Sal Paterna said he's never lost money in five investments with Knoll. Risky?

"Not really," Paterna said. "You're secured all the way. You own real estate and you're buying property at his cost, which is 30-percent below market."

Coast to Coast has built 600 houses since 1982, Knoll said.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the residential and commercial real estate closings recorded by the County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills

3640 Camden Ct. \$236,000
902 Chestnut Hill Dr #F \$54,000
3300 Cross Creek Pkwy \$142,000
2946 James Rd. \$94,000
1908 N Opdyke Rd. \$160,000
1478 Vineyard St. \$10,000

Clarkston

5588 Addelstone Dr. \$275,000
6576 Belmont Ter. \$301,000
5067 Bronco Dr. \$175,000
6960 Cranberry Lake Rd \$320,000
6984 Cranberry Lake Rd \$314,000
9017 Crosby Lake Rd. \$163,000
8158 Fairfield Cir. \$172,000
8475 Foster Rd. \$168,000
906 Heather Lake Dr. \$383,000
5605 Kingfisher Ln. \$158,000
9122 Michigan Rd. \$238,000
7467 Old Pond Dr. \$230,000
6221 Pine Needle Dr. \$242,000
5440 Ridge Trl N. \$303,000
9053 Softwater Woods \$300,000

Commerce Township

8165 Stegford Trl. \$274,000
6600 Wellesley Ter. \$165,000
461 Alexander Dr. \$232,000
2008 Applebrook Dr. \$372,000
3210 Arbutus St. \$158,000
5341 Bridge Trl W. \$327,000
8939 Buffalo Dr. \$150,000
4470 Commerce Woods \$230,000
8475 Cooley Lake Rd. \$131,000
3563 Cranberry Dr. \$85,000
8242 Dickett St. \$27,000
4973 Fairgrove Ln. \$263,000
25236 Fairgrove St. \$264,000
1854 Glen Iris Dr. \$187,000
2771 Greenlawn Ave. \$267,000
1286 Penarth St. \$137,000
1755 Ridgewood Ln. \$309,000
2140 Rigo Rd. \$242,000
22298 Rye Brook Ct. \$70,000
1784 Union Lake Rd. \$177,000
6183 Venice St. \$177,000
8154 Willow Rd. \$145,000
520 Woodcreek Ct. \$446,000
1400 Woodcrest Ln. \$319,000
1440 Woodview Ln. \$297,000

Farmington

5912 Long Point Dr. \$400,000
8119 Pebble Creek Dr. \$75,000
9060 Sherwood Dr. \$237,000
32663 Grand River \$1,250,000
35250 Oakland St. \$243,000
31561 W 10 Mile #7 \$45,000

Farmington Hills

31885 Allison Dr. \$232,000
23104 Ashley St. \$180,000

Lake Orion

29373 Birchcrest Way \$300,000
37335 Blossom Ln. \$342,000
25700 Blue Creek Ct. \$266,000
38634 Brandmill Dr. \$163,000
37132 Brentwood Cir. \$150,000
28208 Brookhill St. \$226,000
21546 Colwell St. \$88,000
35001 Concord Ln. \$216,000
38857 Country Cir. \$153,000
28836 Creek Bend Dr. \$295,000
37420 Emerald Forest \$380,000
38275 Fleetwood Dr. \$313,000
27835 Gettysburg St. \$200,000
25236 Harcourt St. \$220,000
29425 Medbury St. \$220,000
22583 Cranbrook Dr. \$140,000
22640 Denby Ct. \$413,000
1739 E Lake Rd. \$316,000
40505 E Mill Road Ct. \$210,000
28798 Hearstone Dr. \$270,000
28933 Hearstone #90 \$290,000
29059 Hearstone #99 \$270,000
24595 Jamestowne Rd. \$237,000
20804 Veranda Dr. \$330,000
40604 Village Wood Rd. \$176,000

Oakland Township

290 Rochester Rd. \$75,000

Orion Township

3370 Elmy Dr. \$155,000
2529 Elmridge St. \$111,000
3916 Morgan Rd. \$225,000
4801 Rohr Rd. \$151,000
3503 Tall Oaks Rd. \$280,000

Oxford

505 1st St. \$104,000
146 Coryell Dr. \$207,000
946 Crestmoor Dr. \$223,000
417 Cypress Dr. \$46,000

Rochester

6779 Beechview Dr. \$222,000
3100 Castleton Ct. \$335,000
83 Fieldway Ct. \$120,000
4200 Holly Ln. \$345,000
333 N Helen Ave. \$126,000
953 River Mist Dr. \$250,000
690 Sheldon Ct. \$175,000
1432 Stony Creek Dr. \$389,000

Rochester Hills

3925 Alida Ave. \$145,000
2105 Alsdorf Rd. \$203,000
560 Arlington Dr. \$210,000
1116 Cobbley Ave. \$162,000
1116 Cobbley Ave. \$162,000
2740 Devonshire Rd. \$133,000
3644 Edinborough Dr. \$490,000
3193 Emmens Ave. \$168,000
2728 Forest View Ct. \$255,000
5185 Gerald Ave. \$145,000
1018 Grandview Dr. \$281,000
875 Greenview Ct. \$180,000
726 Hamilton Ct. \$144,000

Troy

1801 June Ave. \$119,000
766 Kentucky Dr. \$214,000
1283 Lampighter Ln. \$155,000
625 Lexington Dr. \$249,000
3515 Longview Ave. \$136,000
1118 Maple Leaf Dr. \$276,000
2373 Melvin Ave. \$128,000
2625 Melvin Ave. \$123,000
3384 Melvin Ave. \$124,000
620 Middlebury Ln. \$225,000
2305 Norion Rd. \$223,000
331 Old Ridge Ct. \$280,000
2678 Powderhorn Ridge \$248,000
2765 Powderhorn Ridge \$247,000
1586 Ravine Ln. \$137,000
483 Rochdale Dr. \$175,000
2123 Rochelle Park Dr. \$199,000
633 Tennyson Dr. \$165,000
1641 West Ridge \$485,000

Southfield

21101 Andover Rd. \$188,000
17255 Anna St. \$157,000
28410 Brooks Ln. \$257,000
22933 Coventry Woods \$224,000
29176 Evergreen Rd. \$125,000
30066 Fairfax St. \$85,000
24852 Glenside St. \$275,000
25119 Greenbrooke Dr. \$128,000
21075 Harvard Rd. \$188,000
22945 Leeward Ave. \$144,000
30160 Marshall St. \$148,000
17366 Melrose St. \$150,000
21204 Negaunee St. \$76,000
27638 Red Leaf Ln. \$128,000
28502 Red Leaf Ln. \$117,000
27152 Shagbark Dr. \$130,000

Sylvan Lake

16024 Stratford Dr. \$157,000
5000 Town Ctr #2203 \$229,000
17390 W 8 Mile Rd. \$300,000
23245 W 9 Mile Rd. \$128,000

Waterford

1548 Abbey Dr. \$197,000
1830 Brentwood Dr. \$134,000
2917 Blarwood Dr. \$311,000
422 E Square Lake Rd. \$59,000
324 Felling Brook Dr. \$323,000
1842 Hartshorn Ave. \$117,000
6644 Houghten Dr. \$105,000
869 Kirts Blvd. \$119,000
2043 Lakeside Dr. \$340,000
4473 Lanceshire Ct. \$264,000
3960 Mark Dr. \$203,000
876 Randall Dr. \$173,000
5849 Rosebrook Dr. \$230,000
3567 Rutland Dr. \$433,000
1365 Sunnyside Dr. \$185,000
2774 Verner Dr. \$180,000
2155 W Big Beaver Rd. \$275,000
2460 W Square Lake Rd. \$183,000
2901 Wagonwheel Dr. \$336,000
6115 Walker Dr. \$26,000
6576 Westlake Ct. \$438,000
5711 Whitfield Dr. \$122,000
2674 Winter Dr. \$185,000
4550 Wintergreen Dr. \$440,000
2973 Wilconsin Dr. \$125,000
6633 Woodcrest Dr. \$303,000
90 Woodslee Dr. \$99,000

West Bloomfield

6559 Salina Dr. \$113,000
1677 Scott Lake Rd. \$146,000
1297 Tull Dr. \$152,000
4288 W Pointe Dr. \$205,000
612 Woodingham St. \$136,000
1386 Woodlawn St. \$149,000

White Lake

3533 Baybrook Dr. \$150,000
114 Calvert St. \$62,000
4708 Charest Dr. \$185,000
2670 Costa Mesa Rd. \$155,000
3372 Cutler Dr. \$145,000
4250 Dixie Hwy. \$168,000
7887 E Oakland Manor \$217,000
56 Exmore Rd. \$108,000
5435 Fleet Ave. \$55,000
4311 Forest Ave. \$353,000
338 Forestview Dr. \$170,000
3245 Fremont Rd. \$180,000
3353 Harbours Blvd. \$314,000
482 Hillside Dr. \$142,000
1090 Lakeside St. \$76,000
1392 Laurel Valley Dr. \$80,000
1361 Lochaven \$109,000
6612 Longworth Dr. \$35,000
2278 Marston Dr. \$114,000
1370 Murray Dr. \$26,000
1354 Orchard Dr. \$13,000
5583 Oster Dr. \$127,000
4903 Payton Dr. \$124,000
2842 Riverside Dr. \$35,000
212 Riviera Tr. \$88,000
126 S Winding Dr. \$104,000

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CONDO CLASSES

Robert M. Meisner, real estate lawyer and O&E columnist, presents a class, "Advanced

Condominium Operation: the Essentials to Success," 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 9-30, at 30200 Telegraph, Bingham Farms.

Cost is \$95. Group discounts available. To register, call (248) 471-7729.

RETIREMENT PLANNING

American Express Financial Advisers and Approved Mortgagees sponsor a free seminar, "Cash Flow at Retirement: Are You Prepared?" 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the

Brighton Holiday Inn.

To register, call (734) 414-0805 or (810) 227-6200 Ext. 228.

ESTATE PLANNING

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland presents a seminar on estate planning Friday, Nov. 12, at the Stephenson Haus, 25000 N. Chrysler Drive, Hazel Park.

Dinner, at 7 p.m., is \$14 for everyone. The seminar, at 8 p.m., costs \$10 for non-members. To register, call (800) 747-6742.

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Topics include setting price, target marketing, effective promotion and purchase documents.

Cost is \$30. To register, call (248) 539-2290.

BENEFIT PREVIEW

Robertson Brothers Group plans a benefit for the Allen House in Birmingham at the Willits, a soon-to-be luxury, mid-rise condominium development, heated tents at the corner of Willits and Bates in Birmingham.

Cost is \$75. For information, call (248) 644-3460.

SALES CLASS

The Troy Chamber of Com-

merce presents a sales workshop, "What Do You Say When ...," 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at SOC Credit Union, 4555 Investment Drive, Suite 300, Troy.

Cost, which includes a light lunch, is \$20 for Troy chamber members and guests, \$40 for Southeast Michigan Chamber Alliance members. To register, call (248) 641-1750.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline, one block east of I-75.

Cost for non-members is \$15. Beginning landlords interested in a free newsletter should call Wayne Koehler, president, at (313) 386-7228.

MOVERS & SHAKERS

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

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

Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

Duce Simmons Associates, an architectural, planning firm in Troy, announces three new employees.

Heidi Deaver joins the firm as a project designer. She brings more than four years experience working on academic, religious, residential, commercial and light industrial facilities.

Deaver, a Troy resident, received bachelor of science in architecture and Master of Architecture degrees from the University of Michigan.

He lives in Farmington Hills and received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Detroit.

Janice Suchan joins the firm as a project architect. She has more than 10 years experience of project types including education, library, religious, municipal, office and light industrial work.

Suchan lives in Macomb and received a bachelor of architecture degree from the University of Detroit.

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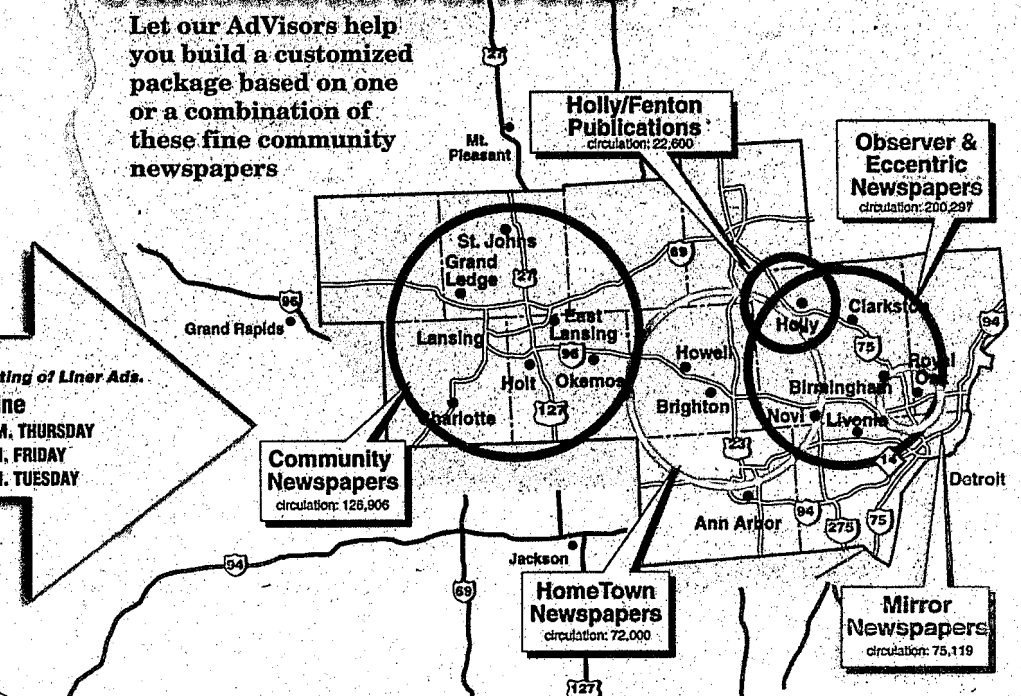


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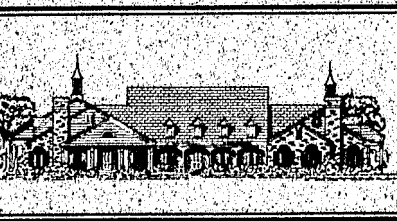
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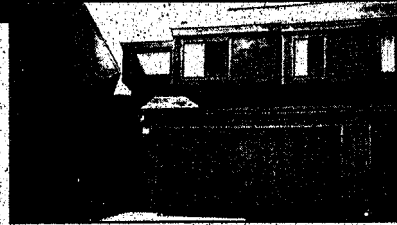
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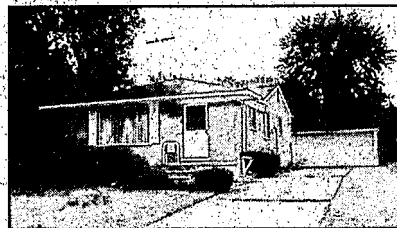
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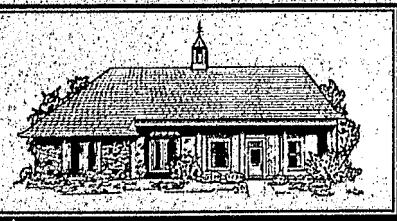
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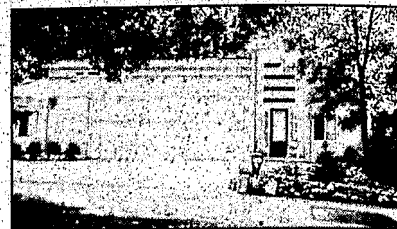


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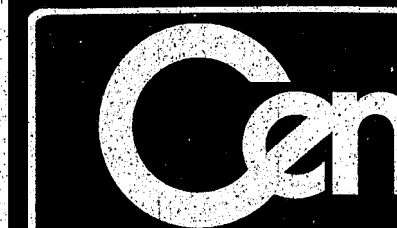
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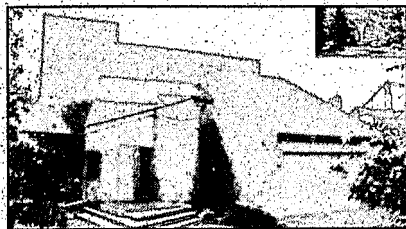


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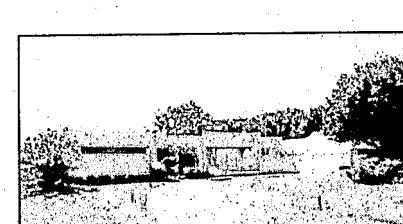
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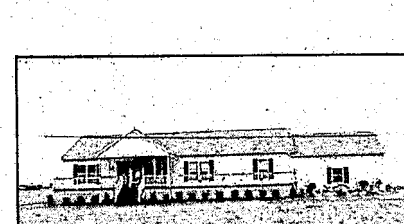
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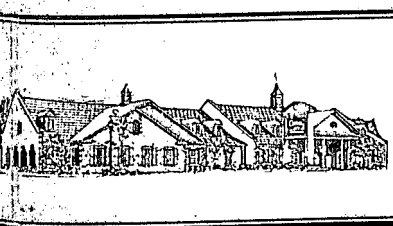
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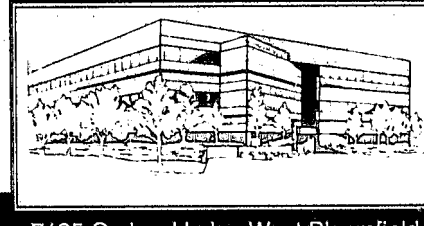
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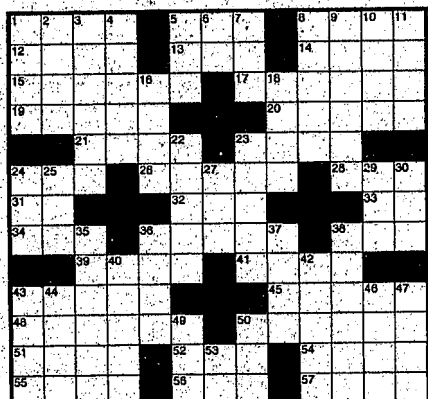
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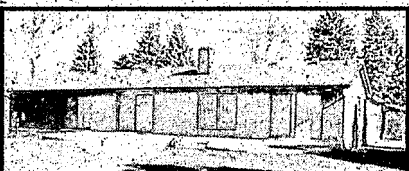
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- Security system, pond, and two pole barns. (PI632)

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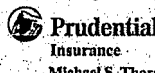
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 • Beautifully updated with quality throughout
 • Brass fixtures, hardwood floors, 6-panel doors
 • Walk to elementary and middle schools. (PO541)
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 • Lakes area, privacy, West Bloomfield schools
 • Extensive hardwood flooring and high ceilings
 • Sensational kitchen with white cabinets, 3 fireplaces
 • Finished lower level walkout, 2 fireplaces & o/a. Wine cellar. (MI644)
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ROCHESTER HILLS - 4 BEDROOM TUDOR
 • Private 1st floor master suite with fireplace, wood paneled den and walk-in closets
 • Island kitchen with bay window in breakfast area, door wall to huge deck, 3.5 baths. Great neighborhood. (QU319)
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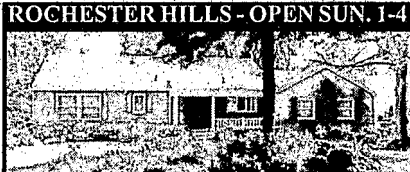
HARTLAND SCHOOLS - OPEN SUN. 1-3
 • 1986 Clover Ridge • W. of US-23, S. of M-59
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 • Sound system, alarm system, rec room
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 • Captivating ranch with gorgeous park-like yard
 • Three bedrooms, 2,000 sq. ft., 2 full & 2 half baths
 • Pond & gardens to the side overlooking woods
 • Enjoy the numerous updates. (MA473) MUST SEE!
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 • Brick and wood two story Colonial
 • Beautiful circular staircase, cathedral ceilings
 • Full basement, library, study, plus a gas fireplace in the family room, Three tier deck. (OL319)
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 • 620 Lake Forest • Off of Old Perch, on Campus to L. on Lake Forest to Court
 • Charming four bedroom ranch offers finished lower level walkout to decking w/ water garden & large yard
 • Canopied porch off living room, island kitchen
 • Great location within walking distance to schools. (LA620)
 \$249,900 • 248 651-8850



EMPTY NESTERS - GREAT MAPLES OF NOVI CONDO!
 • 2,000 square feet with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, plus a den
 • Attached 2 car garage, 1st floor master with jacuzzi
 • Neutral colors, great floor plan, vaulted ceilings!
 • Enjoy golf, tennis & pool! Quick access to x-ways. (RO311)
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ROCHESTER HILLS - PRIVACY!
 • Bright & airy 1995 built Tudor provides privacy
 • Backs to woods in the heart of Rochester
 • Fabulous great room w/ cathedral ceiling & fireplace
 • Formal dining, library/den. Gorgeous master suite
 \$244,900 • 248 641-1660



ROCHESTER HILLS
 • Charming 4 bedroom, 2 story brick Colonial
 • Huge family room with walk-in wet bar, & fireplace
 • Private backyard, access to pool & tennis courts
 • Sharp home with exciting decor throughout. (HA875)
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SPRINGFIELD TWP. BEAUTIFUL RIDGE RUN
 • Three bedroom with 2.5 baths - 1st floor master
 • Maintenance free brick and wood exterior
 • Backs to magnificent forest
 • Central air, sprinklers, & daylight basement. (OR997)
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SOUTHFIELD
 • Nearly three acres of land with home and barn
 • Horse lovers take note! Lots of trees
 • Three bedrooms, 1.5 baths, basement, detached garage
 • Secluded setting. (N1232)
 \$200,000 • 248 647-6400



OXFORD TOWNSHIP LAKEFRONT
 • Newer windows throughout, updated kitchen
 • 60 feet of frontage on all sports Clear Lake
 • Large master bedroom with deck overlooking lake
 • Three bedrooms, 2 full baths. (MA384)
 \$192,000 • 248 625-5700



WATERFORD
 • Cape Cod charm with view & privileges of Sylvan Lake
 • Large lot, 3.4 acre, with new privacy fence
 • 4 large bedrooms, 2 full baths, hardwood floors, bay window & screened in porch. Brick pavers & many updates. (SH534)
 \$174,900 • 248 641-1660



SOUTHFIELD
 • Beautiful Colonial style condo in small complex
 • Huge master suite with walk-in closet and bathroom
 • Fireplace in great room, first floor laundry
 • Newly remodeled kitchen & 2 car attached garage. (OL209)
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS - CONDO
 • Beautifully updated first floor condo
 • New kitchen with built-in appliances and desk
 • Large master bedroom with walk-in closet
 • Lovely landscaped gardens & pool area. (LO801)
 \$95,500 • 248 851-4400



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 • Clean, wonderful grounds! Appliances included
 • Like new!
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