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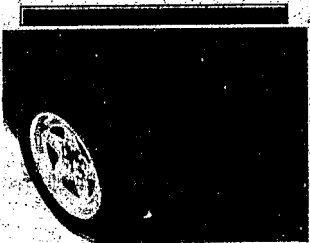
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As Civil War soldier Edgar Clark lays in his hospital bed, he spends time thinking about the future. Here are portions from letters dated June 16 and 30, 1864.

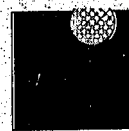
(From June 16) "My dear wife, the doctor says my leg is doing well as can be expected, I think so myself. It pains me a good deal but no more than is expected with a leg off. I am in good spirits and a strong constitution and determination to live so that I can see you and the children enjoy a good many days in peace and happiness."

Catherine, this wound brings a good many queer (thoughts). A few days ago I was whole and sound. Today I am 3/4 of what I once was. The scene looks odd to me as I look at myself, one leg a half as long as the other. The government furnishes all soldiers with wooden legs. I think that I can get a good cork one."

(From June 30) "It is two weeks to the day since my leg was taken off. I got off the bed last night all alone and have my bed made up. I think I can get around first rate in two weeks more with crutches. I probably will need them for quite a while before I can put on a cork leg. It will be sore and tender for a long time. I'm thinking of getting my discharge the first of September and coming home and fix up the house nice and comfortable, put a good brick foundation under it and fix up the kitchen good. I will have nearly \$200 to fit it up with. Then I will get \$100 a year so long as I live."



Township may buy Clarkston Creek



Independence Township officials hope to preserve some of the township's open spaces, and is studying a proposed plan to purchase Clarkston Creek Golf Course as a way to do just that.

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Independence Township is considering buying Clarkston Creek Golf Course as a way to preserve open space in the south central part of the township.

At a special meeting Tuesday, the township board and residents heard a presentation by real estate developer

Joe Locricchio.

He and Stony Creek golf course manager Jim Albright have an option to buy the 144-acre course near the intersection of Sashabaw and Maybee roads.

The big question, township attorney Gerald Fisher said, is whether the township should be going into the golf course business.

"It has lots of ramifications, political

and financial," Fisher said.

Locricchio approached the township in the spring about buying the course. The original plan was to take out nine holes of golf and develop the remaining portion. But planner Dick Carlisle said he didn't think that would go over very well.

A subcommittee of the board was formed and the plan presented on Tuesday involves a land swap and a mixed use development off of Sashabaw Road.

Locricchio said he needed to find a way to satisfy the township's desire to keep the golf course, yet build enough to make the whole transaction worthwhile from a business standpoint.

One more time

The proposal for the purchase of Clarkston Creek Golf Course will be repeated at Independence Township's regular meeting Nov. 16. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

The idea is for holes 12 and 13 of the golf course to be relocated to where the driving range is now. About 20 acres on the northern edge of the property would become 121 luxury townhomes.

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A new addition to the learning curve



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A proud day: Independence Elementary School principal Christopher Turner stands outside the school on its first official day.

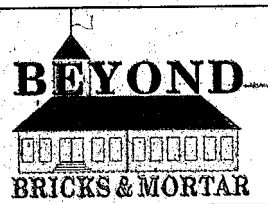
Sunny day at Independence Elementary

(Editor's Note: Clarkston's seven elementary schools are abuzz with construction or renovation work. But beyond the new accent stripe in revamped building facades, the expansive windows and the technological bells and whistles, each school maintains its own unique character. This story, the fourth in an occasional series, looks at one of those schools.)

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

It was as it should be when a brand new school opens for children.

The sun shone brightly with a



slight breeze that made the purple, green and yellow balloons outside bob to and fro -- as if the orbs were doing a celebratory dance.

Nearby, the smiling faces of students, teachers and parents abounded at the building's main entrance. They soon counted

down from 20 in unison with the principal - and cheered for joy as the front doors opened.

It was that way at Clarkston's Independence Elementary School Monday.

Home sweet home.

For Independence media specialist Lynn Suchodolski, the first day of work in the school's colorful media center - the building's focal point - was "a dream come true."

"It's absolutely beautiful here," Suchodolski said of the pastel-accented library with its 3 1/2-story-high, sky blue, center ceiling. "The furniture is gorgeous and our new books are really exciting. It's like Christmas."

She pointed out that the centrally-located Independence media center features eight computers, "people chairs" - upholstered chairs that look like sculptures of reclining human shapes, enough space for three classrooms to visit, lots of natural light and a "great starting collection of 8,500 books."

On top of those bells and whistles, a lab with 30 student computers flanks the media center jewel.

Suchodolski - who came to Independence from North Sashabaw Elementary - said that school media centers are finally getting a seat at the head of the class.

"When I was in elementary

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Getting ready: Independence Elementary's physical education teacher Nathan Hunter and student Tom Alty put together some gym equipment.

SCAMP benefits from senior's artistic talent

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Mike Lynch missed an interview with the media Monday. But when one considers Mike's professional aspirations, one can say he missed for a good reason.

Instead of being in school, Mike was in Chicago looking over the art school associated with the Chicago Institute of Arts. That's one place he's considering attending after he graduates from Clarkston High School in June.

The senior also spends half his school days at Oakland Technical Cen-

ter, studying advertising design with instructor Kristen Miner.

Because of an assignment by Miner, Mike is now the proud designer of a Christmas card sold through Clarkston SCAMP. The money benefits SCAMP, a five-week summer camp for children and young adults with special needs from north Oakland County.

SCAMP is selling Lynch's card and two other cards illustrated by SCAMP participants Lauren Boling and Katie Morton. The cards are available through the Clarkston SCAMP Funding Corporation office at 6590 Middle

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Top designer: Clarkston senior Mike Lynch put his artistic talents to good use, designing one of the Christmas cards to benefit SCAMP.

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Survey reveals youth need support

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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John Blanchard and his partners do more than a physical check-up when parents bring their children in for an appointment. Medical doctors Blanchard, Keith Christmon and LoriAnn Washe add information about the assets approach to raising children whenever they can.

This approach encompasses 40 developmental assets identified by the non-profit Search Institute as positive traits all young people need to grow up as healthy, responsible, caring adults.

By bringing these assets to parents, Blanchard's medical practice is doing just what the Clarkston Community Task Force and the Clarkston Community Schools district wants the entire community to do—be responsible in informing people about the assets program and providing a supportive environment for all local youth.

"We have three phases to what we are doing," said Blanchard, who opened this family practice in Independence Township four months ago.

"We have information on the assets program in our waiting room for parents. We're talking about assets when parents bring in their new borns for regular immunizations and, as a child gets older and we see them

for yearly visits, we'll also be incorporating assets into those visits," he explained.

Last spring, more than 1,200 Clarkston school students in grades seven, nine and 11 took the Profiles in Student Life and Attitude survey from the Search Institute, the organization in Minneapolis that developed the assets program.

This survey was given after a 1995 survey revealed a high use of drugs and alcohol by Clarkston youth.

The results of the recent survey are in. Youth who took the survey only have an average of 17.1 out of 40 assets.

And, according to several community representatives, including school superintendent Al Roberts and Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston, that's not good enough.

"We have something tangible now that we can use as a tool to move forward," said Roberts. "This is a crusade."

At a press conference to release the results of the survey, assets community chairwoman Susette Hart said that the Search Institute recommends that all youth in a community must experience at least 31 out of the 40 assets.

"Our community must now begin the task of reviewing what the survey data reveals," she said. "Our community must discuss and determine how we might best apply the find-

ings to help insure that every youth in this community be afforded the best opportunity to have as many developmental assets in their life so they reach their fullest potential."

The 40 assets involve support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learning, positive values, social competence and positive identity.

Others at the press conference were task force president Dennis Kaszeta, task force administrative coordinator Cindy Dixon, Rick Hedden from Calvary Lutheran Church Council, Roberts and Ormiston.

Not all news from the survey was bad. Hart pointed out some of the positive results. They scored higher than average on service to others, integrity, interpersonal competence, a sense of purpose and a positive view of personal future, for example.

"We know what needs to be done. We need to move our youth into the direction of experiencing at least 31 assets," said Hart.

The task force was also pleased to introduce people to its new home. Dixon will work out of an entire portable classroom now, thanks for Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church. The office is located on the church parking lot at 6805 Bluegrass, behind Clarkston Crossing Building off of M-15.

Township OKs contracts for library, fire service

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Independence Township and the City of the Village of Clarkston are getting ready to renew fire and library service agreements nearly a year after the old pacts expired.

The terms of the new and old agreements are almost identical. Independence Township

approved the contracts at its meeting Tuesday. The agreements will be forwarded to the city of Clarkston for approval.

The old contract expired Dec. 31, 1998. Independence Supervisor Dale Stuart said a miscommunication led to the lag between the old and new contracts. The former contract had been extended until a new draft could be written so there was no

lapse in emergency coverage, Stuart said.

"This will be good to get this out of the way," Clarkston City Manager Art Pappas said. "It's a mutually beneficial agreement."

The village will pay Independence 3 mills times the state equalized value (SEV) of the property within Clarkston city limits. Added to that will be a 10 percent administration fee.

In all, the city will pay the township approximately \$113,370 per year for fire services for its 900 residents. The last year a break-out of services for the city was available was 1995, said Independence Fire Capt. Dan DeLongchamp. That year, 93 runs went to the city. Of

those, 47 were medical emergencies. There were two building fires and 13 accidents. DeLongchamp said a safe estimation would be to add 10 runs per year to guess what the current activity is. In 1998, the fire department had 1,676 runs for the entire township, including the city. So far this year the number of runs is 1,450, he said.

If Independence voters ever decided not to renew the fire millage, the township would not be obligated to continue providing fire service, according to the contract. The city also would have to pay a higher rate if Independence voters decided to raise the

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OBITUARIES

Ardys G. Jamison

Ardys G. Jamison, 68, of Clarkston died November 4, 1999 at age 62.

Mrs. Jamison loved to golf at Springfield Oaks and was dedicated to the Stephen Ministry.

Mrs. Jamison is preceded in death by her son, Jimmy. She is survived by her husband, Robert. She is survived by her two sons, Steve of Clarkston and Craig of Lake Orion. Mrs. Jamison is survived by her sister of Marilyn Gridley of Waterford and by many nieces, nephews and best friend, Donna Richardson of Berkeley.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, Nov. 9 at Clarkston United Methodist Church with Rev. Douglas Trebilcock and Donald Kevern officiating.

Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Leader Dogs for the Blind.

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

Thomas A. Barlage

Thomas A. Barlage of Clarkston formerly of St. Clair Shores died November 7, 1999 at age 76.

Mr. Thomas retired as an electrician at Detroit Edison after 40 years of service.

Mr. Thomas is preceded in death by his wife, Suzanne. He is survived by his six daughters, Suzanne (Fraser) Gorrell of Texas, Deborah (Robert) Phebus of Venezuela, Jeannette (Jeff) Habermas of Clarkston, Mary (Larry) Kennedy of Indiana, Sheila (Frank) Collison of California and Beth (Tim) Flory of Ada. He is also survived by fifteen grandchildren and his three brothers, Edward (Peg) of Willis, James (Irma) of Rochester Hills and William (Marilyn) of Livonia.

Prayer service, Thursday, Nov. 11, 4:30 p.m. at Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. In state Friday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m. until 10 a.m., St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston.

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

Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery.

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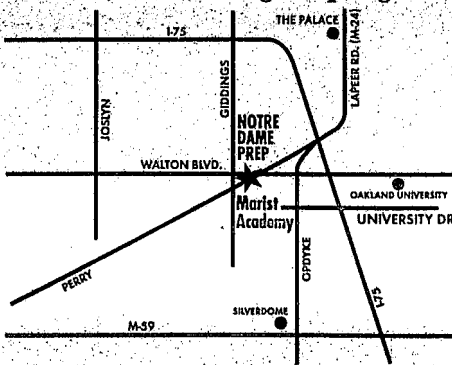
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Waiting: The new playground equipment at Independence Elementary welcomed the students on their first day at the building.

School from page A1

school, the library was in the basement," she said with a look of disbelief. "I just feel so thankful."

Designed in grade level pods, with four classrooms per grade, Independence does seem like a school that's ready for the new millennium. It sports non-institutional colors like lavender, watermelon, goldenrod and fuchsia.

It features a sunburst clock in the main entrance and expansive windows throughout. It's in step with technology. And it's spacious.

George White, the independent consultant who oversaw Independence's construction for the Clarkston School District, said the school has actually exceeded his expectations. He felt like handing out bubble gum cigars Monday.

"I've been involved in this from the beginning, watching it go up," White said. "It's like being an expectant father and getting a healthy, beautiful child."

White described the new elementary facility as the perfect blend of place and time.

He said the district's architects - French Associates - designed the checkered, white school with the green roof to fit in with its rolling acreage - a former horse farm.

But architects also gave the building a columned entrance with a Greek-Revival style pediment to reflect the architecture of downtown Clarkston - in particular, the historic Clark House.

Craig Kahler, the district's director of business services, pointed out at the school Monday that the French Associates' exterior design is not only unique within the Clarkston School District, but different than any other school designs the architectural firm has done.

Proud to be heading this "different" looking school, Independence principal Chris Turner appeared upbeat and organized. He said the first day of school in the new building represented a milestone -- the culmination of lots of planning and long hours.

"The building is in absolutely great shape," he said Monday. "Our custodial staff has been working hard. We are ready."

Independence head custodian Jerry Inman - whom the principal and several parents praised for his work at the school - didn't seem to want to make a big deal about his role in making opening day a success.

"I've just been putting in a lot of hours - about 200 hours in the last two weeks," he said. "It was rushed to get in here. The custodial crew had to work around the construction crew. But it always comes together."

When asked if it was true that he had spent the preceding day and night at the school, working, Inman smiled.

"I went home for a couple of hours," he said.

Independence parent Jan Owczarzak, who dropped off his

What they're saying

What some Independence students said on their first day in the new building ...

"I'm excited. I like my school."

Charlie O'Donnell
Fourth-grader

"My brother (Michael, a seventh-grader) is jealous. He wants to go back to elementary school."

Adam Zak
Third grader

"I like 'the people chairs' in the media center."

Quinn Dabrowski
First grader

"It has a cool clock inside."

Kaitlyn Stone
First grader

"It's bright and colorful."

Molli Simpson
Third grader

"It's sort of cool because everything is purple, green and yellow."

Timothy Ginn
Third grader

"I like it because four classes (of the same grade) are together in the same hallway."

Janell Zirwes
Third grader

son, Charlie, on opening day, gave the new facility a rave review.

"What a beautiful school," Owczarzak said in the parking lot. "This is definitely an example of taxpayers' money put to good use."

Card from page A1

Lake Road and at Clarkston State Bank in downtown Clarkston and in the Farmer Jack store at Sashabaw and Waldon. People also can call the funding office at (248) 620-1882 to order the cards. They sell for \$10 for a package of 15.

"We'll even mail them out for people," said Geri Batt, executive director for North Oakland-SCAMP Funding Corporation.

Mike's red-and-green card is an illusion of pine tree branches with a bright red ball hanging from them. The words "Happy Holidays" are splashed across the bottom and the inside reads, "To wish you all the joys of the season and the best of everything in the New Year."

"I was shocked that my card was picked," Mike said. "I thought there were others that were a lot better."

His teacher wasn't surprised, however.

"Mike is always really creative," Miner said. "He takes a different direction whenever I give him an assignment."

Mike created the card by painting the design with a gauche (opaque water color) on rough, textured paper. Then he scanned the design into the computer and printed color separations for the final printing.

Mike said he's been interested in art since he was about eight years old.

"It was the only thing I was good at," he added.

He said his grandfather, Donald Dunn of Grand Rapids, has had a positive influence on him. He's a professional artist.

"I've looked at his paintings all my life," Mike said.

The aspiring artist is also influenced by artist Jean Michele Basquiat, a friend of pop-artist Andy Warhol. Both artists are deceased.

Mike has a philosophy about art he hopes will carry him through art school and into the professional world:

"If you're afraid of doing something, do it anyway."

He explained what he means. "If I'm painting a picture and I have part of it done that I really like, I may be afraid of painting something next to it because I might think I'm going to mess it up. But I find if I just go ahead and paint it anyway, it usually turns out fine. And if I don't like it, I can always paint over it."

Mike, who just turned 18 years old, is the son of David and Trish Lynch of Independence Township.

Batt is really pleased with Mike's design.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Chosen one: Mike Lynch's Christmas card design will be among the three distributed by SCAMP.

"We really like it," she explained. "It's different from what we've had in the past and we always try to select a different look from year to year."

Batt involved Miner's students in the card design competition five years ago.

"It's a good way for us to get a creative card and for the students to get recognition," Batt said. "We're really pleased with the final selection."

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fire millage. The township may levy 3 mills on its residents, but township citizens only pay 2.5 mills.

Library patrons will be able to use all the library services at the Independence Township Library. Clarkston will pay 0.75 mills times the SEV plus a 10 percent administrative fee. That comes to \$28,342 per year for library

services.

In addition, the township will receive all fine monies and any state appropriations to libraries Clarkston might be eligible for.

Trustee Neil Wallace said the township should ask the city to contribute to the library book fund, too. The township is focusing on improving the library collection. It budgeted \$250,000 in

the 1999 budget for books.

"We should at least be inquiring of the city what they are willing to do, even if it's just symbolic," Wallace said.

The fire agreement is for seven years, running from Jan. 1, 1999-Dec. 31, 2005. The library agreement is for six years, running from Jan. 1, 1999-Dec. 31, 2004.

At a Glance

Independence Elementary
Year built: 1999
Address: 6860 Hubbard Road, Clarkston, MI 48348
Principal: Chris Turner
Enrollment: 542 students
School mascot: Broncos
School colors: Bright purple, forest green and gold
School size: 68,740 square feet
School site: A former horse farm
School theme for 1999: "Endless Possibilities"
Mission statement: In the process of being developed

Golf course from page A1

Locricchio also has an option on 19 acres of vacant land owned by John Marshall. Another 14 acres of township land would be purchased by Locricchio.

The other two components are 66,000 square feet of premium office space in two buildings and two retail buildings that would be built on the Marshall and township parcels.

Locricchio and Albright would manage the golf course and banquet facility. Although particulars about payments were not made public, the financing would work like this: the township would borrow money to buy the golf course and Locricchio would pay the township a minimum amount each year from golf course profits. After the township pays off its debt in 15 years, it would own the course and also have the income from the golf course.

Manny Kniahynicky of MiK Consulting also is on-board with

the project. He is one of the developers and owners of the Bridge Valley residential project.

"We really see this as a mixed use," he said.

Locricchio said the project's fair market value is \$45 million. Prices for the two-story townhomes will start at \$250,000, he added.

Residents had concerns about traffic and views. Mike Zabel, who lives in the Lake Waldon Village subdivision to the north of the proposed development, said he and his neighbors were worried about looking at a condo instead of a fairway.

Another concern is their street, which dead ends at the edge of the property in question. They don't want a cut-through. Zabel said residents have enough problems with traffic and vandalism.

"If somebody opens that road up that makes the problem worse," Zabel said. "Our subdivi-

sion is an Autobahn to Spring Lake subdivision. It's a cut through."

Supervisor Dale Stuart said the road going to the condos will be a private road and the township does not want to put a public street through.

Trustee Neil Wallace added that perhaps the townhomes can be configured so that lengthening the public road would be impossible.

Stuart said the presentation will be repeated at the regular Nov. 16 meeting of the board. He encouraged residents to attend the meeting with thoughts, opinions or ideas on the concept. If the board decides it likes what has been proposed so far, more work with the developer can go fourth and the rezoning process can begin.

AGENDA

Charter Township of Independence Township Board Meeting Township Library 6945 Clarkston Rd. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16

Agenda

- ☐ Call to Order
- ☐ Pledge of Allegiance
- ☐ Roll Call
- ☐ Opening Statements and Correspondence
- ☐ Approval of Agenda
- ☐ Minutes of Previous Meeting
- ☐ Approval of Purchase Orders
- ☐ Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

- ☐ Public Forum
- ☐ Public Hearing-Fiber Link, Inc.
- ☐ Public Hearing-C.D.B.G. Annual Budget Application
- ☐ Unfinished Business
- 1. CenturyTel Right-Of-Way Permit Application
- 2. Presentation-Clarkston Creek-Receipt of Public Comment
- 3. Elected Officials Salary Compensation Committee Discussion
- 4. Review of Capital Projects
- ☐ New Business
- 1. Fiber Link, Inc. Right-Of-Way Permit Application
- 2. Liquor License Request-Bor-

- man's Inc., 6555 Sashabaw Road
- 3. Bid Award-DPW
- 4. Rezoning Request from R-2 to R-1B, Parcels 08-20-140-011 & 012, Dixie Hwy. and Pine Ridge Road
- 5. C.D.B.G. Annual Budget Application
- 6. Amendment of Uniform Traffic Code
- 7. Oakland County Environmental Infrastructure Fund
- 8. Request for Car Stipend-Treasurer
- 9. Request to Post New Positions-Parks & Recreation
- 10. Drug-Free Workplace Replay
- ☐ Closed Session: Property Purchase

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Parents unhappy with length of some bus rides

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Kelsey Foy lives on Amy Drive, almost within walking distance of the new Independence Elementary School.

"We only live four minutes away from Kelsey's school," said her mother, Colleen Foy.

Yet the first grade student spends 54 minutes riding the school bus in the morning.

Her parents don't think that's acceptable.

Neither do other neighboring parents whose children spend almost an hour on the bus one-way.

They approached the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education Tuesday and asked

them to look into the matter.

"I've had multiple contacts with the transportation department and I haven't gotten an adequate response," Foy said.

In addition, between the Independence students having to be bused first to one building until the new school building opened Monday, and then the move to the new school, Foy said she's had numerous bus schedule revisions sent home to her, often on torn pieces of paper.

"I was told that things would get better after the change to the new school. But instead, she's being picked up a few minutes earlier," Foy said.

Foy and the other parents who spoke, Lauren Culver and Carrie Gialer, said their children are

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Colleen Foy
—Mother

picked up as early as 7:15 a.m. They ride north along M-15 for 15 minutes to pick up children as far away as Rattalee Lake Road, and then are driven back to the school.

Crawford told the board she thought the communication between the transportation department and the parents has been "abysmal."

"We were talked to condescendingly and on the verge of rudeness," she said.

"I understand about the shortage of (bus) drivers in the school district. But is this what we have to live with for the rest of the school year?"

Gialer said she and other parents have formed a car pool because of the long bus trip for their young students.

"I have to wake up my eight-year-old son at 6:15 a.m. School

doesn't start until 8:15 a.m. My son isn't starting out his day very well," she said.

School superintendent Al Roberts told the parents "the buck stops" at his desk.

He assured them he'll meet with Ron Conwell, supervisor of transportation and Linda Nester, director of administrative and personnel services, to try to improve the situation.

He said a 45-minute bus ride is the maximum a Clarkston student should be on a school bus for one trip.

"Transportation is a problem," he said. "We have 7,200 kids to transport. I don't think we can do a half-hour bus ride with the resources we have. It's a balancing act right now," he said, referring to the shortage of bus drivers for the school district.

"It doesn't mean you will get the response you want," he said. "But we'll meet and get back to you."

He added there is no room for condescending attitudes among the "folks" on his team.

"I think they listened to us and will take it seriously," Foy said after the board meeting.

POLICE NEWS

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

Independence Township Police

Operating under the influence of liquor

On Nov. 7, police found a 28-year-old Waterford man slumped over the steering wheel of a truck on northbound Sashabaw Road, south of Maybee Road. After trying to get the man's attention, the police entered the vehicle, turned it off and removed the keys. The man exhibited signs of alcohol consumption. The result of a Breathalyzer test was .241. The legal limit is .10. The man was charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Reckless driving; possession of marijuana

On Nov. 7, a 17-year-old Waterford man was issued appearance tickets for reckless driving, driving without proof of insurance and possession of marijuana. The man drove a truck across a lawn, hit a vehicle parked in a driveway, continued driving on grass and struck a boulder on South Hampton Street. He then turned the truck around and drove back toward the lawn. A citizen stopped the truck and took the keys from the driver. Police found a baggie of marijuana the man allegedly hid in some bushes, according to the police report.

Assist fire department
On Nov. 4, police assisted Independence Township Fire

Department in responding to a fire at La Villa Ristorante at 6397 Sashabaw Road. The call came in to dispatch at 8:57 p.m. There were open flames on the ceiling of the restaurant. The cause of the fire was faulty wiring in one of the ceiling support pillars, according to the police report.

Larceny from an auto

On Nov. 4, someone entered a vehicle parked in front of the 5800 block of Willowpark Way and removed 250 compact discs and a case, several pieces of stereo equipment, two cell phones and medical supplies (no pharmaceuticals).

Springfield Township Police

Malicious Destruction of Property

On Nov. 7, someone sprayed paint on two vehicles parked in the 17100 block of Kropf. Damage to one of the cars was estimated at \$3,600.

On Nov. 7, someone threw a rock at a vehicle parked in the 700 block of Broadway. The rock caused damage to the vehicle's convertible top and the windshield.

On Nov. 6, someone threw a rock through a front window of a house in the 16100 block of Springfield Circle.

Independence Township Fire Department

Fire calls
Independence Township Fire Department responded to 27 calls from Nov. 4-8. These included 19 medical calls, four personal injuries, two building fires and two other calls.

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Legislators debate school building codes exemption

BY MIKE MALOTT
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All new buildings in Michigan are inspected for structural integrity when they are constructed — all buildings except schools.

And according to state senators, they haven't been since about 1978.

Wall collapses in two Michigan school districts have brought the issue to the forefront in the state legislature — one at a middle school in Woodhaven in 1990 and another at a high school in Flushing in 1998. No one was hurt in the collapse at the 1970s-era Woodhaven school, but repairs cost some \$6 million, according to Joe O'Reilly, legislative aide to Sen. Christopher Dingell (D-Trenton). Four workers died, however, in the collapse at the Flushing high school, where the wall was part of an auditorium under construction at the time.

Both incidents have been attributed to improper design and construction, and senators believe inspections would have caught the problems early.

Disagreements

Senators now aim to address the oversight, Republicans and Democrats alike, but there are disagreements over the best way to accomplish that goal. Those differences led to heated words recently.

"Senate Republicans are endangering the lives of school children across Michigan by repeatedly refusing to include schools in the state construction code. By not mandating the inspection of school buildings ... by inspectors trained to look for structural integrity, we run the risk of putting our children in dangerous buildings like the one in Woodhaven," Dingell said.

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His comments came after senators rejected a revision to the state construction code, Senate Bill 463, sponsored by Sen. Leon Stille (R-Spring Lake) and co-sponsored by Sens. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) and Dianne Byrum (D-Onondaga). The state code is enforced by building officials in local municipalities. The bill had been amended in the House to eliminate exemptions to the code, and therefore local inspections, for school buildings.

According to O'Reilly, the reason for the rejection was that Senate Republicans would prefer another bill sponsored by Sen. Mike Rogers (R-Howell). Senate Bill 805 would require that all new schools be inspected by the state Bureau of Construction Codes, but it would allow school districts to opt for inspections by local municipal building officials instead.

The difference between the two bills is not just politics, Rogers' Press Secretary Sylvia Warner assured. Taking the exemption for schools out of the state construction code might have some unintended consequences, she warned. Rogers'

bill, on the other hand, adds inspections in education law, resulting in the "cleanest public policy," easiest for school boards to understand and follow, Warner explained.

Additional research

Rogers' bill, SB 805, has received one hearing in committee, she said. Members asked for additional research before voting, so she predicted the bill would not reach the full Senate for a vote until early 2000.

According to O'Reilly, the delay to Rogers' bill is over the question of whether inspections should be conducted now for those schools which have been built in the past few years.

SB 463, by Sen. Stille, was once approved by senators, and won approval in the House. But representatives amended the bill to end the exemption for schools, causing senators to reject the measure. The bill is now headed to conference committee. Action on that bill may also be delayed until after the start of the new year.

When all is done, O'Reilly said the goal is to get schools inspected. If senators reject SB 463, Dingell will support Rogers' bills, O'Reilly said.

The oversight that led to the lack of construction inspections has a long history, according to O'Reilly. It dates back to the 1920s and '30s. At the time, he contended, school buildings were often the largest and most complicated building projects in many communities. Municipal building inspectors often did not have the expertise at the time to review construction for buildings of that size. Additionally, there were problems with animosities between school districts and the municipalities in which they were located — which is still an issue in school construction — as well as problems with sweetheart contracts

and out-and-out bribery.

"The one person considered to be above reproach was the state Superintendent of Public Education," O'Reilly said, so the job of inspecting school buildings was turned over to him. But state superintendents also did not have expertise in construction standards, so they increasingly relied on contracts with outside offices to conduct the actual on-site reviews.

In 1978, the entire job was turned over to the Office of Fire Safety under the State Fire Marshal.

"The number one safety issue for schools is fire safety, don't get me wrong," O'Reilly said, "and the Office of Fire Safety does an excellent job." But inspectors there also are not trained to review structural integrity, he said.

Long-standing problem

New school buildings have long been a source of disagreement between municipalities and local districts. Schools have for years been outside the control of zoning authorities within local governments, so while city councils and township boards are able to control the placement of all other buildings in their communities, placement of schools rests solely with the school board.

Up until 1992, zoning regula-

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(R-Howell)*

tions did apply to all non-school land and buildings in a district, O'Reilly explained. So municipalities could control placement of, for example, the district's bus garage. That ended in 1992 under a bill offered by then-Sen. Jack Faxon, which exempted all school land and buildings from local municipal control.

If zoning officials don't like those rules, city fire chiefs have long had stronger arguments with the state law. While it is state inspectors who do the reviewing, it is city fire departments that are expected to put out any blazes there. Some chiefs have complained that the rules mean their first look

inside new school buildings has come when they were called there for an emergency.

All those are side issues for the time being, O'Reilly said.

"The vast majority of school buildings typically exceed public building codes, but inspections are not required during construction," Rogers said. "Tragically, this oversight already has resulted in the deaths of several workers who were building an auditorium in Flushing just over a year ago. Requiring inspections of new construction projects assures parents that their children will be safe. Inspections help assure that human error won't result in another tragic incident."

Bill rejected

Senators rejected the amended SB 463 in a 16-20 vote Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Here's how area lawmakers voted:

Sens. George Z. Hart (D-Dearborn) and Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield Hills) voted yes.

Sens. Loren Bennett (R-Canton) Bill Bullard (R-Highland), Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion), Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak) and Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) voted no.

Sen. John D. Cherry Jr. (D-Clio) was absent.

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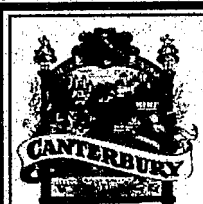
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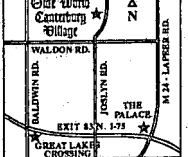
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In Springfield Township, for example, people can't burn leaves at any time.

"We don't allow any leaf or grass burning in the township," said fire department chief Charles Oaks.

Camp fires are allowed, but people need to check with the fire department before lighting those. There are regulations as to the size of the fire and the time it has to be doused for the evening.

Independence Township Fire Department has specific guidelines for residents to follow regarding open burning, according to fire marshal Greg Olrich.

Everyone who intends to burn yard waste, such as leaves and brush, must have a permit. These are available free at any one of the fire stations. The stations are at Citation Drive and M-15, at 7825 Sashabaw Road and at 5241 Maybee Road.

Once you that permit, these are the regulations to follow:

■ Residents living on less than three acres are allowed to burn only on specific days. These are the first Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday of the month and the third Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday of each month.

■ Residents living on three acres or greater are allowed any day as long as they have a valid permit.

There are a few general rules everyone has to follow to burn yard waste.

■ All materials must be burned from the site. The materials can't be brought to the site from somewhere else.

■ Open burning is allowed only between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. All fires have to be completely extinguished by 8 p.m.

■ Someone must attend the fire at all times.

■ Burn piles can't be larger than 6-feet in diameter.

■ No burning is allowed within 50-feet of any structure or near roadways.

■ Don't use flammable liquids to ignite a fire.

■ Burning isn't permitted on any construction site.

Anyone violating the regulations is subject to a \$75 fine for a first offense. A second offense fine is \$150 and revocation of the permit.

Author to speak at Friends meeting

Everyone is invited to hear one of the best known authors of wilderness and outdoor/travel guidebooks in the country, Jim DuFresne.

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Children's Village School receives coveted accreditation

After taking over the principal's helm from former educator Jim Amell, Bonnie Dutton is proud to say that the Oakland County Children's Village School has at long last received a coveted accreditation called the North Central Association Outcomes Endorsement.

The bid for this important accreditation for the school, which takes students assigned to it by the courts, took five years of planning, cooperating, implementing and documenting, Dutton said.

Officials received word from the NCA this summer that the school had received the accreditation.

Children's Village School is the first court-affiliated school in Michigan to receive such an endorsement, said Dutton and Mike Kehoe, who is the director of staff development and curriculum for the Waterford School District. Kehoe is also trained in the NCA endorsement process and has been a part of several teams that examined other schools in the state. The NCA accredits schools in seven Midwestern states.

While Children's Village School is a school for troubled or neglected children who have been placed there by the judicial system, and while it accepts students from 28 school districts in Oakland County as well as some from neighboring counties, it is overseen and staffed by the Waterford School District. Children who attend the school live at the site near the Oakland County Circuit Court complex off Telegraph Road.

Dutton became principal of the school four years ago following Amell, who began the process. About 180 students ages five through 18 attend the school, although that number can vary, she said. Some students stay only a few months and others remain for years.

The outcome endorsement is important for the school because it raises its credibility with other school systems and allows students who leave Children's Village and return to their home districts to receive credit for the classes they undertook while there, Dutton said.

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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 Township

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.

NORTH HOLLY ROAD

From: Grange Hall Road to north of Lahring Road

Community: Holly Township

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.

JOSLYN ROAD

From: At Brown Road
Community: Auburn Hills and Orion Township

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, and then resume in the spring. Throughout construction, one lane of Joslyn will be open in either direction, though Brown will be closed in both directions. Expect delays in the area.

MOST PRIMARY ROADS

Community: Groveland Township

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 Township

Details: Intersection being reconstructed, expect delays. Completion by the end of 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 shop-

ping center on Big Beaver. Expect delays. Completion date unknown.

MARTINDALE ROAD

From: South of 11 Mile Road

Community: South Lyon/Lyon Township

Details: A developer is paving this section of road. There may be delays and the road may be closed to through traffic. Completion date unknown.

MILFORD ROAD

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

Community: Rose Township
Details: This section of road is closed for resurfacing. Detour is M-59, Hickory Ridge and Fenton Road. Completion date is the end of November.

ORCHARD LAKE ROAD

■ From: At Northwestern Highway

Community: West Bloomfield Township

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

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Community: Wixom

Details: Water main being installed, and road being widened from two to 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 Township

Details: Gravel road being

paved to provide access to Walnut Creek Middle School. Detour is Haggerty Road, Pontiac Trail and Halsted 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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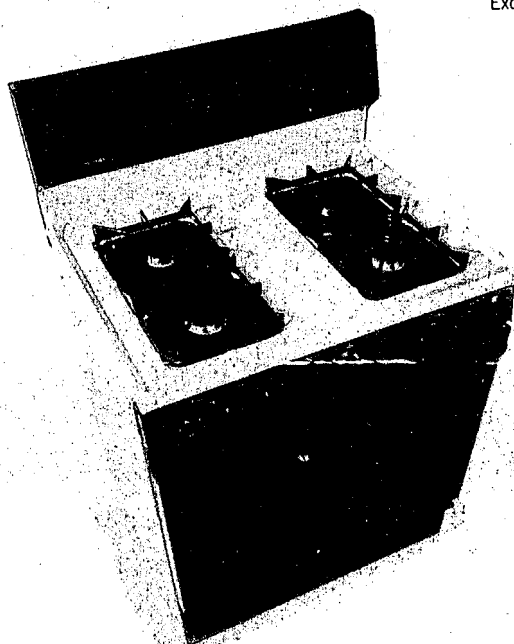
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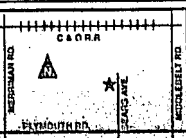
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Gift of life

Don't let donation decision wait

The vital need for organ and tissue donations in this country was spotlighted with the recent passing of legendary football running back Walter Payton. The Hall of Famer they called "Sweetness" was diagnosed with a rare liver disease last winter and became a candidate for an organ transplant. Payton used his name and celebrity status to bring the issue of organ and tissue donation to public attention — perhaps taking away from his personal woes and focusing his energies on saving others.

In the end it was cancer that robbed Payton of his opportunity to become an organ recipient, yet his enthusiasm for promoting such an important message never wavered.

In the state of Michigan alone, some 6,000 families are approached to become organ and tissue donors according to the Ann Arbor-based Gift of Life Agency. Sadly though, 10 people die each day in the United States due to the limited availability of organs.

This state has undertaken the task of improving its national per capita organ donation ranking with an aggressive campaign launched in July 1998. In just six months from the program's inauguration the number of state residents listed on the organ donor registry increased by 140 percent. The dramatic improvement came following the Secretary of State's decision to mail out organ donor registry enrollment cards with driver's licenses and personal identification cards.

"We've made it convenient for residents to make their personal wishes known," said Secretary of State Candice S. Miller earlier this year.

Individuals who wish to have their name placed on the registry only need to sign the

enrollment card and place it in the provided, stamped and addressed envelope. The card is mailed to the Secretary of State's office where the information is then forwarded to Gift of Life.

Although the registry process has been simplified, the ultimate test lies with the individual who must communicate their wishes regarding organ donation with their family. According to GOL a signature on the back of a driver's license is not a legally binding document and therefore the final decision remains with the family.

While the driver's license program can be one indication of the person's preference the more sure option would be to talk with your family members and loved ones in advance — the value of the conversation could mean the difference between life and death. Although Michigan now ranks 21st out of 50 states in per capita organ donations, the list must grow to 500,000 enrollees to adequately meet the needs of individuals requiring an organ transplant.

Don't wait until the death of a loved one is imminent to make a decision about organ donation. Carry on Walter Payton's and thousands of other individuals' message about the need for organ and tissue donation — give the gift of life.

Nov. 12-14 is Interfaith Donor Awareness Weekend in Michigan. Members of the clergy will be sharing the importance of organ and tissue donation throughout their religious communities via special speakers, distribution of donor registry cards and as part of their sermons. If you would like more information about the Gift of Life Agency or the Interfaith Donor Awareness Weekend, call (800) 482-4881.

Country Day facility lifts arts

Eighteen months after groundbreaking, Detroit Country Day School is putting the finishing touches on its \$20-million performing arts center, named for the Seligman Family, which put up \$1 million to jumpstart the fund-raising campaign.

Headmaster Gerald Hansen appropriately maintains that the Seligman Performing Arts Center located at 13 Mile Road and Lahser is foremost intended to foster the talents of drama, dance, music and visual arts students. At a time when parochial attitudes too often obscure the greater relevance of arts education, Country Day also should be praised for realizing that its exclusive, private-school facilities are not necessarily off-limits to the broader cultural community.

Hansen and artistic director Jeff Nahan are opening the doors to professional performing groups and local presenters. This Saturday, the much-anticipated opening of the center features the internationally renowned Orpheus Symphony Orchestra presented by the Chamber Music Society of Detroit. Interestingly, the Chamber Music Society's audience comes primarily from Oakland County, making it a convenient and acoustically worthwhile venue.

Clearly, the center shouldn't be mistaken for a community center. Fledgling or amateur arts groups need not apply. But as a first-class venue, the center may promise to attract first-class performers. And, according to Hansen, that may eventually mean bringing big-name stars and acclaimed musicians. The facility certainly can handle the type of marquee performers who sell tickets at the Fisher and Fox theaters.

■ In Oakland County, the performing arts center is a much-needed addition to a local scene of surprisingly few high-quality performing venues. Country Day's open-door approach proves that the arts are a crucial component in students' education, and essential for a community to foster a broader appreciation for culture.

The construction of the state-of-the-art, 40,000-square-foot facility with 700 seats, rehearsal spaces and classrooms offers a "balance," according to Hansen, to the science wing of the school, which opened this fall. The building of both wings is yet another symbol of Country Day's commitment to remaining in the forefront as an educational leader that realizes the inextricable role for the arts.

Most likely, the "availability" of the center will be scheduled around school functions. That leaves summer and holidays for rentals. Sounds like opportunity knocking for enterprising arts promoters.

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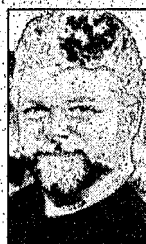
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Curtain rising: It is hoped that the new Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills will foster a broader appreciation for culture in the area.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

How do you deal with road rage?



"I try to be nice. I stay away from it."

Gordon Finlay

Clarkston



"I stay away from people. I make sure I calm down."

Victoria Klein

Independence Township



"I watch for other people and stay away from them."

Dan Taylor

Independence Township



"I count to ten."

Shields Linclome

Waterford Township

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

LETTERS

Township not so well-managed

Last week the Independence Township supervisor offered a broad, sweeping generalization that the township was well managed. This was presented as a justification to reject a proposal intended to improve the way the township determines compensation for its non-union employees and department directors. The supervisor and I have a difference of opinion of the value of that proposal. I still believe it would create a system that would enhance the township's ability to retain and attract good employees.

In my short tenure on the township board I have made or supported many proposals that would improve the management of the township. Those efforts are not yet complete. There remains much to be done to assure that this township is well-managed so that it can provide appropriate, needed services to its citizens and so that the township fulfills the pledge of its elected officials for orderly growth and the preservation of our special community character.

As a part of that, I am prepared to publicly debate the supervisor and to demonstrate, with a list of specifics, that the township is not as well managed as it could be or should be.

Very truly yours,
Neil E. Wallace

A veteran is a veteran

Webster's dictionary defines it as an annual U.S. holiday held every Nov. 11th, originally celebrated as Armistice Day to commemorate the end of the first World War. In 1954 the name was changed by President Eisenhower and dedicated to the sacrifices made by all U.S. servicemen and women.

I believe the general public has lost sight of the purpose of Veteran's Day and those who are meant to be recognized.

A veteran is not just a warrior who served with some combat unit in a remembered or forgotten war. A veteran is not just a decorated individual who puts on his uniform and marches in an annual parade. A veteran isn't just a name on a memorial.

How you served, when you served or where you served is irrelevant. That you served is...

A veteran is a man or woman who took time out of their lives to provide a service for those who did not. They pledged their indisputable allegiance to keep you from harm from all enemies, both foreign and domestic. They put their future on hold. They took the risk that at any given moment they could and would be put in harm's way if it meant ensuring the ideals of freedom and democracy, both ours and our neighbors. They did this without question, for it was their job.

Whether they served in the Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or National Guard, one common thread sewed them

together upon leaving the service. They all were entitled to the same recognition — they all became veterans.

Thirty years ago I walked into a local VFW Post and ordered a beer. The veteran next to me began to enlighten me that my war wasn't as important as his. I finished my beer and left. Was this a mind set or just a misconception? Today I am the commander of that same VFW Post. Through time the attitude has changed and the mind set now is focused on that of the veteran and not the war. This is as it should have been and should continue.

So when many of you enjoy your day off this Veteran's Day, remember, a veteran is a veteran, is a veteran, is a veteran....

David "Doc" Maloney
Waterford

Seeking what already exists

I read with amazement what the 300-plus people who attended the open meeting to discuss the Village needs were looking for in the Village.

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We are a Village business and have been here for the last 28 years. We have steady customers from a 50-plus mile radius who come because they like what we carry. I question how many of the meeting's attendees actually shop in the Village or are familiar with what we offer here.

One request was a pub. Try the Clarkston Union. Another, a dress shop-try Village Apparel. A few months back a council member said, "There is no place to buy a greeting card in the Village." Try Rudy's, The Union General, or Clarkston Country Store/Main Street Antiques. I've had cards for 28 years. Even try an antique postcard for a great twist.

Count your blessings of the small town atmosphere and, come visit our block and a half business district, filled with fine quality merchandise and extremely friendly merchants, who are most often the owners.

Gini Schultz
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Talented people stand ready to help our youngsters succeed

As most citizens can attest, massive changes are taking place in the workplace. New technologies and a strong economy have helped to create a world that demands speed, accuracy and an ability to compete in the global marketplace.

So what does this mean for Clarkston students? It means the rules of the game have changed and unless adjustments are made, they will not be able to compete successfully for the jobs of tomorrow.

The futurists tell us today's first grader will have several careers in his/her lifetime. That is a scary thought for those of us who grew up in a generation that expected to stay in a line of work throughout our work years.

Our schools are working hard to provide students with proper academic preparation; a curriculum that enhances the awareness, skills, attitudes and abilities that will be necessary for employment; and, the opportunity for hands-on exploration.

Yes, our students are learning to integrate technology into their study of core curriculum areas. They are using multi-media technology to express their ideas and to share knowledge with one another.

They are examining career options through the utilization of software, the viewing of print and non-print materials, and through contact with those "in the field."

As part of class assignments, our teachers are stressing the need to possess a good work ethic, the ability to function as a member of a team, and the need to communicate clearly.

They are working with students to develop business plans, create multi-media presentations, and to examine a wide range of career possibilities.

And applied technology courses can be found at all levels of operation (elementary, middle and high schools).

Areas of emphasis include the arts, English and language arts, the math and sciences, career and technical education and media production, to name a few.

Our pupils are also receiving some real-life experiences through co-op programs and summer work opportunities.



AL ROBERTS

■ We have so many talented folks who are ready, willing and able to join us in our quest to help youngsters succeed.

They are learning, as most adults do, that their attitude does matter, that things do not always run as smoothly as planned, and that they can be an active part of the continuous improvements process.

As you might be able to envision, our wonderful new facilities are providing an environment that makes it possible to see the world differently, and I am finding that we adults are learning to take advantage of our surroundings.

Teachers are utilizing the space and technology that is now available to encourage active learning, and to greet the world ahead with open eyes. But we have lots of improvements to make, and we will continue to make necessary changes.

As good as this sounds, there is more! The Chamber of Commerce has joined forces with the schools to help us extend opportunities for our children. In fact, the Chamber will be creating a data bank of community resources and guest speakers.

I like to think of this data bank as Operation-Community Talent. We have so many talented folks who are ready, willing, and able to join us in our quest to help youngsters succeed!

Early development could be hot topic

The findings of a decade of medical and scientific research on how babies develop are perfectly clear and undisputed:

■ A child's intelligence arises from the set of sensory experiences during the first 10 years of life, with the most crucial period being from birth to age three.

■ If the very early years are squandered, the ability to learn is forever after compromised.

■ What parents of newborns should do is hardly rocket science: Talking, singing and reading to them, tickling them while changing their diapers, helping them draw with chalk, holding and snuggling them. What's new is the intuition and experience that guided parents in the past are today being validated by hard science.

Despite overwhelming evidence, today's reality in Michigan remains stubbornly deficient in focusing on the needs of children, parents and child care providers during the key, early years.

■ A study by the Lansing-based Public Sector Consultants found that children in Michigan who are in kindergarten after age five receive three times the public and private support that pre-kindergartners get: \$7,200 per year versus \$2,200 per year.

■ The same study found that 96 percent of Michigan workers have no employer-sponsored early childhood benefits, whether paid family leave or subsidized child care.

■ Over the weekend, *The Detroit News* reported that the people who care for children in Michigan often make less than a hamburger flipper at the local fast food. Median per-hour wages for child care workers are \$7.03, compared to a bus driver's \$11.55 or a kindergarten teacher's \$19.85.

What we have here is a classic disconnect between what we know — we should focus our resources on our children from birth to the time they enter kindergarten — and what we actually do. I can forgive people or societies for not doing the right thing when they don't know any better. But it's hard to forgive when people persist knowingly in dumb behavior.

There are signs wise people in Michigan are beginning to take this situation seriously.

In the Michigan legislature, of all places, a bipartisan Children's Caucus is beginning to look hard at what the state can do to help the development of very young children. Caucus leaders include Reps. Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham), Hubert Price (D-Pontiac), Lynne Martinez (D-Lansing) and Edward LaForge (D-Kalamazoo).

The first meeting last month attracted around



PHILIP POWER

25 Representatives and Senators. Rather than jumping to develop specific legislative proposals, the caucus is intended to provide lawmakers with information about early childhood development they can use later in weighing policy responses.

Roots for the caucus lie in the Ready-To-Learn Leadership Summit, which took place in June and gathered some 50 leaders from all sectors of the state. The group listened to a report by Joan Lessen-Firestone, an early childhood expert and consultant for Oakland Schools, who presented a summary of what scientists have learned about child development over the past 20 years.

The impact of what Firestone and other experts had to say was head-spinning. For example, one study suggested that the return on investment in early child development could be enormous. If society were willing to spend \$12,000 per child for the years from birth, total social spending (in reduced crime, prisons, and other social ills stemming from incomplete childhood development) could be cut by \$88,000.

The best perspective for me (I attended the Summit and was fascinated) was a quote from Becky Beauchamp, of Traverse City's United Way: "The most important thing that can come out of this is to realize that children are a priority. We revere youth in this country, but we do not value children. We've proven again and again that if something is a priority, we can find a solution. If we decide a \$6 million football stadium is a priority, we find a way to build it."

I wouldn't be at all surprised if concerns about early childhood development wind up to be a central issue in Michigan public policy over the next decade.

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Clarkston kids: 'Momma, I'm hungry!'

The following article was written by Rick Hedden, a Clarkston-based marketing and communications consultant who helps business build profit through responsible, community-oriented programs. He is a resident of Independence Township, member of Calvary Lutheran Church Council and the concerned father of one.

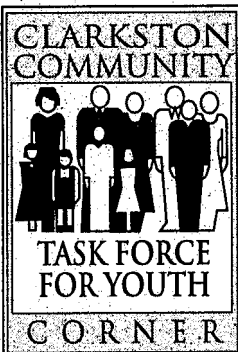
We're pretty lucky here in Clarkston, aren't we? As an affluent suburban community, most of our families enjoy a great sense of security. Our per capita numbers for income, housing and standard of living are above average. That's what makes the results of a recent study so unsettling.

Since the US government details nutrition and health standards, we're all label readers and we're careful to get lots of nutrients and avoid the 'bad' stuff like fat, sugar and cholesterol. Our foods are 'fortified' with extra vitamins and there are more low-fat choices. So would it surprise you to learn 67% of our 7th, 9th and 11th graders are getting less than half the nutrients they should be getting? The nutrients I'm talking about are important for development, but they aren't vitamins, minerals or proteins. These nutrients don't build healthy bodies; they build healthy people.

The Search Institute (www.search-institute.org, phone 1-800-888-7825) has identified 40 developmental assets that give children and young adults what they need to succeed. Just as malnutrition can threaten their physical health, a developmental asset shortage threatens their personal future and our community.

Development assets are provided by families and the community. They fall into these broad categories: External Assets such as support, empowerment, boundaries & expectations and constructive use of time; and Internal Assets such as a commitment to learning, positive values, social competency and a positive identity.

Recently Clarkston 7th, 9th and 11th graders participated in a study looking for these assets in their lives. It showed that two-thirds of Clarkston kids have less than half of the 40 assets; the average kid in these grades is growing up with only 17 of the 40 assets. What does that mean to us? If we compare our average to



■ The average Clarkston kid is . . . 19 times as likely to use cocaine, LSD, PCP, heroin or amphetamines three or more times in the next 12 months.

kids with 31 to 40 assets, the average Clarkston kid is:

— 10 times as likely to use alcohol three or more times in the next 30 days or to get drunk at least once in the next two weeks.

— 7 times more likely to have had sex on three or more occasions.

— Nearly 6 times as likely to fight, injure someone, carry a weapon or threaten physical harm.

— 19 times as likely to use cocaine, LSD, PCP, heroin or amphetamines three or more times in the next 12 months.

Now let's look at positive behaviors. Compared to the average Clarkston kid, those who have 31 to 40 assets are far more likely to succeed in their lives:

— 3 times as likely to get mostly A's on report cards.

— 64% more likely to value getting to know people of other racial/ethnic groups.

— Nearly twice as likely to pay attention to healthy nutrition and exercise.

— 71% more likely to save money for something special instead of spending it right away.

These findings have serious implications for every sector of our community — every business, every family and every individual. The findings should shock you.

While the answer isn't as simple as switching to another breakfast cereal, there are simple things that we can each do to save our kids and our community. The Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth coordinates initiatives that build assets in Clarkston kids. Contact this community coalition at 394-0252 or www.clarkstonyouth.org to learn more or to get involved. If you run a business and want to learn how building assets can build profits while making your community healthier, contact Rick Hedden at 394-1420 or rick@hedden.com.

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Bowhunters take 37 deer without incident at Stoney Creek Park

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Bowhunters "culled" 37 deer from Stoney Creek Metropark near Rochester last weekend in the first of a series of hunts aimed at reducing the size of the herd in three Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority parks.

Dave Moilanen, chief of Interpretive Services and Public Relations for the metroparks, called it a success. There were no accidents. Hunters behaved professionally. Protesters both for and against the hunt exchanged words but not blows at the park entrance. Some two miles from the area, protesters did not disrupt the hunt.

Only a few helicopters overhead imposed. The HCMA is still trying to identify one of the choppers, Moilanen said. If found, its owner could be charged under Michigan's hunter harassment law, which makes it illegal to disturb game in order to disrupt a legally conducted hunt.

Some of the outdoorsmen complained one television chopper came in too low in order to get footage. The station won't be cited, Moilanen said, although its reporters are being asked to stay further away from the area.

That's the report Moilanen will give to the HCMA board in a meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, in its administrative offices in Kensington Metropark. The board will get its first chance to review the hunt at that time.

It also means the HCMA's plans are on track, Moilanen said, both to remove a total of 175 deer from Stoney Creek by the end of three more weekends of hunting by mid-December, and for future

culling at the Hudson Mills park near Ann Arbor and Kensington Metropark in Milford.

The most seriously over-populated park, Kensington is scheduled for a night hunt, over bait piles, conducted by professional sharpshooters sometime in mid-January.

The Kensington herd needs to be thinned by some 200-250 deer, Moilanen explained, although he said he doubts that many will be taken this year.

The HCMA believes the ideal density for deer population is 20-25 per square mile, but a count last year showed densities in Kensington as high as 117 per square mile. Already, park naturalists believe they have lost

some 23 species of plants due to deer grazing and that smaller animals are being pressured out of the park. There have been unconfirmed reports of deer deaths due to starvation in past years.

Moilanen denied accusations from anti-hunt activists that the culling at the parks is a backdoor attempt to open HCMA lands to sportsmen.

Protesters Noreen Owens and Judy Brock issued a press release just prior to the Stoney Creek hunt, pointing out that the Hunting and Fishing Task Force of Michigan, a panel appointed by Gov. John Engler, has recommended that parks in southeast Michigan be opened to deer hunting. Although HCMA parks were not mentioned, the recommendations called for the opening of "urban parks" to hunting.

Moilanen said there is no connection between the HCMA and the task force. Nor are there plans to continue hunting in the parks. He said the culling is strictly a "management tool" intended to regulate the size of the deer herds.

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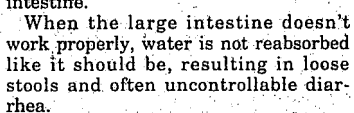
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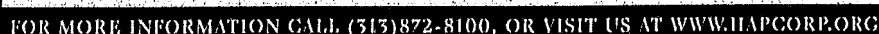
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BOY SCOUT TROOP #284
7-8:30 p.m., King of Kings Lutheran Church, 1715 South Lapeer, Lake Orion. Any boy 11 years of age or older are welcome to join (no previous camping experience required).

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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.

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7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings, North Oakland Counseling Associates, 6401 Citation Drive, Clarkston (248) 620-1019. This free 10-week educational group will focus on issues such as building self-esteem, developing communication and conflict management skills, learning about alcohol and other drugs and practical ways to develop a healthy, happy lifestyle. Enrollment is still open.

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Those interested may contact Catherine Passmore at (248) 922-9481.

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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) 659-2094 to register.

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NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

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is a tickling noise, actually, and I wonder if leaves appreciate a tickle.

I can hear wind chimes too. There are two sets making music around me — one low-pitched and one high. The wind, it would seem, is a woman of many talents.

I open my eyes and begin walking again toward a faint, glowing yellow light. It is a porch light, the only one shining on this particular block. It glows around an American flag like an aura and does not really illuminate the house from which it's mounted, or the houses that line up on either side.

I stop again to listen as Old Glory whips against herself in the wind. On this night she gives off the snapping sound of schooner masts. I watch her as she permits the wind to take her. She snaps and straightens, snaps and straightens, snaps and straightens.

Behind her, a tall burning bush does what a burning bush

is supposed to do.

It glows red with envy. Sometimes I can get all the way through a walk without hearing a cacophony of barking dogs. Tonight I am lucky. They are silent, perhaps appreciating the sounds of the peaceful in-between too.

As I walk along I cannot help but notice that a lot of people have saved their pumpkins. Halloween is over but the pumpkins linger, some sad-faced, others happy or unusually surprised, big-eyed, open-mouthed, hollowed.

I consider them and my mind drifts: They are the faces of boys I used to know. Eighteen-year-old boys who were told they were men and then sent abroad to prove it.

David was proud of his adventure. Proud of his admission into the Marines. Awkward and slow in high school, he sent a letter of military advice to President Lyndon Johnson when he was a senior — and got a response.

John was a popular, handsome clown. He pushed me into the school's pool one night and turned my white blouse into a sopping, embarrassingly-sheer source of a joke. He exposed me to the world (as I knew it) and made me laugh with flattery at the same time.

The fact is, he made the emerging woman in me see the emerging man in him.

After that, in 1968, David and John went off to Vietnam, where they died.

I don't know if President Johnson ever followed David's well-meant advice. And I don't know if John even attempted to play the clown in war.

All I know is that two boys graduated from high school and went away to fight for freedom so that 30-some years later, when Americans were saving daylight, I could take a safe walk and listen to the peace of the in-between place — and see their faces again in the carvings of pumpkins.

Colon from page B1

removed.

They chose to have her colon removed. In place of her colon and rectum, Claire has a J-pouch. It is an internal pouch made of small intestine that captures feces. She can still go to the bathroom normally. But now she is battling an infection in the pouch. Drugs help control it, but it is potentially dangerous to take the medications long-term.

Meanwhile, Claire has occasional embarrassing moments where she soils herself. Balmas said the family is lucky because Claire attends Cedar Crest Academy, a small, private

school. The other students know Claire's condition and accept it.

"She does have her times when she gets really down," Balmas said.

And Claire said as she gets older and has to deal with different social situation, she may run into unkind people. She said while her friends are supportive, they cannot know what she's been through.

"I told them how awful my doctor's appointment was and they said they knew, but they can't know," she said.

Balmas said she wants children and young adults to have a

place where people really do understand what they have to contend with. Claire attends a support group with adults, but grown-ups have issues such as intimacy they don't want to bring up in front of a child.

"We can help the kids as well as the parents," Balmas said.

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Independence kids improve vocal skills

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Clarkston elementary school students got a first-hand glimpse of what lies ahead of them if they continue in the district's vocal program.

They watched intently as the top high school

choir—the Madrigal Singers—performed the familiar ditty, "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" as the younger students had never heard it performed before.

This was all part of the choir clinic for 180 fifth grade students who willingly give up their recess time for their school choirs. Students from Independence Elementary weren't able to attend, since they were getting ready to move to their new school building.

The students from the other elementary schools were bused to the high school for an instructional clinic with the two middle school choir directors, Becky Linder and Danielle Blanchard, and with the high school choir director, Mike Peterson.

It was also an inspirational clinic for the elementary school students.

"The whole idea was for them to meet the upper level teachers before they move on to the middle school and to see what they will do in upper level choir programs," said Blanchard, the choir director at Clarkston Middle School. "We wanted to inspire them today as well as instruct them."

And, she said, according to the look on the students' faces as they heard themselves singing at the end of the clinic, they knew they were taking home new and improved vocal skills.

When the youngsters came to the clinic, they already knew three of the same songs, even though they were from different elementary schools.

They were divided into groups, and received instruction from the different teachers. They performed for each other, listened and learned.

"This is the first time we've ever had a clinic like this and I can't wait to do it again," Blanchard said. "It was really worthwhile. I think we inspired many of the children to continue with the vocal program when they reach middle school and high school."



Demonstrating: Clarkston High School choral music director Michael Peterson has Katelyn Shiel and Andrea LeVasseur from Springfield Plains Elementary School sing part of a song.

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Choir clinic: Clarkston Middle School teacher Danielle Blanchard works with fifth grade students about pitch.

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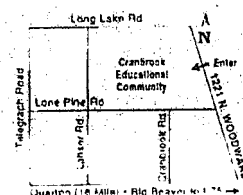
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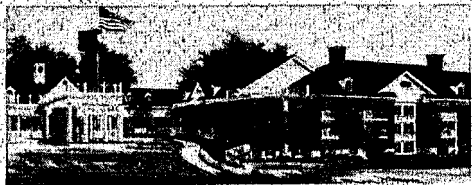


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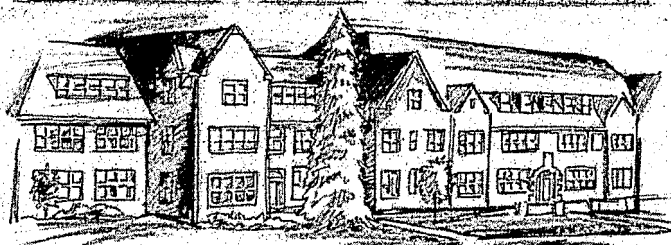
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Morale boost: Hair stylist Keith Brown helps Troy resident Glynis Sylvia with her makeover as she prepares to return to work.

Program helps women enter the work force

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Gayle Hoffmeister remembers the first time she reported to Women to Work, a five-week program geared to women returning to the job market.

"I was scared," said the 43-year-old Clarkston resident, remembering how the drive to Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) in Southfield was fraught with uncertainty. "I almost turned back," she recalled.

Those anxieties seemed almost silly Monday, as Hoffmeister and six other Women to Work graduates underwent complete "makeovers" at Virtuoso, a new salon in Birmingham. The makeovers including shampoo, haircut and makeup application — were courtesy of owner Barsoum Bouchar, who thought the women could use a boost to further their return to the work force.

"It was wonderful," Hoffmeister said after her two-hour session. "My kids thought I looked great."

The exuberance Hoffmeister felt Monday — contrasted and her near despair about two months ago — is typical for the women who look to JVS for help, said Laura Sacks Kohn, coordinator of the Women to Work program.

"The women who come to us have usually gone through a serious life change," she said, "such as the death (or disability) of a spouse or a divorce. Their self confidence may have taken a beating, and they lack self esteem."

They need a job, Kohn said, "but they don't realize their skills are marketable."

The first order of business, Kohn said, is to deal with the life change that lead to their being in this situation. "Yes, something devastating has happened," she continued, "and it's painful. But where do they go from here?"

"Their lives may be in tatters today," she said. "But tomorrow can be different."

Participants in the program meet twice a week to testing and learning. Trainees learn the job areas for which they might be suited, and they learn some of the basic skills needed for meaningful employment.

"They get a little computer training," said Kohn, "not enough to be computer literate, but enough to ease any fear of computers."

Perhaps the most important things trainees learn, according to Kohn, is that they already have some marketable skills. As home-makers or stay-at-home mothers trainees developed skills many employers value, she said.

"Homemakers know how to organize," said Kohn, "they know how to meet deadlines, and they know how to handle many tasks simultaneously. We help them realize their potential and to market those skills."

Kohn said JVS offers Women to Work, including follow up counseling, periodically, as trainees sign up. The program is free to women who are widowed or divorced, have been home-makers for 10 years or longer and have not had a job within the last five years.

Others are charged on a sliding scale based on ability to pay, said Kohn.

Hoffmeister considers herself to be somewhat typical of most Women to Work trainees. She was getting divorced — after 17 years of marriage — and she had four children. After years of being a homemaker, Hoffmeister, 43, had to get a job.

She heard about Women to Work and, although she's Catholic, Hoffmeister turned to JVS.

It was reassuring to realize other women were in similar situations, Hoffmeister said. "And it was really reassuring to find out there was help available."

Glynis Sylvia, 36, of Troy said she appreciated the help she received compiling her resume and preparing for job interviews.

Having gone through a "hideous" divorce, Sylvia said she also appreciates the interim job she has as a switchboard operator at JVS — something that will help her polish work skills and further her long-range goals.

Diane Moore, 52, of Farmington Hills, said her plans include attending Wayne State University, possibly as an art history major. "I'd like to work in an art gallery," she said. "I now have the confidence to try it."

Sandra Bogin, 48, of Oak Park, is currently attending Oakland Community College and preparing to re-enter the work force. But after 25 years as a stay-at-home caregiver, Bogin wasn't certain about her career path.

One option, she said Monday as awaited her makeover, is stand-up comic.

There has to be some humor in the "messy" divorce she had endured, Bogin said. Perhaps she could make something out of it.

Asked for an example, Bogin paused. "My husband insisted that if I went back to work, the house would somehow stay clean. I'm still looking for one of those self-cleaning houses," she said.

The makeovers — valued at \$150 — were almost fun to do, said Georgett Shamaoun, who has been a stylist for about 15 years. "We wanted them to look their best," she said, "and the women were so appreciative."

Hoffmeister said her makeover was a big success. "The kids thought I looked great," she said. "And when you look great, you feel great."



New look: Gayle Hoffmeister of Clarkston gets her hair styled.

November tantalizes all with a warm taste of spring

NATURESCAPES

Travels with a Naturalist-Postcards from Alaska

Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center
Friday, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Nature photographer Doug Locke will present a series of postcard-perfect images of Alaska's glaciers, mountains and wildlife. Mount Denali, College Fjord, Glacier Bay, dall sheep, grizzly bears, moose, ptarmigan and whales are just a few to be seen. Pre-registration is required. (810) 781-4621.

Bird of Prey

Kensington Metropark Nature Center
Saturday, Nov. 20, 1:30 p.m.

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Sunday, Nov. 21, 11:30 a.m.

Explore the history, facts and myths about turkeys and the Thanksgiving holiday at the farm learning center. Pre-registration is required. (810) 752-5932.

Full Moon Walk-The Beaver Moon

Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center
Tuesday, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Take a walk under the "Beaver Moon" and learn about nature's creatures of the night and moon folklore. For adults and children 6 and older. Pre-registration is required. (810) 781-4621.

Note: For general information on all the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, locations and entry permits, phone 1-800-477-PARKS or visit their web site at <http://www.metroparks.com>

Spring peepers chimed rhythmically from the barely moist wetland until my leaf-crunching footsteps silenced the tiniest of frogs. Nearby, a red-winged blackbird flashed his epaulettes and loudly proclaimed the landscape his own. A small garter snake sunned a few feet from a lone dandelion.

Moments later, as I bush-whacked through an aspen thicket, a startled ruffed grouse exploded into low-altitude frantic flight.

A perfect spring morning among the hills and swales of northern Oakland County. The proclamation of a new season. But this was not spring. This past Halloween weekend produced perfect juxtaposition of the seasons. Autumn mated with spring.

With signs of late autumn everywhere, the harbingers of spring made a final curtain call. Or perhaps it was just a preview of what awaits in six more months. Nature cycles and recycles, for that is nature's way. And when seasons that are half a year apart overlap, that moment brings smiles to those who walk in the woods.

A neighbor commented to me that it was "so weird" that the frogs were calling just like it was

OAKLAND...NATURALLY



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

spring, I smiled, but said little, for he was dressed in shorts (as was I) and joggers went by shirtless. Spring-like behavior. And downtown Clarkston and Pontiac filled with humans dressed for spring. Of course, I left my window wide open all night.

The sweet smell of burning leaves scented the air. I barbecued and watched neighbors ride horseback. The clip-clop of hooves against hard packed earth announced the horses arrival to my dog long before I knew they were coming. And with my spring-autumn barbecue out of the way, I settled in to watch and listen and relax and read, for a two-for-one seasonal mix will not come again this millennium.

There was nothing weird about the singing frogs, the grouse flight, the red-winged blackbirds' behavior, the sun-soaking snake or the spring song

of the chickadee. Nature's creatures and we humans all took advantage of the moment. We were all stirred by warmth. We are one. That we often forget. The same forces that aroused the frost-silenced frogs to song, had you shedding your coat and shifting into spring-like behavior.

Whether you soaked up sunshine from a lawn chair in Southfield, a field of corn stubble in Independence Township, or through the open window of your car as you sat frustrated, again, in the usual Square Lake Road traffic jam in Bloomfield Township, you in all likelihood savored the sweetness of seasons blended. But November is here.

November. A time when raccoons and squirrels forcibly enter human homes through weak spots on old roofs. A time when milkweed pods split open, sending silvery parasails - each suspending a single seed - into flight. A time when the last of the wood ducks and mallards leave. A time when bucks are in velvet and muskrats retire to thick lodges. A time to kick leaves on country lanes. A time when ladybugs appear in homes, human drive home in the dark, golden tamaracks shed needles and the earth cools. A time when wet flurries turn to dry flakes and then swirling snow squalls. I have much to do before snow

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blankets the land. Firewood needs splitting. The chicken coop needs to be downsized to retain warmth. Big dog wants his cold season bed of straw moved out of the shade of the barn. (He rejoices in the cold.) And now is the time to expand on my wildflower meadow. While others plant seed in the spring, I sow meadows of black-eyed Susans, purple cone flowers, poppies and daisies in November. The naked seeds - as nature intended - will sleep the winter away on frozen bare earth. The seasons circle. Winter's breath is traveling on November's wind. Winter won't tease.

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Oakland offers seminars for small business

Seminars of interest to small business owners are offered monthly by the Oakland County Small Business Center at the office complex at 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac.

The seminars are offered by professionals in the small business development industry and cover a variety of topics.

Here's a sampling:

■ **Starting a Business in Oakland County.** Information about the local business climate and services offered by the county.

■ **Writing a Business Plan.** A workshop for small business owners. Developed by the Michigan Small Business Development Center (MI-SBDC), the class guides participants through the steps on how to prepare a business plan and provides resources. Scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$35, including workbook and refreshments.

■ **The Marketing Plan.** Successful techniques and marketing principles to help business owners promote their products, services or ideas, conducted by the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). To be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 23. The fee is \$40.

Space is often limited, so pre-registration is advised. For additional information or preregistration call (248) 858-0783.

Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services offers an array of community planning and business development services including: economic development, site location, small business, export and financial assistance; community planning; market research data; digital maps and aerial photos.

The web site address for Oakland County is www.co.oakland.mi.us

Southfield group sets county events

The Southfield-based Alliance for the Mentally Ill will host several events during November and December, including:

■ **Family support meetings (south)** for relatives of persons who suffer from mental illness at 7:30 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 15 and Dec. 6 and 20, at the Mental Health Building, 15920 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield.

■ **Family support meeting (north)** at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Christ the Redeemer Church, 4005 Baldwin Road, Lake Orion. The church is two miles north of I-75.

■ **An AMI general meeting** at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, in Classroom AB1W of Beaumont Hospital's Administration Building, 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. A speaker is planned.

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Identity thieves face stiffer felony charges in Michigan

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Applying for a loan or credit in someone else's name — also known as identity fraud or credit info theft — will net perpetrators

a felony charge worth up to four years in jail under legislation approved in Michigan.

No one is quite sure how often it is happening here. A legislative analysis said no data is available on how often credit

applications are submitted in someone else's name in Michigan. The Attorney General's office has declined to estimate the frequency of this crime in this state.

But it does happen. Rep. Bob

Brown (D-Dearborn Heights) said a constituent in his district was a victim. After someone applied for credit in her name and racked up \$50,000 worth of debt, it took her many hours to clear her name.

And that is why he introduced House Bill 4413, increasing penalties for so-called identity theft.

"Criminals need very little information to secure credit using someone else's identity.

Considering the amount of information we often provide in places of business or even through the Internet, it's easy for a person to get the information they need to apply for a credit card or get a loan using someone else's name."

Brown's bill increases the penalty for identity fraud to four

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Bob Brown
(D-Dearborn Heights)

years in prison or a \$2,500 fine. The Senate gave approval to the bill 37-0 on Oct. 14. It was approved by the House in a 107-0 vote back in June.

Full support

All local lawmakers supported the measure. It is now headed to the governor's desk for a signature.

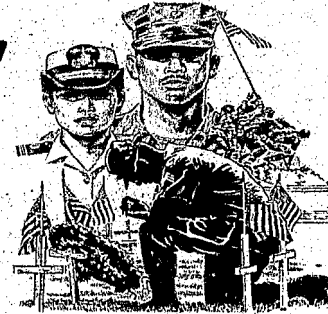
Brown's bill was tie-barred to House Bill 4598, sponsored by Stephen Ehardt (R-Lexington), which makes it illegal to possess credit information with the intent of passing it on to another for the purpose of credit fraud. The bills also make it illegal to possess a credit application form filled out in another person's name, even if it has yet to be submitted.

"These types of crimes not only cause huge financial headaches, but they can mean a huge loss of time for the victim, who can dedicate hundreds of hours to clearing his or her name. Many people don't even realize how valuable their credit identity can be, so when it comes to punishment, we need to make sure the penalties match the seriousness of the crime," Brown said.



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 - KTP Designs Inc.....Berkley
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- Bright Jewelers 44344 Cherry Hill 734-844-2404.....Canton
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- Bill's Outdoor Care.....Canton
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 - D.A. Alexander & Co.....Livonia
 - 10% Discount.....Livonia
 - Saxton's Garden Center.....Plymouth
 - 10% Off All Hand Garden Tools.....Plymouth
- \$ Pizza**
- Cottage Inn Pizza.....Birmingham
 - 2 Large Pizzas W/One Item \$12.99.....Birmingham
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 - 10% Off Any Dinner Entree (Carry Out Only).....Farmdale
 - Clubhouse BBQ.....Farmdale
 - Free 2 Liter of Paygo with Any Purchase (\$7 Min.).....Farmdale
 - Code 30 Coffee Cafe Inc.....Redford
 - \$1.00 Off Any Flavored Latte.....Redford
 - Dairy Queen of Royal Oak.....Royal Oak
 - 10% Off Total Bill.....Royal Oak
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 - Don Pedro's.....Redford
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 - 10% Off Total Food Bill With \$10 Purchase or More.....Berkley
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 - 10% Off Total Food Bill.....Clawson
 - Steve's Deli.....Bloomfield Hills
 - \$10.00 Off Any Catering Order.....Bloomfield Hills
 - Subway.....Berkley/Ferdale
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 - Supreme Deli.....Clawson
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- A Shady Business.....Walled Lake
 - 10% Off Any Lamp Purchase.....Walled Lake
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 - 10% Off All Reg. Priced Merchandise (Excludes Labor).....Livonia
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room brick, garage, air, appli-
ances, fenced for pets \$750
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A few tips as deer hunting season starts on Monday

It's here! The highly anticipated opening day of the 1999 firearms deer season begins one-half hour before sunrise on Monday.

The season always brings excitement and joy to the hunters who have waited nearly a year for its return. But before venturing afield in search of the wily whitetail, let's take a moment to review the 10 Commandments of Firearms Safety.

- **Treat every gun as if it were loaded.** Always open the chamber of a gun to be sure it is unloaded and treat every gun with the same respect you would treat a loaded gun.

- **Never point your gun at anything you don't intend to shoot.** Always be aware of where the muzzle of your gun is pointed.

- **Know your firearm and its ammunition.** Be sure your firearm is in safe working condition and that the barrel is free of all obstructions. Double check your ammunition to be sure it fits your gun.

- **Do not load your gun until you are ready to hunt.** Always store your firearm unloaded and in a case. Never leave a firearm loaded or unattended.

- **Be sure of your target and what is behind it.** Before putting your finger in the trigger be absolutely sure you have correctly and positively identified your target, then look past your target to be sure it is safe to shoot.

- **Beware of fatigue when handling a firearm.** Long hours on the hunt can cause fatigue, which leads to carelessness. Be sure you're well-rested and if you get tired take a nap to rejuvenate yourself.

- **Never take chances with a loaded firearm.** Never climb fences, jump ditches or make awkward moves while carrying a loaded firearm. Either unload the weapon or hand it to a companion to hold while making your move.

- **Use care when practicing.** Be sure your backstop will prevent ricochets.

- **Store your guns safely.** When not in use, always store your guns away from ammunition and out of the reach of children and inexperienced users.

- **Never mix firearms with alcohol or drugs.** Never consume alcohol or mood altering drugs before or during target practice or hunting.

mandatory hunters orange and hunter safety classes have drastically reduced the number of hunting accidents in the state. But one is still too many. If everyone practices safety during the upcoming season we could well match the success of our neighbors in Minnesota who had a fatality-free deer season in 1998.

Metroparks hunt a success

The first of several controlled hunts to manage the burgeoning whitetail populations at the Metroparks was a success, according to Metropark Information Officer Denise Mogos.

"Overall it went very well," she said. "We had 33 hunters and they killed 37 deer, including one that was killed by a car. I saw a real dedicated group of people who put in a lot of effort and a lot of time to do a job for a good cause."

The meat from the animals that were harvested will be processed and donated to area food banks and soup kitchens.

Additional hunts are scheduled for later this year at Stony Creek and Hudson Mills.

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Wolves set to hound Dakota

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It won't be deja vu all over again, but it'll be close.

Clarkston might feel like they've been here before when they battle for the first regional football championship in school history at 7 p.m. on Friday against Macomb Dakota in Clarkston. The winner will play in the Division I state semifinals.

The Cougars (10-1), who won their district by defeating Clinton Township Chippewa Valley, have an excellent quarterback, three talented receivers, and a ground game that can be effective in spurts.

Remind you of anyone?

"It'll be like playing Lake Orion again," Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said. "They've got an excellent quarterback, some good wideouts and their tailback keeps you honest so you can't chase the quarterback all the time."

The Wolves (10-1) got to this point by beating Grand Blanc 35-14 last week, shutting down perhaps the state's best running back, Reggie Benton. Clarkston's swarming defense held Benton to 109 yards rushing, 59 of them on one touchdown run.

The Cougars present an entirely different challenge, with quarterback Todd Wojciechowski, a 6-

foot-1 senior who threw for 1,675 yards and 19 touchdowns through the first 10 games.

His favorite target is Sam Anderson, who led the team with 47 catches for 710 yards and 11 touchdowns. Other receivers include Dave Relling (19 catches, 410 yards, 5 TDs) and Dan Brett (21 catches, 215 yards and a score).

But Dakota can also get mileage out of its ground game. Paul Sassan ran for 620 yards and scored five touchdowns, while Tim Parslow gained 400 yards with three scores.

"They like to screen and draw, so we have to take that away from them," Richardson said. "And we have to control the ball."

The Wolves, obviously, will continue to attack via the ground. Senior Chris Mitchell gained 178 yards against Grand Blanc, and Rob Conley is an excellent complement to Mitchell.

And there is, of course, that massive offensive line. "(Clarkston) is a good program, their coach has been there a long time, and that offensive line is huge," Dakota coach Mike Giannone said. "When you hold (Benton), you know they've got a good defense."

The Wolves aren't all about offense, though. They consistently hammered Benton last week, and have played solid defense all season.

Giannone knows the Wolves will come at the Cougars hard on both sides of the ball.

"I think we've got to play the way we've been playing all year, step it up like we did against Chippewa Valley," Giannone said. "We have to get physical, because we know Clarkston is going to get physical with us."

The Cougars' only loss came a few weeks ago to Chippewa Valley, a 28-14 defeat they were happy to avenge last Friday. In the district final, they built a 21-0 lead before holding on for a 28-24 win.

It was perhaps the biggest win in the program's four-year history.

"It was huge," Giannone said. "It was a first, and it was a little bit of sweet revenge."

Does Giannone worry about a letdown?

"I don't know how you can let down when you're playing for a regional championship," he said. "You worry about it as a coach, but you have to prevent it."

'It will be like playing Lake Orion again.'

Kurt Richardson
—Clarkston football coach

Clarkston is Kettering's next league victim

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Life in the Oakland Activities Association is always rough, regardless of the sport. That's why Waterford Kettering girls coach Scott Woodhull never takes an opponent lightly.

That was quite obvious Tuesday when Woodhull took his first place Captains into Clarkston for an OAA Division I match-up. And there was much more on the line than just another rough league game.

Behind a balanced attack, Kettering was able to clinch at least a share of the division title.

With a 55-46 decision over Clarkston.

"You can never take anyone lightly in this league because when he you let up, you'll get beat," said Woodhull, whose team finished third last year in the seven-team division behind West Bloomfield and Rochester, who are currently tied in second. "We close out with Troy Athens, and they're capable of beating us just like anyone else. We have to come ready to play."

Against Clarkston (9-11, 3-9), it took Kettering a while to get untracked, but the Captains outscored the hosts 34-22 over the second and third quarters to take away any doubt.

Kettering (17-2, 9-2) led only 11-9 after the first quarter but opened the second quarter with a 10-3 run to break a tight game open. Clarkston could never cut the deficit to any less than

nine points the rest of the way.

"It usually takes us a while to get going — we rarely jump on anyone right off the bat," offered Woodhull. "We're one of those patient teams that uses the second and third quarter to build up our leads."

While Kettering is celebrating its title share, Clarkston coach Anne Lowney is looking to the near future with optimism.

"We're a young team, but we're a team that never gives up and that's what I like," she said. "We've used the regular season to learn and now we hope to do apply

'We're a young team, but we're a team that never gives up ...'

Ann Lowney
—Clarkston basketball coach

Clarkston posted a 12-3 run early in the fourth quarter that closed the gap to 53-44 with 1:17 to play, but that run was a little too late.

Junior forward Devon Hillstrom scored a game-high 17 points to go along with seven rebounds, four assists and three blocked shots to lead Kettering. Junior guard Andrea Hillsey added 11 points, four steals and three assists, and senior forward Julie Bordinat came off the bench to supply seven points, five rebounds and four assists.

Freshman guard Kira Karlstrom scored 12 to lead Clarkston, while senior forward Candace Morgan had eight points, four steals and three assists, and junior center Sarah Morgan had nine points and four rebounds for the Wolves.



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On the move: Clarkston sophomore guard Kristen Falck makes an outlet pass during the Wolves' 55-46 loss to Waterford Kettering on Tuesday. Clarkston finished the regular season with a 9-11 mark.

Clarkston harriers fourth at state

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For Katie Boyles, winning her third straight Lower Peninsula Class A state cross-country individual title was a great accomplishment. But the Rochester Adams junior is more touched by her teammates' performance than that of her own.

Behind Boyles' 17:55.5 clocking, the Highlanders rolled up 152 points Saturday at Michigan Speedway in Brooklyn, which was good enough to land Adams in second place in the 27-team field.

"I'm so happy that we were able to finish second because the last two years we didn't even finish in the Top 10," said Boyles. "This year we had such a great team. We have two freshmen in their first years of running cross-country and they've done so awesome. They've really made a difference."

Adams coach Budd Ciccerelli was

just as thrilled.

"I was seriously hoping for the top five, but to come in second — it makes me ecstatic," said Ciccerelli, whose previous highest finish with the Adams girls program was fourth in 1993. "Katie ran a great race and the other girls stepped up and performed well."

Rockford placed five runners finish inside the top 25 as they defended their crown with 40 points. But it was Boyles who turned in the best performance of the day.

After moving into fourth place near the two-mile marker, Boyles slowly closed in on the front pack and then made her move with about a half mile to go.

She edged Romeo sophomore Teresa Bongiovanni (18:00.4) by nearly five seconds.

"I knew that if the race went down to hearts and guts, that I could beat anyone," said Boyles. "I wasn't really nervous, I knew that I had a chance to win. I went out there and did my best and when I passed the leaders, no one

really went with me."

In the boys meet, Novi defended its crown, edging Rockford 68-90. Clarkston was the top Eccentric-area team, finishing fourth with 133 points — one point behind Saline — while Lake Orion was ninth (286), Troy 12th (332), Rochester Adams (429) and Bloomfield Hills Lahser 19th (473).

"We have a lot of seniors and this was an emotional race," said Clarkston boys coach Mike Taylor, whose squad had their best-ever finish. "We were really shooting to win it all or at least finish in the top five. These guys stepped up and ran well. They've had a great season."

Walled Lake Central senior Todd Mobley was the top local finisher as he finished second in 15:25.8 behind Rockford junior Dathan Rittenhein's blistering 15:05.4 clocking.

Clarkston seniors David Sage and Matt Haver were 13th and 20th, respectively. Troy sophomore Nick Gillett was 23rd, Rochester junior Chris Gumz 27th, Lahser Andrew

Bauer sophomore 31st, Lake Orion sophomore Michael Colt 35th and Waterford Mott senior David Clingan 46th to lead 47 area runners.

Lake Orion coach Stan Ford was pleasantly surprised with his team's top 10 showing.

"Our goal all along was to crack the top 10 and the guys were able to do that," said Ford, whose team finished eighth a year ago. "We didn't run our best race as a whole, but to finish this high after losing five runners from last year's team is great. I have no complaints about that."

A scoring glitch created some confusion of a group of runners from positions 9-15 in the Class A girls race, but a correction benefited Oxford senior Karen LeRoy.

LeRoy was the next highest area finisher in the girls race, as she finished 10th in 18:49.9. Adams freshmen Shannon Stanley followed in 27th, while Mott sophomore Megan Coughlin was 37th, Lahser sophomore Taylor

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BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

LOWER PENINSULA CLASS A STATE FINALS (11-6 at Michigan Speedway)

TEAM SCORES — 1. Novi, 68; 2. Rockford, 90; 3. Saline, 132; 4. Clarkston, 133; 5. Grand Ledge, 160; 6. Redford Catholic Central, 178; 7. Milford, 242; 8. Holland West Ottawa, 247; 9. Lake Orion, 286; 10. Grand Rapids Christian, 313; 11. Traverse City, 317; 12. Troy, 332; 13. Portage Northern, 378; 14. Rochester Adams, 429; 15. Temperance-Bedford, 44; 16. Utica Eisenhower, 441; 17. Dearborn, 445; 18. Livonia Churchill, 447; 19. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 473; 20. Sterling Heights, 504; 21. Warren Mott, 550; 22. Alpena, 55; 23. Grosse Pointe South, 592; 24. Midland, 587; 25. Grosse Pointe North, 592; 26. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 598; 27. Midland Dow, 628.

TOP 10 INDIVIDUALS — 1. Dathan Ritzenein (Rockford) 15:05.4; 2. Todd Mobley (Walled Lake Central) 15:25.8; 3. Tim Moore (Novi) 15:27.0; 4. Tom Greenless (Milford) 15:40.3; 5. Pat Klein (Lake Orion) 15:40.8; 6. Andrew Marsh (Grand Ledge) 15:41.9; 7. Chris Toloff (Novi) 15:42.6; 8. Matt Daly (Redford Catholic Central) 15:43.0; 9. Paul Niedzwiecki (Adrian) 15:53.2; 10. Jacob Crow (Grand Ledge) 15:54.5.

AREA PERFORMERS
CLARKSTON (133) — 13. David Sage, 16:04.8; 20. Matthew Haver, 16:11.5; 54. Daniel Burke, 16:38.0; 56. Kevin Breen, 16:39.1; 64. Brett Quantz, 16:43; 177. Brain Parker, 17:23.2; 230. Chris Weber, 17:44.3.

LAKE ORION (286) — 35. Michael Colt, 16:26.6; 70. Andrew Fons, 16:44.8; 127. Adam Frezza, 17:00.4; 147. Chris Morehead, 17:03.2; 143. Spencer Aston, 17:05.1; 178. Dane Beardseley, 17:23.6; 179. Justin Dew, 17:24.2.

TROY (332) — 23. Nick Gillett, 16:16.7; 65. Andy Gillett, 16:43.1; 121. Rodrigo Landeros, 16:58.1; 182. Paul Socier, 17:25.1; 191. Bryan Barnes, 17:29.5; 195. Adam Wagner, 17:30.5; 269. Matt Lake, 18:43.6.

ROCHESTER ADAMS (429) — 72. Dave deSteiger, 16:45.3; 98. Craig Frankland, 16:50.1; 161. Patrick Foley, 17:09.8; 170. Omar Youseff,

17:16.8; 239. Jon Werner-Allen, 17:50.9; 263. Tom Yax, 18:25.8; 265. Jordan Kroswek, 18:34.9.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER (473) — 31. Andrew Bauer, 16:20.8; 149. Craig Doescher, 17:06.9; 194. Tom Fisher, 17:29.9; 203. David Smith, 17:34.0; 238. Lawrence Lee, 17:50.3; 250. Joel Henry, 18:01.7; 261. Schuyler VonOeyen, 18:19.9.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL (NTS) — 2. Todd Mobley, 15:25.8.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN (NTS) — 74. Kevin Naughton, 16:45.5; 185. Steve Aspinall, 17:26.3.

ROCHESTER (NTS) — 27. Chris Gumz, 16:18.1; 114. Mike Duke, 16:56.7.

TROY ATHENS (NTS) — 163. Phil DeCook, 17:13.1.

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM (NTS) — 154. Scott Collins, 17:08.0;

BIRMINGHAM GROVES (NTS) — 155. Alex Evrard, 17:08.5; 175. Mike Barton, 17:22.1; Steve Smith, DNF.

BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE (NTS) — 62. Charles Visconti, 16:41.4; 63. Mark Rappaport, 16:41.8.

WATERFORD MOTT (NTS) — 46. David Clingan, 16:34.7.

GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY

LOWER PENINSULA CLASS A STATE FINALS (11-6 at Michigan Speedway)

TEAM SCORES — 1. Rockford, 40; 2. Rochester Adams, 152; 3. Traverse City, 216; 4. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 218; 5. Grosse Pointe South, 224; 6. Traverse City West, 237; 7. Portage Central, 237; 8. Saline, 246; 9. Sterling Heights Stevenson, 269; 10. Romeo, 277; 11. Troy, 285; 12. Milford, 346; 13. Brighton, 347; 14. Livonia Stevenson, 347; 15. Flushing, 363; 16. Temperance-Bedford, 411; 17. Alpena, 432; 18. Lowell, 438; 19. Battle Creek Lakeview, 461; 20. Rochester, 481; 21. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 481; 22. Swartz Creek, 484; 23. Sterling Heights, 530; 24. Grosse Pointe North, 622; 25. Berkley, 635; 26. Port Huron, 686; 27. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 786.

TOP 10 INDIVIDUALS — 1. Katie Boyles (Rochester Adams) 17:55.5; 2. Teresa Bongiovanni (Romeo) 18:00.4; 3. Kalin Toedebusch (Rockford)

18:01.3; 4. Linsey Blaisdell (Rockford) 18:07.4; 5. Emily Blakeslee (Rockford) 18:32.6; 6. Julia Schmidt (Romeo) 18:41.3; 7. Michelle Suszek (Alpena) 18:45.0; 8. Katie Kramer (Milford) 18:45.5; 9. Brittany Ballard (Midland) 18:46.1; 10. Karen LeRoy, 18:49.9.

AREA PERFORMERS
ROCHESTER ADAMS (152) — 1. Katie Boyles, 17:55.5; 27. Shannon Stanley, 19:18.4; 53. Chelsea Gotshall, 19:43.8; 60. Andrea Moreland, 19:48.1; 99. Kelly Byrne, 20:05.5; 191. Lis Hyde, 20:54.2; 254. Denitra Robinson, 22:15.2.

TROY (285) — 52. Laura Larivee, 19:43.5; 56. Dana Larivee, 19:45.5; 65. Sara Paklaian, 19:51.4; 113. Elaine Brady, 20:13.1; 174. Margaret Bell, 20:42.5; 226. Amy Fielder, 21:32.9; 243. Morgan Fielder, 21:50.6.

ROCHESTER (477) — 114. Courtney Meeker, 20:13.2; 127. Leigha Christian, 20:19.2; 141. Julie Austin, 20:25.4; 184. Becky Pfeffer, 20:49.0; 195. Julie Donoghue, 20:58.3; 203. Meghan Matuszak, 21:06.2; 210. Jill Pfeiffer, 21:15.7.

OXFORD (NTS) — 10. Karen LeRoy, 18:49.9.

WATERFORD MOTT (NTS) — 37. Megan Coughlin, 19:30.3.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER (NTS) — Taylor Bones, 19:31.7.

WEST BLOOMFIELD (NTS) — 54. Rebecca Lewis, 19:45.0.

BIRMINGHAM MARIAN (NTS) — 80. Julie Hufnagel, 19:58.7; 102. Kelly Waldo, 20:06.5.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN (NTS) — 83. Krustin Jarrell, 19:59.7.

BIRMINGHAM GROVES (NTS) — 85. Debbie Lada, 20:00.5; 121. Julie Knassel, 20:15.9; 153. Rebecca Walter, 20:30.6.

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM (NTS) — 159. Lauren Sherard, 20:35.5; 185. Stephanie Early, 20:50.3.

LAKE ORION (NTS) — 172. Sarah Penn, 20:42; 180. Cindy Kus, 20:47.4.

TROY ATHENS (NTS) — 220. Lauren Wisniewski, 21:25.0; 229. Paarl Chandra, 21:34.2; 236. Jessica Martin, 21:39.9.

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PREP SWIMMING RESULTS

OAA DIVISION III LEAGUE MEET (Nov. 3-5 at Lake Orion)

TEAM SCORES — 1. Lake Orion, 502; 2. Southfield Unified, 414; 3. Clarkston, 324; 4. Auburn Hills Avondale, 290; 5. Madison Heights Lamphere, 245; 6. Hazel Park, 143; 7. Pontiac Unified, 74.

200 MEDLEY RELAY — 1. Southfield (Emily Harris, Colleen Foy, Susie Bell, Crystal Edmonds) 2:07.23; 2. Clarkston, 2:12.85; 3. Avondale, 2:14.77; 4. Lake Orion, 2:15.09; 5. Lamphere, 2:16.32; 6. Pontiac, 2:49.10.

200 FREE — 1. Clinique Brunridge (Southfield) 1:58.38 (league meet record); 2. Crista Gleason (Lamphere) 2:16.63; 3. Corrina Hamilton (Lake Orion) 2:19.32; 4. Krista Roschek (Clarkston) 2:19.56; 5. Alisa Zetterlund (Avondale) 2:22.72; 6. Trisha Drewry (Lake Orion) 2:24.39.

200 IM — 1. Lauren Lebrun (Lake Orion) 2:23.10 (pool record); 2. Jessica Salk (Lake Orion) 2:39.62; 3. Annie Gibson (Southfield) 2:41.47; 4. Lauren Nielsen (Avondale) 2:44.03; 5. Becky Schermerhorn (Clarkston) 2:45.01; 6. Katie Petts (Lamphere) 2:46.94.

50 FREE — 1. Emily Harris (Southfield) 26.92; 2. Erin Palmer (Lake Orion) 27.22; 3. Kristy Elliston (Lamphere) 27.55; 4. Vania Ruiz (Avondale) 28.04; 5. Crystal Edmonds (Southfield) 28.48; 6. Emily Bjelica (Avondale) 29.97.

ONE-METER DIVING — 1. Candace Emeigh (Lake Orion) 281.10; 2. Sarah Mehaffey (Clarkston) 262.50; 3. Casey Bolton (Clarkston) 259.95; 4. Sarah Culpepper (Lamphere) 257.95; 5. Kristine Hanchin (Lake Orion) 246.25; 6. Carrie Lambert (Clarkston) 244.15.

100 FLY — 1. Lauren Lebrun (Lake Orion) 1:00.82 (league meet record); 2. Susie Bell (Southfield) 1:11.62; 3. Vania Ruiz (Avondale) 1:11.79; 4. Jessica Salk (Lake Orion) 1:13.71; 5. Lisa Miller (Southfield) 1:17.82; 6. Teresa Kutha

(Clarkston) 1:19.38.

100 FREE — 1. Clinique Brunridge (Southfield) 53.63 (league meet record); 2. Kristy Elliston (Lamphere) 1:00.69; 3. Erin Palmer (Lake Orion) 1:00.70; 4. Corrina Hamilton (Lake Orion) 1:02.90; 5. Crystal Edmonds (Southfield) 1:03.66; 6. Candida Roper (Lake Orion) 1:05.25.

500 FREE — 1. Crista Gleason (Lake Orion) 6:05.94; 2. Lauren Nielsen (Avondale) 6:14.71; 3. Krista Roschek (Clarkston) 6:15.88; 4. Susie Bell (Southfield) 6:22.30; 5. Alisa Zetterlund (Avondale) 6:23.39; 6. Trisha Drewry (Lake Orion) 6:34.90.

200 FREE RELAY — 1. Southfield (Crystal Edmonds, Lisa Miller, Brenda Hall, Clinique Brunridge) 1:49.35 (pool record); 2. Lake Orion, 1:50.33; 3. Avondale, 1:54.62; 4. Hazel Park, 2:01.09; 5. Lamphere, 2:01.31; 6. Clarkston, 2:03.83.

100 BACKSTROKE — 1. Emily Harris (Southfield) 1:06.57; 2. Danielle Monroe (Lake Orion) 1:11.25; 3. Laura Berg (Southfield) 1:14.32; 4. Elizabeth Wieland (Lake Orion) 1:14.99; 5. Jessica Bucinski (Clarkston) 1:15.26; 6. Katie Petts (Lamphere) 1:16.15.

100 BREASTSTROKE — 1. Colleen Foy (Southfield) 1:21.12; 2. Sara Zerba (Clarkston) 1:23.78; 3. Kelly Orris (Clarkston) 1:24.35; 4. Allison Lucy (Lake Orion) 1:24.81; 5. Lorraine Kline (Hazel Park) 1:25.13; 6. Katie Falls (Lake Orion) 1:25.41.

400 FREE RELAY — 1. Southfield (Emily Harris, Lisa Miller, Brenda Hall, Clinique Brunridge) 4:02.42; 2. Lake Orion, 4:02.86; 3. Avondale, 4:16.97; 4. Lamphere, 4:17.75; 5. Clarkston, 4:33.20; 6. Hazel Park, 4:52.58.

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Clarkston tankers third at OAA III meet *Oxford rolls past Holly, 67-36*

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With the pressure of winning its first girls swimming & diving league championship riding on its back, Lake Orion simply came through in the clutch.

After dropping a 98-88 dual meet decision to Southfield Unified in mid-September, the Dragons returned the favor by winning the Oakland Activities Association Division III league meet Nov. 3-5 at Lake Orion.

The host Dragons, 5-1 in league duals, outdistanced Southfield 502-414 to claim a share of the title. Clarkston, a first-year program, was third with 324, while Auburn Hills Avondale (290), Madison Heights Lamphere (245), Hazel Park (143) and Pontiac Unified (74) rounded out the team scores.

"We knew going in that the winner takes the championship and we needed to beat Southfield in order to get a share," said Lake Orion coach Darin Abbasse. "The girls came through. This was nothing short of a team victory."

The Dragons only had four individual winners, but placed individuals or relay units inside the top six finishers in each of the 12 events en route to the title.

Senior Candace Emeigh, who was named the meet's most valuable senior by the league's seven coaches, won the one-meter event diving with a 281.10 score to lead the Dragons. Junior Crista Gleason added a win in the 500 free (6:05.94), and freshman Lauren Lebrun won the 100 fly with a league-meet record time of 1:00.82 while winning the 200 IM with a pool-record clocking of 2:23.10.

"We had so many girls step up that it's hard to really list just one or two," said Abbasse. "We had 36 individual entries and all of them advanced out of Wednesday's prelims or Thursday's diving prelims."

Although Lake Orion is only in its second season of swimming & diving, Abbasse is not surprised of the Co-championship.

"We knew going in that we could be right there," said Abbasse, whose squad finished third in the league last season. "We had all of those kids coming back that had been swimming in age-group clubs and we had a

good freshmen class. Winning this league meet is a great reward for these girls for all of their hard work."

Southfield swept the three relays and had the other five individual winners.

Sophomore Clinique Brunridge set league-meet records in both the 200 free (1:58.38) and the 100 free (53.63). To lead the way, Junior Emily Harris won the 50 free (26.92) and 100 backstroke (1:06.57), and junior Colleen Foy touched first in the 100 breaststroke (1:21.12).

In the relays, the unit of Foy, Harris, senior Susie Bell and senior Crystal Edmonds won the 200 medley relay (2:07.23), the foursome of Edmonds, juniors Lisa Miller and Brenda Hall, and Brunridge topped the field in the 200 free relay (1:49.35), and the quartet of Harris, Miller, Hall and Brunridge were victorious in the 400 free relay (4:02.42).

Sarah Mehaffey was second in the diving (262.50) and Casey Bolton third (259.95) to pace Clarkston, while Avondale junior Lauren Nielsen's second-place showing in the 500 free (6:14.71) led the Yellow Jackets.

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Having the south bleachers pulled out instead of the usual north bleachers wasn't part of Oxford's strategy in Tuesday's 67-36 win over Holly.

But it was all the strategy the Wildcats would have needed. Behind a record-tying performance from senior center Liz Holbrook, the Wildcats scored early and often and pounded the Broncos for their 19th straight win.

The victory left the Wildcats (19-0) one win away from their first unbeaten regular season since 1987. Only Otisville-Lakeville stands in the way, with a game between the two set for tonight at 7 p.m. Oxford hammered the Falcons 68-21 Oct. 12.

Tuesday's win wasn't quite that easy, but it was just as ugly, particularly late as the Wildcats tried to give Holbrook a chance to break the school record for points in a game. The senior fin-

ished with 40 points, tying Jenny White's two-year-old record. White set hers in a November 1997 game against Mt. Morris.

"It got kind of ugly," Oxford coach Ian Smith said. "Not that we played that bad, but at the end kids are passing up shots and trying to force the ball to Liz. But she's a senior, and she deserved a chance to go for the record."

Holbrook had 16 points at halftime, when Oxford led 39-15. Smith and his team talked at halftime about giving her a shot at it, and she scored 24 of Oxford's 28 points in the second half.

She tied the record by converting a three-point play with 1:12 left. She rebounded her own missed shot and was fouled by Holly's Rachel Leece, then made the free throw for the game's final points.

The Wildcats spent the last minute trying desperately to get her the record, but Holly played three girls on her defensively.

Eccentric staff's football picks

REGIONAL FINALS	Jim Toth	Marty Budner	Bill Parker	Brad Kadrach	Duncan White	Chris Mayer	Dan Stickradt
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Westland John Glenn at WL Western	WL Western	WL Western	WL Western	WL Western	WL Western	WL Western	WL Western
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Pontiac Northern vs. Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice
Country Day at Jackson Lumen Christi	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day	Lumen Christi	Lumen Christi	Country Day
WOLL vs. Bishop Gallagher	Bishop Gallagher	Bishop Gallagher	Bishop Gallagher	Bishop Gallagher	Bishop Gallagher	Bishop Gallagher	Bishop Gallagher
LAST WEEK	4-3 (.571)	5-2 (.714)	5-2 (.714)	5-2 (.714)	5-2 (.714)	6-1 (.857)	6-1 (.857)
SEASON TOTAL	156-46 (.772)	159-43 (.787)	159-43 (.787)	163-39 (.807)	155-47 (.767)	171-31 (.847)	156-46 (.772)

Cross-Country from page C1

Bones 38th, and Troy junior Laura Larivee 52nd to lead area runners, which totaled 38.

The top 25 finishers in each race garnered all-state accolades while the Top 30 finishers earned medals.

"She had a bad chip and things got a little confusing, but they checked the tape and got things

straightened around," said Oxford coach Ray Sutherland of the glitch that involved LeRoy. "Karen ran a good race. To finish tenth here is a great way to end her season. I think she's satisfied."

Troy was 11th with 285 points and Rochester finished 20th with 477 in the team race.

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622 Legal Notices

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One responsible man, sense of humor, loves animals, cuddling, videos, fairs, long drives who can help the interest of a shapely, full-figured DWF, 35, who will treat him as good as he treats her. #2624

FUN ANYONE?

DWPF, 25, N/S, mom of one, seeks attractive, fun, outgoing SWM, 25-32, for date, who can have fun with me. #2613

SHAPELY & ATTRACTIVE

Full-figured DWF, 35, 5'8", great personality, outgoing, educated, blonde, with no children, fun-loving nature. Seeking sincere, secure, honest, employed S/DWPM, 27-40, to laugh and have fun with. #2605

BROWN-EYED BEAUTY

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DESIRE FINER THINGS?

Attractive SBF, 25, medium build, wavy hair, seeks degreed PM, 28-33, for travel, shopping, fine dining, boating, and LTR. #2588

WILL THE REAL MAN...

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GIVE ME A CALL

Classy, athletic, adventurous, optimistic DWF, 41, tall, slender, blonde/blue. Seeking humorous, adventurous S/DWM with strong values for friendship and possible LTR. #2547

WISHFUL IN WATERFORD

Employed DWF, 52, 165lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining, outdoors, sports, etc. Seeking presentable, sincere S/DWM, 40-55, who can communicate, with sense of humor. #2630

TAKE A CHANCE

Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining, outdoors, sports, etc. Seeking presentable, sincere S/DWM, 40-55, who can communicate, with sense of humor. #2630

SOUTHERN BELLE

Petite, honest, sincere SWF, 43, blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, traveling, walks, romantic evenings at home. Seeking gentleman, 30-45, #2457

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Pretty RN/Pharmaceutical sales, tastefully secure, classy, slim, youthful SWF, 5'4", blonde/brown, N/S, no dependents, enjoys biking, entertaining, golf, theater, movies. Seeking educated, emotionally/financially secure S/DWM, 45-55, for friendship, possible LTR. #2573

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

Vivacious, romantic DWF, 46, blonde/blue, professional musician, seeks S/DWM, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, interested in possible LTR. #2621

WHO WANTS A FRIEND?

How about a DWF, 40, 110lbs, fabulous, funny RN, blonde/blue, looking for an intelligent S/DWM who can laugh at life. Let's do something fun! #2571

SINCERELY SEEKING

Pretty SF, 39, blonde/blue, mother of one, super nice lady, main interest is having fun with you. Seeking handsome, nice guy 5'11". #2551

GOD, YOU HANDLE IT

Spunky, sensitive, attractive, single widow, 5'2", 125lbs, blonde/blue, seeks ND, ND/Drugs. #2557

NEED LOTS OF TLC?

So do I! Tall, attractive DWF, blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, enjoys travel, reading, walking, laughing, conversation, dancing, dining, concerts, cappuccino. Seeking tall nice S/DWM, 60-70, for friendship and possible LTR. #2512

MILLENNIUM IN PARIS?

Pretty, slender, shapely, sensual, smart, sophisticated, secure sweetheart, seeks best friend/lover for life, nice-guy, 55-65, good-looking, in romance, refined, cultured, romantic. Let's enjoy void travel and adventure. #2589

REGISTERED NURSE...

seeks S/M, 36-48, doctor to share similar interests in medical profession. Very attractive, educated, ambitious, outgoing, friendly, financially secure DWF, 36, 5'5", blonde/green, great big smile. For possible LTR. #2619

STABLE, SMART...

attractive blonde, 41 (looks 31), 5'5", nice figure, love to smile, laugh, love to keep an active busy lifestyle. Seeking devoted, secure, intelligent man with handsome personality. Scorable is the only game in town. #2510

HONEST BLONDE!

Intelligent, attractive, sincere, outgoing DWF, 5'7", long blonde hair, enjoys jazz/blues, sunsets on the beach, art festivals, dining, dancing, theater. Seeking a handsome, handsome, affectionate S/DWM, 44-54, no dependents. #2621

I'M STILL SEARCHING

Petite, attractive SWPF, dark hazel, enjoys jazz/blues, sunsets on the beach, art festivals, dining, dancing, theater. Seeking a handsome, handsome, affectionate S/DWM, 44-54, no dependents. #2621

FOR MY SOULMATE

Pretty tall passionate DWF, 49, 5'10", blonde/brown, looking for that one-in-a-million, emotionally/financially secure guy who seeks a romantic, monogamous, fun-loving relationship. #2614

CLASSY, AFFECTIONATE, FUN

Very attractive, petite blonde, loves being by the water, boating, golf, snow skt traveling, dancing, walks, Hobbies. Seeking tall gentleman, 45-65, with similar interests, for LTR. #2614

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Full-figured SWF, 39, 5'5", brown hair, many interests: bowling, quiet times at home, candlelight dining, horseback-riding, swimming. Seeking S/DWM with many different interests, for friendship, possible LTR. #2610

THE EYES HAVE IT

SWF, 40, 5'5", attractive, hard-working, independent, seeks S/M who's handsome, tall, employed. Must have a great sense of humor and love animals, for friendship first. #2612

MUTUAL REWARDS

Pretty, blonde, sensual W/F, seeks youthful, sensitive, financially secure S/M, who's honest, for great times. LTR. #2602

ONE IN A MILLION

DBF, 47, 5'5", slim, brunette/hazel, beautiful inside/out, one eleven-year-old at home, enjoys tennis, golf, dining/dancing. Seeking slim-built, flexible SM, 45-55, 6' N/S, social drinker, LTR. No players. #2586

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LOVELY

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SEEKING

Ultra fun-loving, petite, vivacious European blonde with sophisticated tastes, seeks highly successful S/M, 50-65, for possible LTR. #2582

COMPANION & BEST FRIEND

SWF, 5'4", 138lbs, blonde, N/S, seeks S/M, 45-58, young-looking and energetic. Like myself. A little bit country, a little bit rock-n-roll, can be humorous as well as serious. #2498

START TOMORROW TODAY

Educated, sweet, warm, active, slim JF, 50's, 5'6", blue eyes, good cook, loves music, animals. Seeking available, understanding gentleman, for relationship, or whatever shall be. #2562

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

DBPF, 47, 5'5", 150lbs, N/S, likes jazz, long walks, movies. Seeking S/M, 47-52, with similar interests. #2582

CHEERFUL & AFFECTIONATE

Attractive, petite DWF, young 47, childless, enjoys music, movies, pets, travel, antiques, time with friends, romance. Seeking gentleman, 42-52, N/S, with similar interests/qualities, for LTR. #2599

LADY IN WAITING

Beautiful BCPF, 47, mahogany complexion, N/S, enjoys all fun and romantic nights. Looking for handsome, 40-55, N/S, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. #2587

SEXY REDHEAD

Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'9", 145lbs, great legs, no kids. Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening, nature. Seeking DWF, 50-60, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. #2497

LOVES ADVENTURE

Attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", loves walking, biking, shows, theater, dining, dancing. Seeking SWM, 51-54, who shares dating phone calls, movies, hanging out, possible LTR. Friends first must be ok. Livonia area. #2584

OVER WITH YOU

Easygoing, overbearing DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, ND/Drugs, enjoys all sports, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, ND/Drugs, for friendship leading to marriage. #2580

R U HONESTLY HANDSOME?

Honestly pretty SWF, 45, 5'4", 130lbs, enjoys canoeing, fishing, Hobbies, camping, canoeing, dogs and more. Seeking truly handsome, fit, respectable male who enjoys romance, snuggling, deep conversations with ability to express emotions. #2575

ALMOST ANGEL

Outgoing, friendly, widowed W/F, youthful, 52, 5'6", full-figured but quiet times at home, candlelight dining, horseback-riding, swimming. Seeking S/DWM with many different interests, for friendship, possible LTR. #2610

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49 LOOKS 39

Petite, attractive, Italian SWF, 5'2", 107lbs, seeks attractive, uncommenced male for friendship, possible LTR. #2760

BLOND

Attractive SWF, 50, 5'7", medium build, seeks tall WM, 45-60, honest, fun-loving, commitment-minded, for LTR. #24918

A RARE FIND

Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-75. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. #2373

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Beautiful, classy, commitment-minded, redhead, 5'7", 125lbs, vacation all year long at my waterfront home. Seeking fun, spirited, attractive man, 50-60, with the ultimate respect for body, physical health. N/S. #2593

BLONDE BEAUTY

DWPF, mid-40s, 5'6", medium build, N/S, social drinker, college graduate, business owner, enjoys golf, water sports, college football, travel. Seeking professional/employed gentleman, 47-55, for LTR. #2591

ARE YOU THERE?

DWF, 49, 5'4", younger, 5'4", long blonde hair, brown children, funny, articulate, spiritual, smoker, enjoys usual activities, cooking. Seeking S/DWM, with sense of humor, for companionship, fun, friendship, possible LTR. #2614

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Intelligent, college-educated, athletic, adventurous, open-minded, attractive S/M, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer breezes, dancing, romance, jazz, martial arts. Seeking fit, witty SWBF, 20-40, for possible relationship. #2490

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GOOD-LOOKING GUY

Very outgoing, employed S/DWM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, seeks attractive, outgoing SWF, 18-35, HW proportionate, who enjoys sports. #2577

SOFT CHOCOLATE

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Outgoing DWM, 5'11", 155lbs, 51 looks 40, athletic, smoker, honest, romantic, considerable sense of humor, fun-loving, SWAF, 38-45, for LTR. #2576

LET'S GO TO LUNCH

SM, 25, 5'4", financially secure, seeks female, 18-24, with goals and wants. Children are a plus. #2610

ROMANTIC REALIST


Intuitive, educated, creative, perceptive, Catholic SWM, 43, 5'8", fit, brown/blue, no dependents. Seeking enlightened, intelligent, available SWF, 25, 42, for true friendship, communication and more. #2567

ENJOYING LIFE?

DWM, young 50s, 6'1", 210lbs, N/S, light beard, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, dining, diving, golf. Seeking slim fit DWF over 40, sense of humor, for whatever keeps you happy. #2196

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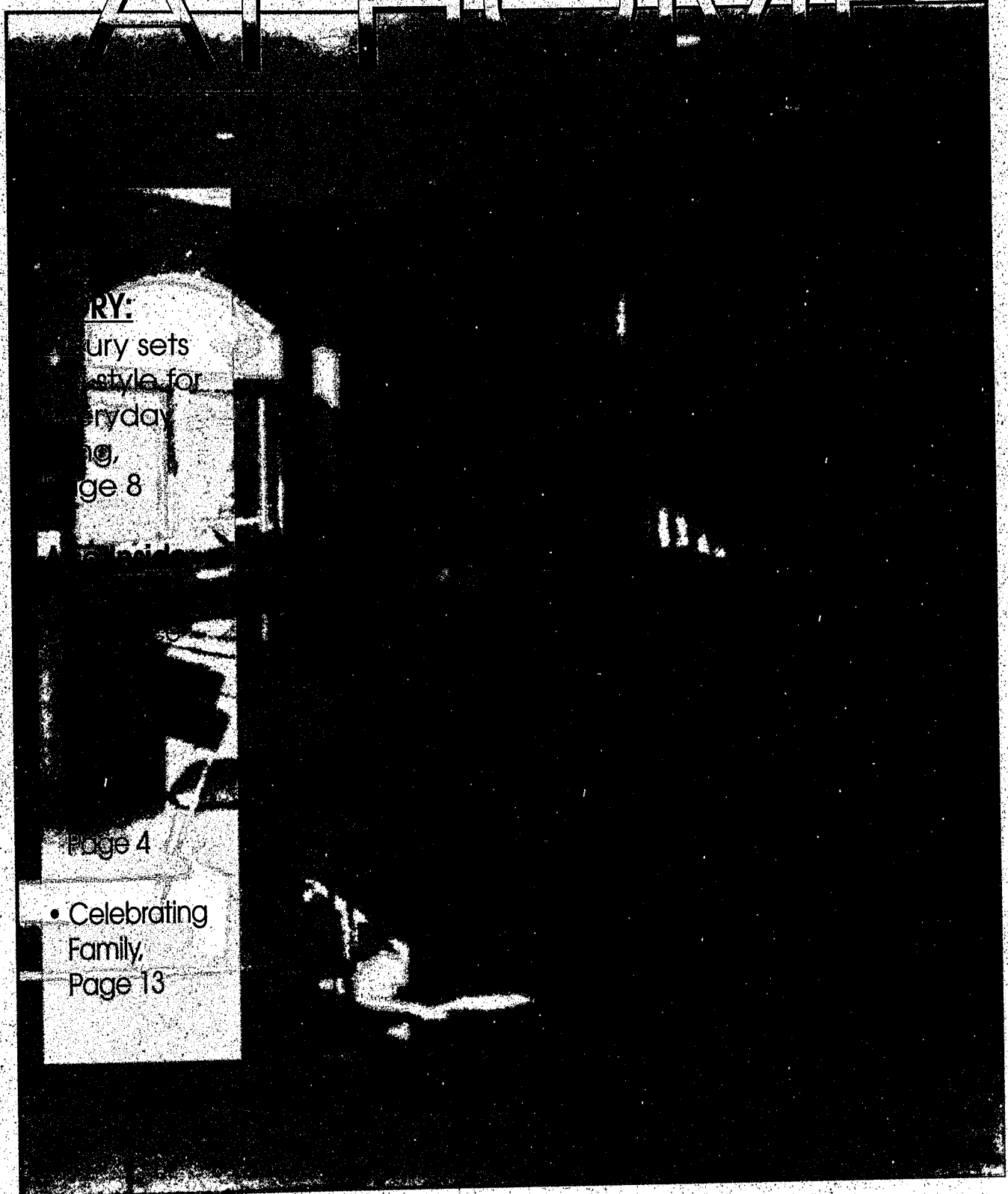
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Dishwasher recall gives the brush-off



JOE GAGNON

The official word written in newspapers across the country is right to the point. General Electric is recalling about 3.1 million dishwashers produced between April 1983 and January 1989.

The dishwashers have a slide switch that can heat up, melt and then cause ignition. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports 50 house fires have occurred across the country due to this problem.

In an almost six-year period we have had the average of seven house fires a year and they raise a big stink. What about the 14,000 fires every year that are caused by clothes dryers and improper venting with the plastic vent line? I don't see the government raising any kind of stink about that fact.

The GE recall isn't a true wording for what the manufacturer is going to do for you. You might expect a well-uniformed service technician to knock on your door

and replace the switch that controls the energy saver dry cycle, but that isn't the case.

Instead, General Electric is going to give you a choice of four options to resolve the problem. They will give you a rebate check for \$25 if you want to buy a new dishwasher of any brand name in the market. They will give you a rebate of \$75, \$100 or \$125 depending on which new model of General Electric dishwasher that you buy. In all of these scenarios you must prove to them that you actually did buy a new dishwasher.

Let me point out what GE is doing for you, their valued customer: "If you're lucky, they are giving you enough to cover the installation costs."

What about all the people who own apartment complexes and have to replace hundreds of these dishwashers all at one time? Is this so-called recall fair to them? Is it fair to the environment of this country to suddenly dump 3.1 million dishwashers into the landfills of America? What's going on here?

Listen to this statement because every one of you has heard it at one time or another: "GE, America's most admired company, has been bringing good things

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to life for more than a century." It sure is true in this case.

They are now in the position to sell 3.1 million dishwashers, all at one time. Wouldn't you like to own a business where your first order was in the millions?

Why won't GE fix this defect on their product that they sold us? It is only a simple switch that I would estimate cost them no more than \$5 to buy. It takes about 10 minutes to change it and the consumer now has a dishwasher capable of running for several more years. What is being done to 3.1 million GE customers is simply not fair.

By the way, folks, the replacement switch was announced in September as

no longer available. Strange, isn't it, that just before the recall was announced, you can't buy the part anymore.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, it's a crying shame what business can do in this country and get away with it. Where is Ralph Nader when we need him?

Thanks to many of you who sent a get well card to Charley Carmack. He was very touched by your gestures. Charley had his leg amputated just below the knee a few weeks ago and continues in the care of a fine group of nurses.

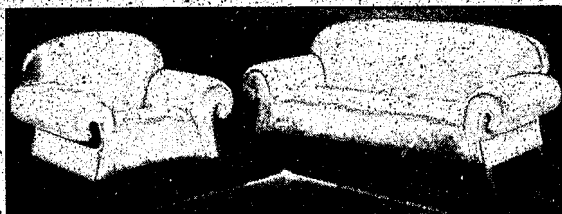
If Mr. Carmack were still working today, he would make a switch with his bare hands and go out and install it in every GE dishwasher he had sold to his customers.

He could give a few lessons to big business on how to care for people. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard Saturday and Sunday on 760 WJR. 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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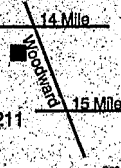


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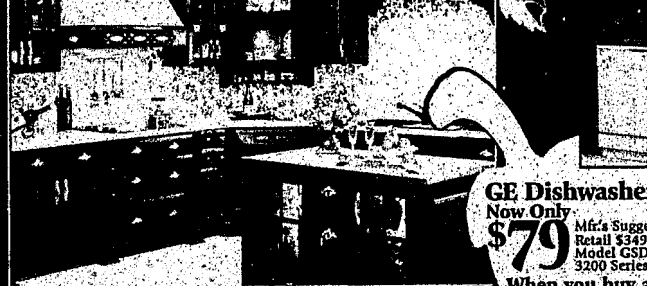
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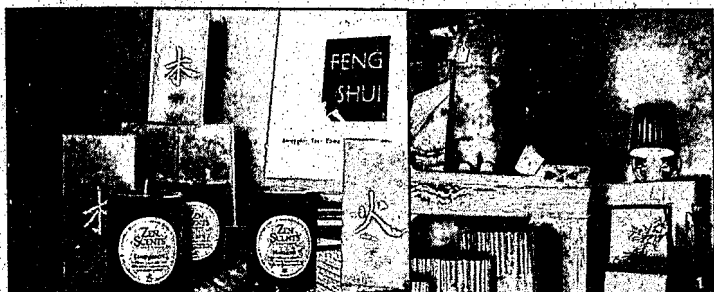
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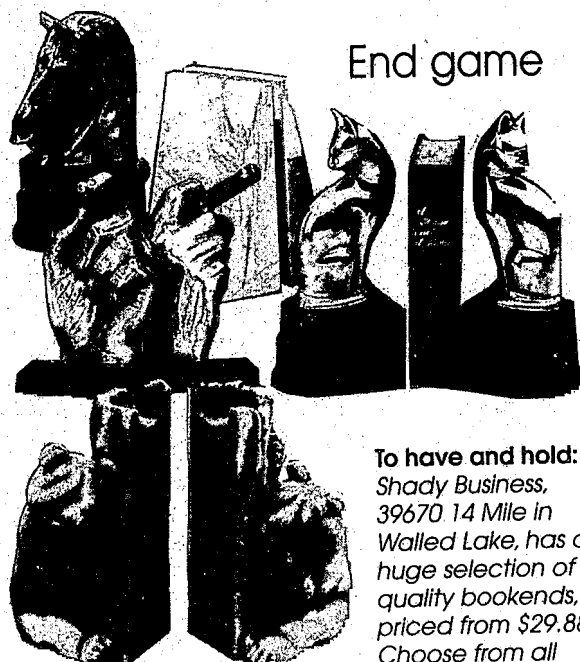
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Menagerie

Treasure hunters: Menagerie, a group of four Birmingham women - Carol Black, Jane Jones, Julie Leonard and Eileen Marsh - seeks out distinctive items for the home and turns them into unusual creations. Menagerie will have a public show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Traveling around (and sometimes outside) the country, these four friends shop antique shows, flea markets, estate sales and garage sales, looking for that special item they can transform into a one-of-a-kind treasure. They have two shows a year, with an ever-changing inventory ranging from small accessories to classic furniture pieces.

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Begonia just gets bigger, bigger...



MARTY FIGLEY

Kip Smith of Birmingham and her husband, Russ, call it "The Begonia That Ate Cleveland." Little did Kip know what would happen as the result of that one small cutting she received six years ago.

During a master gardener conference in San Antonio, she visited the garden of a well-known local breeder and aficionado of begonias. From this one cutting she has given probably 50 cuttings to people and hers just keeps right on thriving.

The attractive plant has multiple branches and large, irregular shaped, dark green leaves with silver mottling on the top. The underside is maroon and feels like soft, silky satin. The immature stems are green and turn to light maroon. New leaves are curled and unroll as they open.

"My begonia has reached a height of 4 feet, but it's growth is unknown, perhaps the sky's the limit," Kip said. "I

keep trimming it to fit the space allotted for it.

"To prune it, I just cut off the whole stem that's in the way, but I'm experimenting. When I cut some of the tops off the new growth, I find that side leaves then grow. It has no side branches, only leaves; every stem has leaves. Cut it off or cut it back, it doesn't matter which, more stems will emerge."

Although many begonias bloom, some with showy flowers, others with insignificant ones, this one has never bloomed.

Kip keeps her BTAC in a sheltered west window that gets filtered north/northwest light. This location is partly to control its exuberant growth.

"The sun really gets it going!" she said. "It really doesn't care where it lives; sometimes it summers outdoors, other times in, it does just fine."

When the plant needs water the leaves wilt and if it's really thirsty the leaves dry up but recover with a drink. Kip uses Schultz liquid indoor plant fertilizer every time she waters and confines this watering schedule through the winter. Although many plants need no fertilizer then because they rest at that



Marty Figley

Big begonia: The BTAC attracts a lot of attention at the Smith home.

season, this one needs the nourishment all year long.

If Kip's other houseplants - and she has many - get mealy bug, scale or white fly the begonia doesn't get them.

"It's disease free," she said. "This plant has never contracted any bugs or diseases from those infected. It's a handsome, easy-to-care-for plant that needs little attention."

The gentleman Kip visited in Texas has turned his entire back yard into a greenhouse by building a structure over his yard (even the swimming pool). It was about 1-1/2 stories high. The sides and roof were temporary so they could be kept on during the summer to protect the plants from the very hot sun and removed in the winter when the sun isn't as hot. What an interesting, clever idea.

I couldn't conclusively identify Kip's interesting plant. Begonias have been so crossbred that definite classification is impossible, but after researching this very diverse plant family I have come to some conclusions.

First, the description of *Begonia erythrophylla* best fits so it may be that, although it may not be named at all.

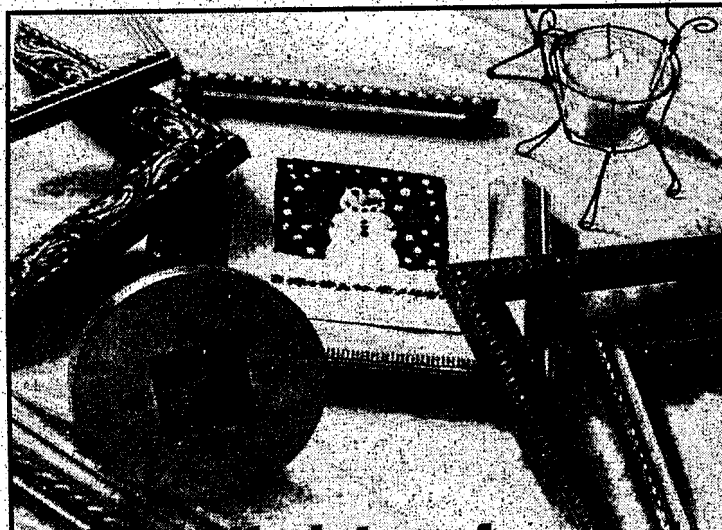
Second, in begonia language, the leaf shape is called viviparous, that means bearing plantlets on the leaves, stems or flowers.

Finally, it is probably a Rex begonia, so named because all of these particularly complicated hybrids are offspring of the Rex begonia that originated in India. They are grown for their brightly colored and tapestry-textured foliage of metallic silver, maroon, green and bronze.

More than 1,200 varieties of begonias exist and they display a remarkable diversity in their growth habits. Some are low-growing and small, others like Kip's just keep getting taller and taller!

If you would like to see many begonias in all sizes, a treat and eye-opener is in store if you visit Goldner-Walsh Nursery in Pontiac. They have a very large collection and will be happy to take you into the greenhouse to see them.

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.



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Get 'dressed' in good, fresh taste



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Bottled dressings aplenty on all grocery store shelves now have bizarre flavor combinations, unusual trendy names, no calories, and private labels. Whatever happened to good old French, Thousand Island, Blue

Cheese and Italian?

I am definitely a salad person and can't go too long without the green stuff. There is always a large bag of Romaine gracing the top shelf of my fridge waiting to get dressed! While I'm certainly interested in the "greens" the dressing is key, and I am not interested in those bottled dressings, regardless of what they are called or what funky ingredients they contain.

Some simple dressing tips:

■ Make sure if using oil of any kind it is fresh and not rancid (oil can turn bad rather quickly).

■ If serving the salad tossed, add the dressing just before serving - don't let it sit for a long period of time soaking up the liquids.

■ Ask guests if they would like the salad tossed or dressing on the side. Some folks like lighter or heavier dressing.

■ If adding croutons, toss your salad with dressing first, then add the croutons to avoid soggy bits of bread.

■ Make sure there is a delicate balance between the oil and vinegar if that is your base. Heavy vinegar makes for an overpowering flavor.

■ Dry your greens well before applying the dressing. You don't want your dressing watered down.

■ Looking for the perfect tool in making dressing? Check out the quick-prep wands at all the kitchen shops (I have the Cuisinart Quik-Prep and love it - great for pureeing or whipping just about anything).

■ Store leftover dressing covered tightly in the refrigerator. Oil and vinegar dressings can be left out covered for a couple of days.

■ Keep infused vinegars well corked and in a dark, cool spot.

■ When choosing an oil to accompany your salad, keep in mind how heavy a flavor you want. Use a light oil if you are looking for a delicate flavor. Choose an extra-virgin olive oil for a fruity, heavier flavor.

STILTON DRESSING FROM THE DORCHESTER IN LONDON

This is by far one of my all-time favorite dressings - great over any type of lettuce or wild greens. A touch of

crisp bacon over the completed salad is a real grabber!

Yield: Makes about 2 cups.

Ingredients:

1/3 cup chicken stock (homemade or prepared)

1 tablespoon finely chopped onion

1 hard-cooked egg yolk (hard-boiled egg, yolk only)

2 teaspoons powdered mustard (not the hot Chinese-type)

1/2 teaspoon salt (or to taste)

1/4 teaspoon black pepper or a pinch of cayenne

1/8 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1/3 cup white vinegar

1 cup vegetable oil (I use light olive oil)

4 ounces Stilton cheese, crumbled

Directions:

In a small saucepan over medium heat, bring chicken stock to a boil and add chopped onion. Remove saucepan from heat and let onion steep for at least 10 minutes. Pour liquid through a fine mesh sieve into a blender or food processor; discard onion.

Add egg yolk, mustard, salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce and vinegar and process until smooth. With the motor running, add oil in a slow, steady stream, blending until well mixed. Add Stilton cheese, and blend until very smooth.

Pour dressing through a fine mesh sieve into a spouted bowl or measuring cup.

This dressing will keep for 1 week, chilled and covered.

BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE

Balsamic flavors are big again this year. With the choices of balsamic continuing to grow, there are a multitude on the shelves. Balsamic vinegar can be pricey and as select as fine wine. Do choose a good quality vinegar for your recipe, but you don't need the \$150 version!

Yield: Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon fresh chopped thyme

1/4 cup sherry wine vinegar

3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar (good quality)

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

2 shallots, peeled and minced

1 small clove garlic, peeled and minced

1 cup extra-virgin olive oil (or olive oil of your choice)

Sea salt

Freshly ground black pepper

Pinch of sugar (optional)

Directions:

In a blender, food processor or with a wand, mix together thyme, both vinegars, lemon juice, shallots and garlic. With the motor running, add oil in a slow, steady stream, blending until well mixed. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Add a pinch of sugar if desired - adjust seasonings if necessary.

ROOMIE'S RECIPE FOR BLUE CHEESE DRESSING

Domestic blue cheese is fine for this recipe. Feel free to use the fancy stuff, but you don't have to! If you can't find Hellmann's mayo, use your own favorite.

Yield: Makes about 2 cups.

Ingredients:

1 1/2 cups Hellmann's mayonnaise

3/4 cup buttermilk

2 tablespoons sour cream (not fat-free)

6 ounces crumbled blue cheese

1 1/2 teaspoon salt (or to taste)

3/4 teaspoon freshly ground black

pepper (or to taste)

3/4 teaspoon Tabasco sauce

1 clove garlic, peeled and finely minced

3/4 teaspoon onion powder

3/4 teaspoon dried minced onion

Pinch of cayenne (optional)

Directions:


In a medium-size bowl, add mayonnaise, buttermilk, sour cream, blue cheese, salt, pepper, Tabasco sauce, garlic, onion powder and minced onion; mix thoroughly (but gently) with a spoon. Add cayenne if desired - adjust seasonings. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours (or overnight) before serving.

Give a good mix to the dressing before tossing with greens.

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Plan atmosphere, menu for meal



DIANA KOENIG

Q: My husband and I both work full time. Our children are involved in sports and other activities. It is hard to find time to prepare food and eat together.

A: This is typical of many households in today's society. Whether your children are toddlers or teenagers, mealtime can be difficult.

When children are young they require a lot of your attention during meals. When they are older you have to fight for eating time between jobs, sports schedules and school activities.

The solution to this problem isn't easy but preparing a plan will help.

Start with a master activity calendar and post it in your kitchen. Make sure everyone's activities and work schedules are written on the calendar.

Look at the calendar and identify the days everyone will be home for a meal. Plan a nutritious, interesting menu at those times.

Your presentation is important. If you were giving someone a present you would not only carefully choose the gift, you would also wrap it in a decorative, enticing package. Make the meal appealing and dress up the atmosphere so everyone will look forward to meals together. Cook with variety and introduce your family to new foods.

On those rare occasions when everyone is present and no one is rushed to meet a commitment, honor your family by serving dinner using your fine china and crystal. Eat in the dining room. Make it a meal to remember. If you have toddlers, a picnic on the floor might be just as effective.

Add a special touch to mealtime by doing some different things. Put fresh flowers or a different centerpiece on the table one night. Hang balloons from the light fixture to change the atmosphere. Fold the napkins in an unusual way. Put a favor by everyone's plate. This could be a piece of their favorite candy. Write a special note and put it by their table place.

On nights when time is limited because of an evening engagement, serve the food on paper plates. You can also serve the food on the counter buffet style in the cooking pans instead of serving dishes. This will keep cleaning at a

■ Presentation is important. Make the meal appealing and dress up the atmosphere.

minimum and save time on clearing the table.

Food suggestions for a family on the go or tied down with young children:

■ The crock pot works great when preparation time is at a premium. On an evening when everyone needs to eat at different times, the crock pot can keep food ready to serve over several hours. In the crock pot you can prepare casseroles, stews or pasta dishes. Put a salad in the refrigerator the night before and you have a complete meal ready to serve.

■ Gas grills cook fast meals. Make hamburger patties ahead of time and freeze them. Wrap hamburgers and potatoes in foil and place them on the grill. Cut up some in-season fruit and dinner is served.

■ Pizza night! This will rescue you when you are in a time jam. Almost everyone loves pizza, it is inexpensive and cleanup is minimal. Meals like pizza are special only if they are the exception to the rule. Don't over-use this option.

■ Prepare food ahead of time and put in the freezer. Casseroles such as lasagna freeze nicely. Ham and fried chicken are also good freezer items. Put meals in individual microwave dishes for family members who cannot eat with you on certain nights.

■ Make extra food on nights you have the time. You can freeze the extra food or serve it as leftovers the next night. On the mornings we have a big family breakfast I make extra waffles and pancakes. I freeze them and the children can pop them in the toaster oven on school mornings.

■ It is easy to plan the rest of the meal once you have the meat. Many grocery stores sell prepared food. You can buy items such as chicken pieces already cooked. Add a vegetable, rice, rolls and dinner is done.

Today's refrigerator bulletin: "Great food and atmosphere set the stage for special meals together!"

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focus on photography

Adding motion great notion for photography



MONTE NAGLER

I'm a stickler for getting photographs as sharp as possible. But there may be times you want to break the rules, to deviate from what you're used to doing, and make your pictures appear as if they have motion.

After all, using your imagination and experimenting with a new idea could be just the thing for adding a new dimension to your photography.

There are several ways to add movement to your shots. First, you can photograph something in motion and make it look like a blur in the finished shot.

For example, try shooting a waterfall at a shutter speed of about 1/5 to one second and see how the water will appear "milky" and will seem to "flow." Everything else will be sharp and in focus because you're using a tripod.

Try photographing a moving automobile or train in a similar way and perhaps 1/4 to 1/15 second and you'll get exciting "motion" in your shot.

Expanding your creativity even further, shoot a sporting event slower than you normally would, say 1/15 to 1/60

second, and you'll pick up a "ghosting" of movement in the charging soccer player or the slam-dunking basketball star.

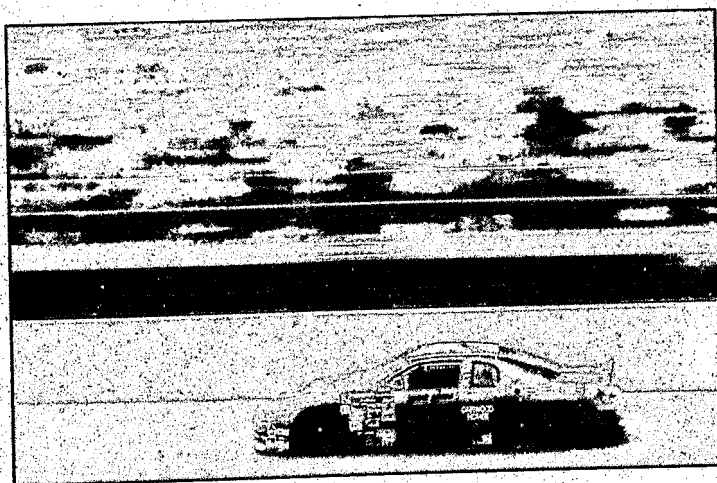
Another way to add movement to your photographs is to move the camera as you depress the shutter release. Yes, move the whole camera during a 1/8 or 1/4 second exposure. A field of flowers will appear as blurs of color or your friend's face may come out looking like a space alien. Experiment and see what you produce.

In the photograph shown here at one of the recent NASCAR races, I decided to try something different. I would "stop" the thing in rapid motion (the racecar) and put "motion" in the subjects not moving (the people in the stands).

By panning with the car and using a shutter speed of 1/60 second, I was able to accomplish my goal and produce this interesting picture.

Use your imagination and you'll come up with other ideas that will put motion in your photographs, too.

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Changing gears: A technique called panning enabled Monte to produce this exciting photo. The racecar appears to be "stopped," the people in the stands appear to be in "motion."

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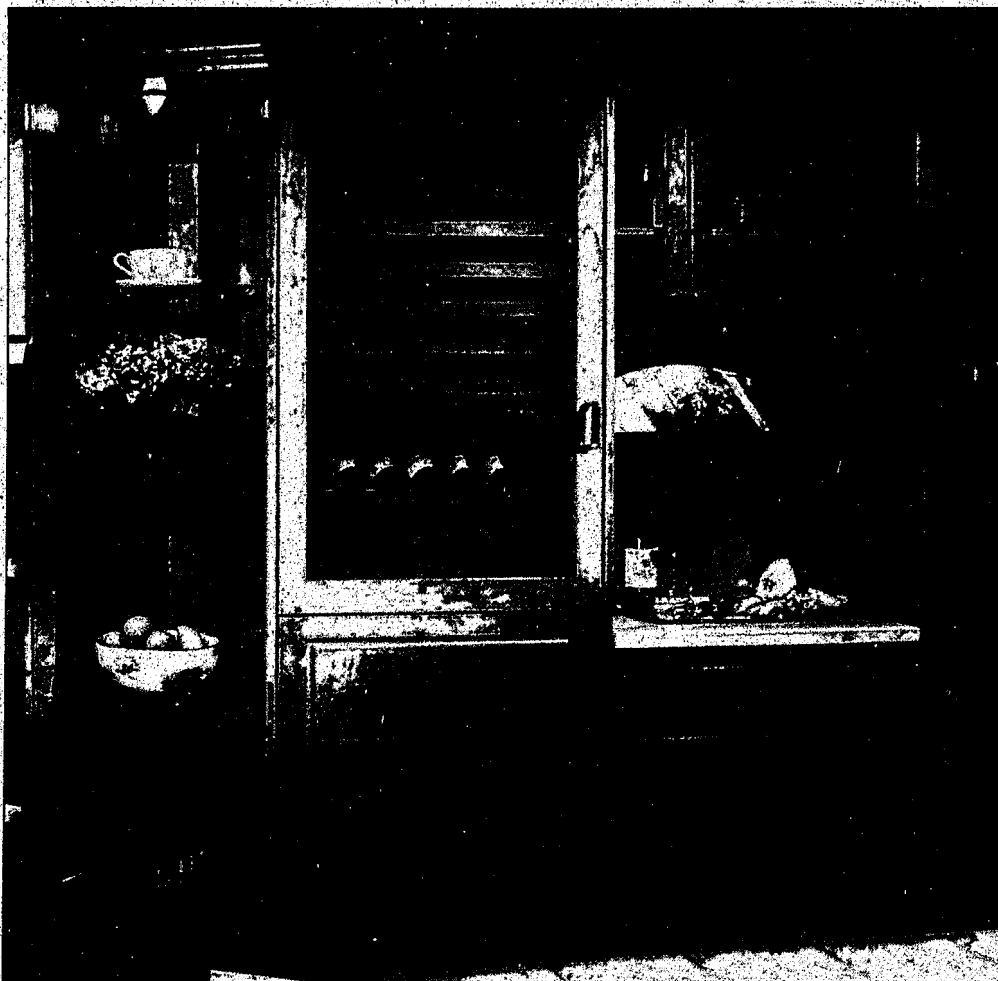
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Luxury so kitchen,

BY MARY KLEMIC
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These days, the lap of luxury is part of everyday life. Homeowners and residents are tailoring kitchens to individual lifestyles and tastes. Almost any idea can be realized with today's technology and artistic design. If one style doesn't go, another can be found in another style.

"Everything that you like is possible for your house," says Daniel Popesco of the Madison Design Group at Michigan Design Center (MDC) recently.

Kitchens and bathrooms are made for universal design, with basic elements, enabling the rooms to be adapted for people of all population ages. Faucets and fixtures resemble workhorses for maximum use.

Examples of living with luxury were presented at the Michigan Design Center.

KITCHENS

The kitchen isn't just a place to prepare meals. It is a place where people gather.

"The kitchen is the most important room in the home," says Ellen Cheever, a nationally recognized and certified interior designer.

Today's kitchens have more appliances, Cheever says. They are more typical. Also prevalent are a casual eating area — a gathering place for the family. There are separate sinks for cleanup and a wider walkway.

Refrigerators are styled to "absolutely disappear," she said. Cabinet doors pull down.

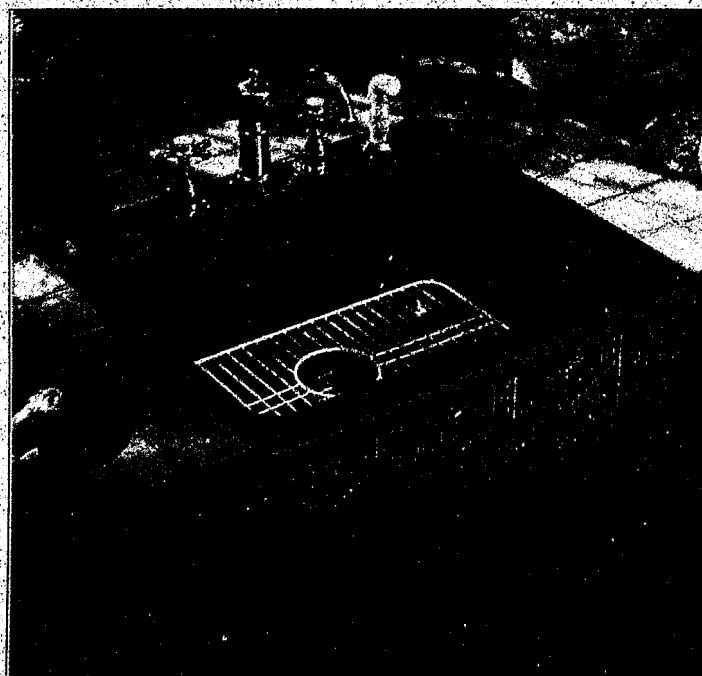
"Blue is the hottest color of the moment," Cheever says.

Yellow and shades of yellow are also strong, and Scandinavian styles are popular, she said.

Sinks feature apron fronts bearing designs, said Daniel Popesco, space planner for the Kohler Co.

"The drama is at the front of the sink," she said.

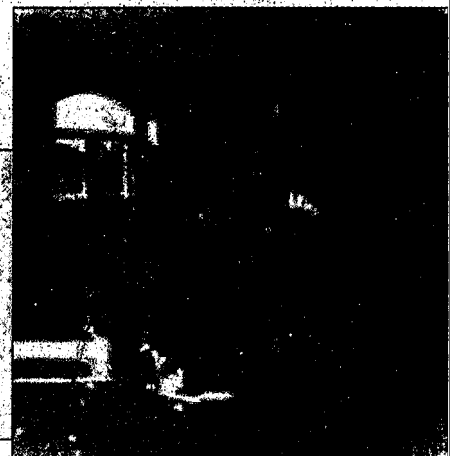
The sink is far more than a pretty face. Trends include a work surface that slides over it; and a draining and heating elements so the cook can simmer food there while working on the other side, she said.



Stylish ingredients: Wine storage units by Trevarrow, and sinks with apron fronts bearing designs (such as the Savanyo design on an Alcott sink by Kohler, at left), are examples of luxurious furnishings and accessories for today's home.

ON THE COVER:

Individual styles and tastes are important for the kitchen and bathroom, such as this contemporary kitchen by the Madison Design Group at Michigan Design Center.



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The oven is the most important appliance in the kitchen, Popesco said.

"It gives you luxury, gives you style, gives you time to enjoy your family," he said.

He advised that the kitchen be thought of as a pie, with four functions: storage area, preparation area, cooking area and eating area.

Wine storage units are popular, for the kitchen or another room. Jim Miller,



regional manager of Trevarrow, Sub-Zero product distributor, presented a series of the units.

The pieces, for wines that will be served within a year, offer constant temperature and humidity levels. They also position the bottles on their side (so the wine will stay in contact with the cork; corks need moisture to keep the wine properly sealed) on vibration-free pullout shelves.

The glass doors are specially crafted to guard against too much light exposure. Units are able to alert to service needs. Storage capacity ranges from 46 to 147 bottles.

BATHROOMS

The bathroom is a personal sanctuary from a busy world. Hydrotherapy and aromatherapy are some of the popular trends that call for a more gracious bathroom.

Today's bathrooms often incorporate a dressing area; such amenities as flat-screen TVs, coffee makers, and lock boxes in medicine cabinets; balance lighting for shaving and makeup; task lighting above different areas; partial partitions; and more defined personal spaces, Schrage said.

Whirlpools, once thought of as a luxury, are more common. Bathtubs can come in a "river bath" style that gives the user the feeling of being on a sandbar or the gentle pull of undertows.

The use of showers has increased three times in the last 10 years, Schrage said. Among the shower features that are in vogue are:

- Handheld shower head on its own slide bar, with the controls off to the side so they aren't in the stream of water

- Vertical whirlpools— aerated cylinders of water

- Body sprays

- Steam generators

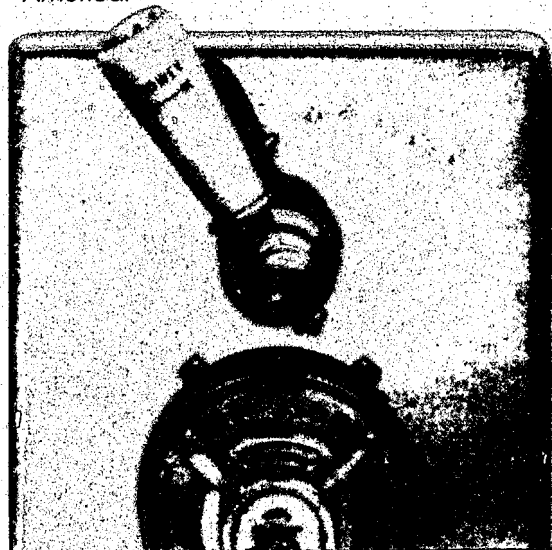
Wall-hung sink models are popular, offering easier wheelchair and cleaning access, as are adjustable counter tops, Schrage said.

Above-counter lavs come in a wide variety of styles, including fountain-like designs. Stainless steel faucets are being seen more and more, along with different faucet finishes—brushed nickel, brushed satin and wrought-iron.

Warren Pearl, president of Lefroy Brooks North America, which will be making copper plumbing exclusively for Ann Sacks Tile & Stone at MDC, presented English style plumbing and accessories that include volume control that works like the dimmer on a light, and temperature control memory.



Beautiful bathrooms: Luxurious bathroom features, presented at recent seminars at Michigan Design Center in Troy, include an elegant lav and fixtures, relaxing vertical whirlpools in bodyjet or waterfall styles, and English plumbing and accessories (below). The lav and whirlpools are by Kohler, the English plumbing by Lefroy Brooks North America.



Sale to benefit hospital fund

Woven Treasures, an Oriental rug business at 750 S. Old Woodward in Birmingham, is hosting its V.I.P. Sales Event to benefit children fighting against cancer.

This special promotion will take place Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 11-14.

Customers buying Woven Treasures' one-of-a-kind rugs will receive a 40-percent discount. After the discount, Woven Treasures will donate 20 percent of the final sales price to the Ginopolis-Karmanos Endowment Fund at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

This fund provides for pediatric hematology and oncology research. Children's Hospital is a nonprofit, private, pediatric institution that doesn't receive state or federal subsidies for its operation.

Guests attending the sale may also participate in an unusual silent auction of beautiful gifts, including jewelry and fine art, donated by businesses from the metro Detroit area. All of the proceeds from the auction will benefit the hospital.

For more information, call Woven Treasures at (248) 723-8888.

"When you are successful in life and in business, you are grateful for the opportunity to help others," Woven Treasures owner Kamran Karimpour said.

"I recently donated several thousand dollars to the Pediatric Cancer Survivors Scholarship Fund at William Beaumont Hospital. I have two small children, and supporting children's cancer research is paramount to me."

Workbench 'giving back'

Workbench has announced its third year sponsoring the Giving Something Back campaign.

During this fund-raising campaign, on now to Dec. 12, Workbench will raise money that will be donated to three not-for-profit organizations.

To encourage spending, the event is planned to coincide with pre-holiday

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Natural disasters always come with wind speeds that produce tree-damaging forces. Nevertheless, property owners most often create the factors responsible for predisposing trees to storm damage.

Communities and individual homeowners allow the structural condition of their trees to deteriorate to the point where even minor storms cause major tree damage. We can provide our best protection for trees by proper care when the weather isn't severe.

We are our own worst enemy. Nobody ever thinks about the real reason trees fall. Instead, we blame the tree care company or the utility industry for the way they trimmed the trees. How can you improve your tree's chances of surviving a storm and lessen property damage?

■ Learn proper planting techniques and choose the right species for the cli-

mate and location. If you plant poor-quality or the wrong species of trees in the landscape, you cannot expect them to withstand the weather. Pick trees that can withstand the pressure from Michigan weather and environment.

■ Help your trees survive drought. A lot of young landscape trees burn up without watering and mulch.

■ Realize that most plants grow toward sunlight. When a house is built in a forest clearing, the limbs of the trees are going to grow over your house.

■ Plant high-quality shrubs that have one well-defined stem. Then, as they grow, you can prune and do crown lifting so that the shrubs won't be as susceptible to splitting during winter storms.

■ Learn about the site and soil conditions before planting. Urban areas almost uniformly suffer from compacted soil. It doesn't matter what the wind speed is, when the roots aren't in the ground, the trees aren't going to remain standing. If the trees aren't anchored in the soil, they fall over.

■ Advise utility companies on how to install cables, wires and pipes without fatally damaging a tree's root sys-

tem. We build and excavate around trees and then wonder why they fall down when they get two inches of ice on their branches. It is hard for a tree to stand up when it has hardly any roots remaining.

■ Learn how to care for and prune trees properly.

■ Learn the early signs of tree failure before a storm hits. A tree can appear healthy but not be structurally sound.

■ Watch out for trees that have been struck by lightning.

When you have severely storm-damaged trees, give them a dignified death. Cut them down and plant safe, healthy trees. Plant good species and give them good care day in and day out if you expect them to withstand storms.

If you are unsure of your tree's health, consult a professional arborist, who will identify and remove hazards as well as treat the causes of tree health problems.

You can find a National Arborist Association member arborist close to you by calling the NAA, (800) 733-2622, or by a ZIP code search on the NAA's Web site, www.natlarb.com

Rare Medium Inc.-Detroit announces the launch of the Leash Logic Web site at www.leashlogic.com

The Michigan-based company manufactures leashes and accessories that are designed for one or more dogs. Products include leashes, utility bags and towels that easily attach to each other.

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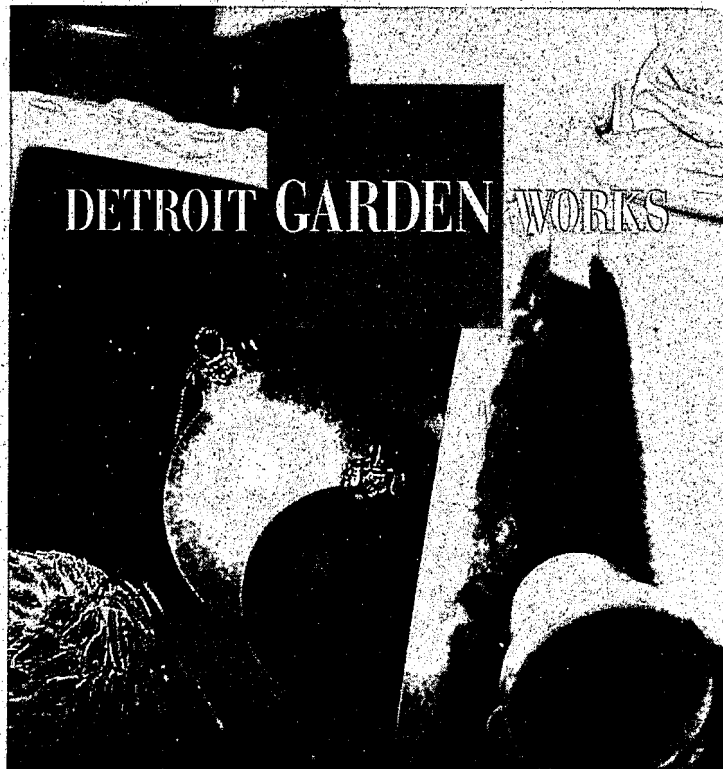
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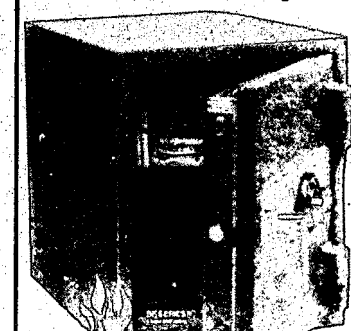
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at home calendar

■ The Frank Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will have an auction 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11. Call (248) 332-1500.

■ Hudson's Reason to Celebrate Gift Giving, its annual collectors event, will take place 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Collectors Gallery of Hudson's at the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy. Included will be exclusive products, special gift-with-purchase offers and artisan signing events. Representatives from the best names in collectibles will share their latest pieces.

■ Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at Meadow Brook Hall, on the OU campus off Adams in Rochester. Renowned lecturer, teacher, botanist and author Fred Case will speak and show slides on "A Michigan Wildflower Sampler." Non-member donation \$3. Case is one of three authors of a new book, "Wildflowers of the Western Great Lakes Region."

■ 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 that have been made into works of art by local artists and designers are sold at auction to benefit the Furniture Resource Center of Oakland County. Joanne Puritan of WXYZ-TV will be

guest emcee, and David McCarron of the Frank Boos Gallery of Bloomfield Hills will be auctioneer. Tickets are \$50 and include hearty hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. For details, call Deb Huston at (248) 649-4772.

■ The 29th annual Kingswood Giftorama will take place 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Kingswood Campus of Cranbrook Schools, 1221 N. Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. More than 50 stores from across the country will transform the hallways and classrooms of the campus into an exciting collection for holiday shopping. Admission is \$5. All proceeds benefit Cranbrook Schools. Call (248) 645-3565 for more information.

■ English Gardens will offer tips on Christmas decorating noon to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 13-14 and 20-21, at all five locations. (The West Bloomfield store is at 6370 Orchard Lake Road; call (248) 851-7506.) The 15-minute "holiday hints" that will be demonstrated include "How to Make a Bow," noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.; "What's New in Holiday Lighting," 12:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.; "How to Decorate a Wreath," 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; and "How to Light Your Christmas Tree," 12:45 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:45 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Call (800) 335-GROW to find the nearest

English Gardens location.

■ The S.E.M. Bromeliad Society will present a free seminar, "Winter Gardening: Tropicals Flourish Under Grow Lights," 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, in the Rochester Hills Environmental Center, 1115 Avon Road just west of Livernois. Guests welcome. For more information, call Siegrid Stern at (248) 375-1411 mornings.

■ Nancy Szerlag, master gardener and writer, will share ideas for decorating with holiday centerpieces and give advice on caring for poinsettias at Art Van Furniture stores in Novi and Westland. Unusual options to complement different holiday themes will be presented. Szerlag's free presentations will take place Monday, Nov. 15, at Novi (27775 Novi Road, call (248) 348-8922) and Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Westland (8300 Wayne Road, call (734) 425-9600). Times are 6:30-8 p.m. both days.

■ Make a Victorian Christmas tree ornament or pin in the shape of a rose with a bud and two leaves in a class for adults Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow. Materials fee \$10; bring scissors. Pre-registration is required. Call (248) 651-0622 for information on this class or other RCH classes.

■ The Beverly Hills Garden Club will meet 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the home of Dodie Mucha for a tree tea, to display trees and wreaths decorated by club members for the Festival of Trees. Members only.

■ The 24th annual Holiday Tables, "A Farewell to the 20th Century," presented by Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary, will take place Friday-Sunday, Nov. 19-21, at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. The event will feature 20 elegant tables designed by area personalities and arranged throughout eight rooms of Cranbrook House. 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. 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. A patron tea and preview is scheduled 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at Cranbrook House, including modeling of fashions from the 20th century and performance of seasonal music. Patron tea tickets are \$50. Mother/Daughter Day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 20, 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. Two Waterford Crystal limited production collections will be raffled 3 p.m. Nov. 21. Raffle tickets are \$20 each; a total 1,500 tickets will be sold. For advance tickets or more information, call (248) 645-3147. Proceeds from Holiday Tables 1999 will benefit the preservation and restoration of Cranbrook House.

■ The 52nd annual Goodwill Antiques Show will take place Friday-Sunday, Nov. 19-21, at the Michigan State Fair and Exposition Center, Woodward at Eight Mile. All proceeds will benefit Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7, \$6 for senior citizens; tickets are available at the door or from Junior Group of Goodwill members. Fairground parking is \$4. A preview party is scheduled Thursday, Nov. 18. Preview tickets range from \$75 to \$125; to order, call the Junior Group at (313) 886-6787.

■ A trunk show of merchandise that will debut at Studio 330, 6566 Telegraph at Maple in Bloomfield Hills, continues to Saturday, Dec. 4, at Studio 330. Call (248) 851-5533.

■ "Holiday Tables," a festive display of tables by the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc., District IIA, is set Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Admission \$5. Call (734) 998-7061.

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Plan to ward off Y2K Bug worries



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

The anticipation of the dawn of the new millennium is causing both skepticism and excitement. These feelings aren't necessarily lumped together within the same household.

Some families will jubilantly celebrate the Year 2000 with festive cheer—perhaps while on a prearranged millennium vacation. Others will be more cautious, opting to ride out any Y2K bug perils and pitfalls from the confines of their own homes.

Unfortunately, you don't know what impact the millennium bug will have on your family life.

For this reason, it is a good idea to safeguard your household in the event something should go wrong at the stroke of midnight, whether it be a temporary lack of power, disruption in telephone service, or other disturbing factor affecting your family, friends and neighbors.

To prepare for a potential disruption in electrical service, stock up on extra batteries for flashlights, radios, battery-powered carbon monoxide alarms and smoke detectors, and battery-powered appliances and gadgets. Have backup light sources handy, including items such as candles, flashlights, camping lights, book lamps and hurricane lamps.

Food

If you do lose electrical power, remember a good refrigerator rule you and your family should follow. First, use refrigerator foods that can spoil. Next, move on to foods in the freezer. Avoid opening and closing the doors too frequently.

If you think anyone will forget what's inside, make a list of refrigerator and freezer contents prior to the stroke of midnight and post it where everyone will see it. If your family can see there is nothing inside the refrigerator they need, food will stay cold much longer. When an item is completely used, remember to cross it off the refrigerator list.

Buy a two-week to one-month stock of non-perishable canned foods, including powdered or canned milk, powdered eggs, tuna, vegetables, soups, juices, dry cereals, peanut butter, cookies, candy, potato flakes and pasta (i.e., boil in a pot on an outdoor gas grill). Stock up on bottled water, allowing a minimum of one gallon per family member per day.

January winter temperatures should also give you the option of some cold

■ Safeguard your household in case something goes wrong at the stroke of midnight at Year 2000.

storage of perishable food items in a cooler outdoors as long as the outside temperature is below 40 degrees.

Safety

Remember to fill your bathtub prior to midnight in the event of water service disruption. When you need water to flush toilets, you will have a readily available supply. Advise your family to use it sparingly.

Keep a fire extinguisher nearby as a precaution when using a fireplace, a wood burning stove, or even cans of sterno to heat food and your home.

Do your homework prior to the new millennium.

■ Find nearby locations to buy dry ice.

■ If you plan to buy a generator, now is the time to do so before store supplies are depleted. You can also use this time to familiarize yourself on the generator's operation and safe handling precautions.

■ Replenish your household and vehicle first aid kits with bandages, tape, antiseptic, a backup thermometer, syrup of ipecac, and general hygiene items.

■ Take care of any prescription refills prior to New Year's Day in the event your pharmacy's computer system is temporarily disrupted, causing a delay in service.

■ Make sure you and your family know the locations of local emergency centers in the event anyone in your family or a sick or elderly neighbor requires assistance.

■ Know where to find hard copies of important records, including bank statements, mortgage papers and investment funds.

■ Pay January bills prior to the New Year. Consider withdrawing some money from your bank or savings institution to have on hand in the event of an emergency.

■ Keep your family busy and distracted in the event of a Y2K disruption. Play board or card games. Create your own art projects that challenge your family to seek out unused household items to incorporate into personal creations. Tell stories at night when lighting is poor.

Visit with family, friends or neighbors to help distract you when heat and electricity may be out. Children will enjoy hanging out with other youngsters while you and other adults compare your millennium bug mishaps.

Enjoy the outdoors by building

snowmen (weather pending), ice skating and sledding. Help your neighbors by checking in on a regular basis. Shovel an elderly neighbor's snow and drop off daily meals.

Take this opportunity, prior to the New Year, to make your lists of Things to Have on Hand, Things to Buy, Important Telephone Numbers, and Things to Do with Family. Do further Y2K readiness research online if you feel you need more information.

By being organized ahead of the Y2K bug, your family can help reduce any anxieties that might otherwise arise if a potential New Year's glitch disrupts your household for one day or longer.

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

Keep this list of information just in case

Keep the following information handy in the event of a millennium emergency:

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A quarter million homes are damaged each winter because homeowners aren't prepared for the dangerously cold and freezing temperatures that the winter months bring, State Farm Insurance said.

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"Taking the time to thoroughly inspect your home will not only help make your home a safer place to live, but your home may also become more energy efficient," said Rick Bowling, president of AmeriSpec® in Plymouth.

"Many homeowners are only concerned about the exterior of their home - their roofs and gutter, for example - when preparing for winter, but there are many other aspects like plumbing, electrical, heating and cooling systems that also need to be examined before cold weather arrives."

As winter approaches, most homeowners know how to insulate their water supply to pipes and to install storm windows, but there are several other key items that homeowners should do to properly prepare their home for winter.

With this in mind, AmeriSpec Inspec-

tion Service offers the following checklist to help homeowners prepare for winter:

Exterior

■ Check chimneys for loose, deteriorated or missing mortar. If these elements are in need of repair, it could cause your chimney to lean or deteriorate, presenting a potential fire hazard. Keep trees trimmed at least 10 feet away to help your chimney draw properly.

■ Have your chimney inspected by a qualified chimney sweep. Birds often build nests in chimneys, which can cause unsafe back drafting.

■ Check grading (the ground immediately adjacent to the structure) for proper slope away from foundation walls. If grading doesn't slope away from the structure, rain or melted snow can collect around the foundation, causing deterioration, leaking and structure damage.

Roofs

■ Clean gutters, strainers and downspouts. Check for debris that can cause blockage or splitting. Make sure downspouts divert water away from the foundation walls, otherwise it can accumulate around the foundation and can eventually enter the lower level of your home. If your downspouts drain directly onto the roof, extend them to reduce

the chances of a roof leak and worn out shingles.

■ Check for any evidence of water penetration in attic and ceilings after wet weather or snowfall. Stains in these areas could be a sign of roof leakage.

■ Trim back all tree limbs and vines from the roof. During cold weather, ice can form on the limbs, causing them to break and fall on your roof, damaging your home.

Doors and windows

■ Check caulking for deterioration of all openings and joints between wood and masonry. If cracks and joints in your windows aren't properly caulked, wind-driven rain or snow could enter and cause wood to rot, metal to rust and masonry to crack and chip. It can also lead cold air to infiltrate your house, resulting in higher heating costs.

■ Check weather-stripping of exterior doors. Weather stripping is desirable because it minimizes air infiltration during the winter months.

■ Replace broken or cracked glass and damaged or missing window screens. Windows exposed to the winter elements are vulnerable to weathering deterioration.

Heating and cooling

■ Clean and change furnace filters every month. If filters aren't cleaned regularly, it could result in greater fuel consumption, and harsher wear on the furnace.

■ For hot water boiler systems, check shut-off valve for leaks and drain lower water cut-off per manufacturer's instructions. This needs to be done to

prevent a sludge accumulation that can affect its operation.

■ Place a board over your a/c compressor to protect it from falling ice, if it's under a roof overhang. Don't cover with a plastic tarp, as this will rust the unit.

Electrical

■ Periodically check exposed wiring and cables. Replace at first sign of wear and damage. Exposed wire and cable is very dangerous because sun, rain, snow and soil conditions can cause the insulation covering the wire to deteriorate, exposing bare wire.

■ Trip circuit breakers every six months and ground fault interrupters monthly to ensure proper protection. Circuit breakers have been known to "freeze" in the "on" position; tripping it manually will ensure operational integrity.

■ If fuses blow, circuit breakers trip frequently, or any appliance sparks or shorts out, contact a licensed electrician for repairs.

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at home calendar

■ St. Anne's will have its annual "Home For The Holidays" juried craft show Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 13-14, at 32000 Mound Road, south of 14 Mile in Warren.

The featured artist of the show will be Bob Frahm of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2.

The show is an annual fund-raiser for the nonprofit St. Anne Madonna Guild.

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With winter approaching, many people are preparing their heating systems for the cold days ahead.

Unfortunately, many of us have heard stories about con artists who take advantage of trusting individuals by posing as repairmen and swindling homeowners out of thousands of dollars for work that was never done.

Fortunately, you can do several things to keep from falling victim to impostors or deceptive technicians hoping to make a fast buck.

The following tips offer important, money-saving practices that will keep you steps ahead of the con artists while protecting you and your home against costly scams.

at home calendar

■ Festival of Trees will take place Nov. 21-28 at Cobo Center in Detroit. The event, an annual fund-raiser for Children's Hospital of Michigan, will feature a public display of more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees, vignettes, gingerbread houses and wreaths; entertainment; a gift shop; a Santaland with children's activities; photos with Santa; and a Secret Santa Shop just for children. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 for children; advance tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$2 for children (ages 2-12). Events planned for this year include a Gala Preview Party 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 (tickets are \$225, \$175 and \$125); a Teddy Bear Brunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27 (tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for ages 2-12); and a Swing Party 8 p.m. to midnight Nov. 27 (tickets are \$25). Call (313) 745-0178.

■ The Northville Township Foundation Holiday Home Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13, featuring seven houses. Bring two friends to the tour and your names will be entered in a drawing for a decorated holiday swag for the home. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. They are available at Gabriela's, on Main Street in Plymouth; Flowers from Joe's, on Seven Mile east of Farmington Road in Livonia; Traditions and Center Street Design, both on Center Street in Northville; and Preferences, Changing Seasons, gardenviews and the Northville Chamber of Commerce, all on Main Street in Northville. Friday and Saturday, tickets can be bought at the Ward Hall (Ward Church), 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty. Ages under 12 aren't permitted on the tour. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

Don't accept unsolicited service calls. Reputable companies dispatch service technicians only at the customer's request. If you didn't call a company for service and a technician appears at your door claiming he has a job to do, be suspicious. Turn him away and call the company to discuss the issue.

Research companies first. If you are faced with a problem in your home and need to rely on a company you don't know, call the Better Business Bureau or your local chamber of commerce to learn about the company's record. Have there been numerous complaints lodged against the company? If so, ask around your neighborhood and find out which companies others have used in similar situations.

Notice the technician's vehicle. Generally, technicians drive company trucks or have the company's sign posted on their vehicles. If they don't, ask for the name and telephone number of a supervisor and call to confirm before allowing anyone to work on your home.

Get a second opinion. If a service technician recommends an expensive repair or replacement and you haven't experienced any problems with the item in question, get a second opinion. While

an honest technician may be saving you from an impending catastrophe, a dishonest one may cost you more than you bargained for.

Get everything in writing. Before allowing a company to begin work on your home, ask for an estimate in writing for the job at hand. A reputable company will notify you before moving ahead with a job more complicated than previously thought.

Don't pay until the job is complete. A reputable company won't require payment in full before the job is done. Be wary of anyone who asks for full payment up front, or who accepts cash only.

Don't pay for work you didn't authorize. If someone calls or comes to your door and claims to have completed a repair you didn't authorize, resist threats and pressure to pay. A reputable company will perform work only after you agree.

Report dishonest activity. If, by employing these safe practices and using plain common sense, you uncover a scam in the making, your first call should be to the company that was represented. It could be a case of misrepresentation, or the company could have a dishonest employee on its hands.

If the company supports the measures taken by its employee and you still suspect a questionable situation, you may decide that further action is necessary. Report suspected dishonest activity to the Better Business Bureau.

If you discover that work you paid for was never done and the company does nothing to compensate for your losses, you may be the victim of a crime and should file a police report.

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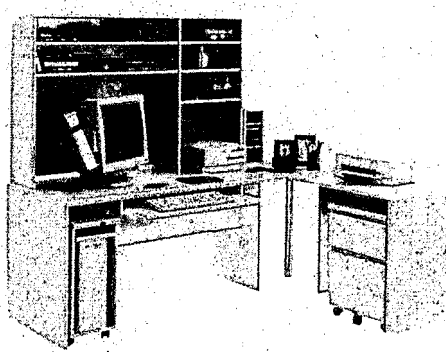
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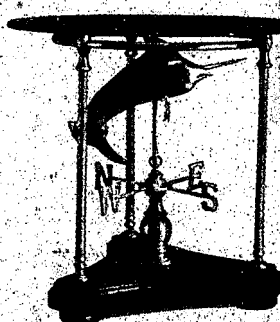
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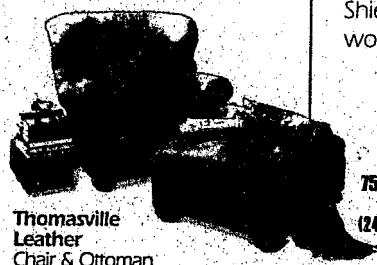
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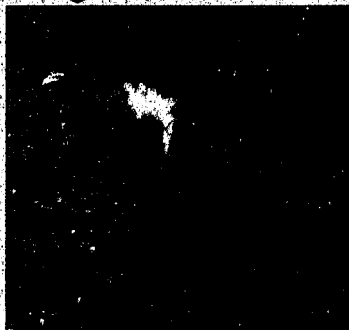
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Jack in the Box Productions is calling all "Lunatics, Lovers and Poets" for an evening of scenes and monologues derived from the works of William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, Five Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman roads, Livonia. Tickets \$10 adults, \$7 seniors and students, \$6 high school students. Group rates available, call (734) 797-JACK.

SATURDAY



Some call him "The Freddy Krueger of Comedy." Don't miss The Amazing Jonathan, 8:15 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Tickets \$20 for patrons 21 and over, reservations required, call (248) 542-9900.

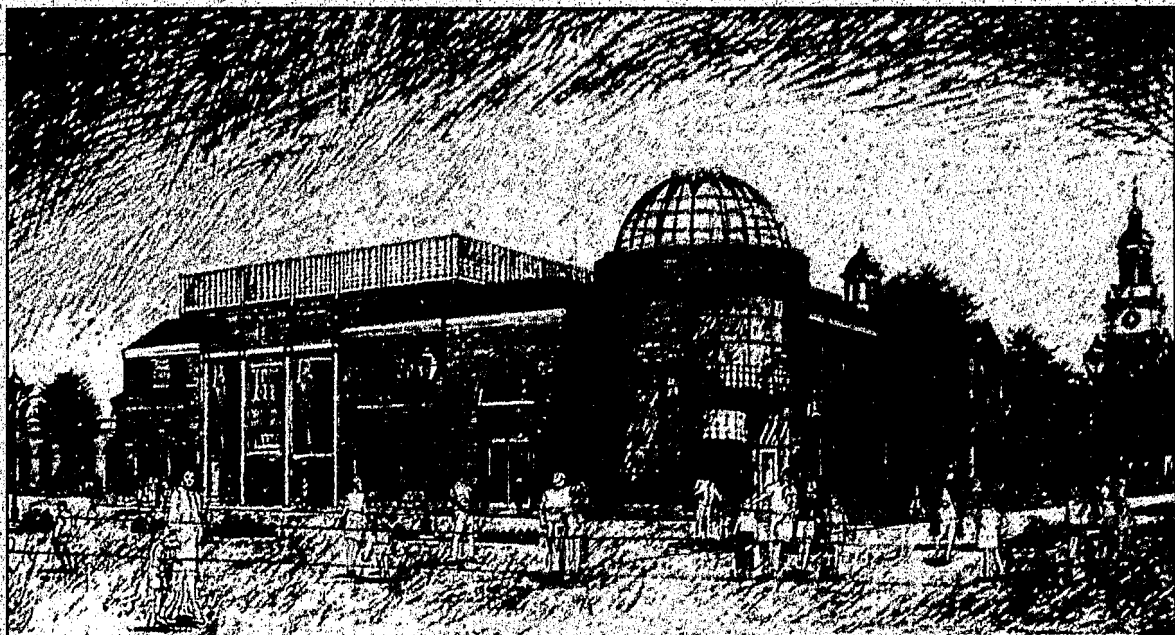
SUNDAY



Boo Resnick returns home to Southfield. Catch Boo and his bluegrass band, Austin Lounge Lizards, 3 p.m. at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Tickets are \$8, call (248) 424-9022.



Hot Ticket: Legendary violinist Itzhak Perlman will make his Detroit conducting debut, and perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Listen for his solo in E major Performances 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$19-\$66, call (313) 576-5111.



HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

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Ford Museum IMAX Theatre makes you a part of the show

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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IMAX is the biggest thing to happen at Henry Ford Museum in ages, and we're not just talking theater size.

The theater, opening Friday, Nov. 19, to the public, "is our gift to the community for their support over the last 70 years," said Steven Hamp, president of Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village.

Built adjacent to the museum's clock tower entrance, the \$15 million facility is a short walk from the parking lot. You can enter the museum or Greenfield Village by walking through the lobby of the new modern theater. There's even a concession stand where you can buy popcorn, soft drinks and candy to enjoy during the movie.

Workers were putting finishing touches on the outside of the theater, landscaping, and laying carpet on the inside when I visited on Tuesday, Nov. 2, to take a sneak peek. Wearing a hard hat, I walked up to the third floor projection room where Ron Bartsch of Troy, IMAX Theatre projection manager, and his crew were testing "The Magic of Flight."

Bartsch studied broadcasting at Wayne State University and worked as a cinema projectionist, but fell in love with IMAX on a vacation to Tampa.

After seeing his first film he decided that IMAX and he had a future together. He saw a film at the Detroit Science Center's domed IMAX Theatre, and got a job there. He left to start up an IMAX Theatre at a science center in Louisiana, and returned to work at Henry Ford Museum.

"I love the IMAX films," he said. "I've always been technically oriented, it comes naturally. I love putting

on the best show possible."

Bartsch is fascinated by the sheer size of IMAX — the screen is six stories tall and eight stories wide, and covers nearly 5,000 square feet.

"It fills your vision area, and the film image is so large that it makes you feel like you're in the film," he said. "The sound enhances it, IMAX has the most powerful sound system. The speakers are behind the screen."

Even though the theater isn't open yet, Bartsch says he's "totally pleased with it."

Henry Ford Museum's IMAX is state-of-the-art. "We're capable of showing 3-D films," said Bartsch. "The audience will wear polarized glasses. You'll feel like you want to reach out and touch the images."

There are no plans to show 3-D films at the theater until the summer, but in the meantime audiences have much to look forward to.

"The Magic of Flight," a 1996 IMAX film narrated by Tom Selleck takes viewers on a journey to discover the history of flight. You'll learn how birds fly, about the Wright Brothers, and join the Blue Angels for a practice session. The 39 minute film was produced by MacGillivray Freeman Films for the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Fla.

A short pre-show, narrated by James Earl Jones with musical backdrop by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, tells the story of "Edison to IMAX."

Bartsch said the pre-show and the film complement Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

"The Wright Brothers are part of 'The History of Flight.' You can see their shop in the village, and there are aviation displays in the museum. It ties in with our theme of technology and innovation. The film tells a great story of flight and features Blue Angels test pilots. It's



New attraction: Above, The IMAX Theatre, pictured in this drawing, is the newest attraction at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Left, "The Magic of Flight" narrated by native Detroit Tom Selleck, is the first film to be shown at the new theater.

fascinating to watch."

On Jan. 1, Henry Ford Museum's IMAX Theatre will premiere the first full-length IMAX film "Fantasia/2000," a 75-minute animated feature from Walt Disney Pictures.

If you don't want to wait, visit the Web site www.fantasia2000.com for a behind-the-scenes look at the film.

IMAX Theatre director David Brown was quizzing newly-hired employees about the theater so they'll be able to answer audience questions. Visitors can go up to the projection room after seeing the film to learn more about IMAX.

They'll learn such things as the projection lamp gets as hot and as bright as the surface of the sun. To enhance image clarity, there's an air-flow system in the theater that continually cleans the dust out of the air. A history enthusiast, Brown says people frequently ask him why the museum has an IMAX Theater.

He explains that IMAX is a great tool for telling stories about invention and innovation, which is an important part of the tradition of the museum and village. To illustrate, Brown talks about the pre-show produced in-house by Scott Dennis.

"Beginning with the magic of the kinetoscope images that Thomas Edison vowed early audiences with and culminating with the present day large-format experience, the pre-show is evidence of the museum's goal to share the scope of technology as it has affected us up to the present," said Brown.

"Fantasia/2000" is another learning opportunity. "It demonstrates new cutting-edge technology."

THE FACTS ON IMAX

WHAT: New IMAX Theatre opens at Henry Ford Museum, Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, in Dearborn.

WHEN: Opens Friday, Nov. 19. Shows every hour on the hour, subject to change. The IMAX Theatre will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call (800) 747-IMAX (4629) or (313) 271-1570 for information. Advance tickets now on sale at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

ADMISSION: Adults \$7.50, seniors age 62 and over and children ages 5-12, \$6.50; children under 4 and members \$6. Combination tickets for Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village and IMAX adults \$17.50; seniors \$16, kids \$12.50; children under 4, \$6. Combination tickets for Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village and IMAX, adults \$28; seniors \$27, kids \$19, children under 4, \$6. Call (313) 271-1620 or on the Web at www.hfmg.org for more information.

FILMS

■ "The Magic of Flight" Nov. 19 through Jan. 1
■ Walt Disney Pictures' "Fantasia/2000" opens Jan. 1 and continues through April 30. You can visit the Web site www.fantasia2000.com

COMING ATTRACTIONS

■ Henry Ford Museum Store — just outside the theater. Scheduled to open this week, lots of interesting gift items. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Accessible to shoppers just visiting the store through the new Visitor Reception area and entrance.
■ "Traditions of the Season" Friday, Nov. 26, to Sunday, Jan. 2, at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. Holiday displays and activities.

FAMILY SHOW

'Toy Story' is a special playtime for ice skater

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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She's been playing with the same toys since 1996, but Lisa Horowitz isn't bored.

"We're good friends, and have a good time. It's fun to put on a costume and be someone else," said Horowitz, who portrays Bo Peep in "Disney on Ice presents Toy Story," which plays Joe Louis Arena in Detroit Nov. 17-21.

"It's been a great show since it started. The show evolves as people become more

comfortable with what they're doing. We get new cast members, and with time only get better," said Horowitz who has always played Bo Peep in the ice skating extravaganza based on Disney's popular 1995 film "Toy Story."

The ice show follows the movie. When 6-year-old Andy isn't around, the toys come to life. His favorite toy, a pull-string cowboy, is in charge until Andy gets a new toy, Buzz Lightyear. Buzz Lightyear is a very cool space ranger with retractable jet wings and a laser who believes he's crash-landed on a strange planet.

Bo Peep is Andy's girl friend, until Buzz Lightyear comes along. "All the toys are freaking out when Buzz Lightyear comes along," explained Horowitz. "Woody is no longer Andy's

THE STORY ON TOY STORY

WHAT: "Disney on Ice presents Toy Story," an ice show based on Disney's 1995 film, "Toy Story."

WHEN: Wednesday-Sunday, Nov. 17-21, at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, with additional shows 11 a.m. Thursday; noon and 3:30 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

TICKETS: \$30, \$18.75, \$16.75 and \$13.75 available at the box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Opening night tickets \$10 (excluding \$30 VIP seats). Kids, age 12 and under, and senior citizens, age 62 and over, save \$3 on the 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, and noon Saturday, Nov. 20, performances, excluding VIP seats. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 983-6608, or visit www.olympiaentertainment.com on the Web.

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Toys are back: Bo Peep hooks Woody's attention in a scene from "Disney on Ice presents Toy Story."

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favorite. Bo likes Buzz, and tries to keep order with the other toys.

"Everyone was a kid once and played with a toy or a lot of toys. They come to the show and relive their childhood," said Horowitz. "A lot of us believed that when we closed the door to our room our toys came to life."

"Toy Story's" cast of characters includes a lot of childhood favorites such as Mr. Potato Head, green army men, and Slinky Dog.

"Adults bring their kids. It's a great time to relax, and the kids will be happy for two hours. The skating is incredible and very creative."

When Horowitz glides on the ice at Joe Louis Arena on Wednesday, she will have performed the show 1,200 times.

"Toy Story" hasn't lost its charm yet for Horowitz or, she believes, the audience.

"In rehearsal we put little twists in so it's still interesting for us," she said. "We have to be as excited the 1,000th time as

the first time. The audience is very special."

Horowitz, an award-winning figure skater, grew up in Minnesota. She joined Feld Entertainment Inc., which produces "Disney on Ice presents," in 1990 after completing high school.

After two years performing the role of Cleopatra in "Disney on Ice presents Time Machine," she joined "Disney on Ice presents Beauty and the Beast" as the understudy to Belle.

"I met my husband Craig in 'Beauty and the Beast,'" she said. "I joined 'Toy Story' in 1996. My husband was Mr. Potato Head in the show."

They performed in the show when it visited Detroit in 1997, and although Craig is in Louisiana skating in "Grease!" Horowitz is looking forward to returning to the Motor City.

"Figure skating is a small world," she said. "We have friends here. Anywhere we go we know people. It's really fun to get together."

There are 49 skaters in "Toy Story" who range in age from 17 to 32. Olympic Gold Medalist Robin Cousins choreographed the action-packed story about friendship, which features colorful costumes, car chases, and daring rescues.

The international cast features Eddie Gornick as Woody and Alexandr Klimkin as Buzz Lightyear.

The sequel to "Toy Story," "Toy Story 2" is scheduled to open Wednesday, Nov. 24, at metro Detroit movie theaters. Andy goes to summer camp and leaves the toys behind. An obsessive toy collector kidnaps Woody, who doesn't know he is a highly valued collectible. Then it's up to Buzz Lightyear and the gang to save Woody from being a museum piece.

Horowitz doesn't think the movie sequel will affect the popularity of "Disney on Ice presents Toy Story."

"We're number one," she said. "They're number two."

Avon Players meet the challenge of 'Wait Until Dark'

Avon Players presents "Wait Until Dark," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 11-13 at the theater, 1185 Tienken Road, 1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road in

Rochester Hills. Tickets \$13, call (248) 608-9077. BY JOHN O'DONNELL, SPECIAL WRITER

The second production in the 1999-2000 season at the Avon Players theater, Frederick Knott's "Wait Until Dark," is an ambitious undertaking for the company and a bold directorial debut for Jeff Stillman.

Set in the Greenwich Village basement apartment, the story centers on the efforts of three con-men to trick a blind woman into revealing the whereabouts of a doll they believe is stuffed with contraband. It's a mystery that relies heavily in the first act on the intrigue of changing identities, misplaced trust, and empathy for the seemingly vulnerable sightless woman, Susy Hendrix. After intermission, Susy emerges as formidable opposition for the trio — dupe-

less and resourceful. Her ability to use her lack of vision to her advantage is the play's unbeatable hook.

Avon Players veteran Lesa Bydalek does an appealing job in her role as Susy, capably making the transition from prey to predator and retaining the strength of her character when the script suggested helplessness or craftiness. Bydalek was clearly well prepared for a demanding role.

There may be no greater challenge than a suspense drama for a theater company, because it depends greatly on the flawless execution of many elements. This production makes the most of Kim Garr's outstanding set design, which not only had the feel of a modest New York apartment, but accommodated the

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BY BOB WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

If you have shied away from Shakespeare, because it's "too hard to understand" you may want to reconsider, and attend Schoolcraft College's production of "The Merchant of Venice." The play is easy to follow and the

principal players turn in wonderful performances. Professor James Hartman has edited the play slightly to update archaic words from Shakespearean times to make it more palatable.

For example, "in sooth" becomes in truth. And "rate of usance" becomes rate of interest.

The central conflict involves a young man borrowing money from a friend to finance a romance with a wealthy young lady. To test the values of her suitors, she promises her dead father to marry the man who makes the correct choice

between gold, silver and lead chests. Lots of comedic possibilities there — and no doubt 400 years ago Elizabethan audiences found it very funny. There is a dark side to the play, however.

Much of the world was virulently anti-Semitic in Shakespeare's time. Who better to be a villain than Shylock — the Jew — who lends money to Christians. Today, the derisive language directed at him is a bit disconcerting, similar to the way modern popular culture treated American Indians not so many years ago. Ray Van Hoeck (Shylock) creates a marvelously sym-

pathetic character. His "revenge" speech in which he explains why he insists on his "pound of flesh" in lieu of repayment of his loan is spellbinding. If only the actor entering at the end would delay a beat, however, allowing us to digest the moment.

Despite his wonderful character, Van Hoeck tends to hold one stage position too long. Both he and Jerri Doll (Portia) deliver Shakespeare's lines in such a natural manner that one is seldom aware that they are speaking in verse. Not any easy task as many of the less experienced actors can attest.

Doll, as Portia, lights up the stage with energy and style as a young woman hoping the man of her dreams selects the correct chest. It is a stunning performance. Brian Taylor gives his usual solid performance as Bassanio, her love interest. John Rowland (Antonio) looks the part of a successful merchant, but needs to add more spice to the delivery of his lines and variety to his movement. Colleen Greenwell is very good as Portia's friend, Nerissa. Diane Aretz is most effective as Shylock's daughter, Jessica, who runs off with his money and marries a

Christian. Others appearing include Jason Birkby, Benjamin Karl, Nick Ward, David Ormsby, Lisa Brawley, David Jenvey, Ryan-Iver Klann, Jeremy Hargis, Tom Rowland, John Abair, Brendan Smith, Charles LaCroix, Antonio Musse and Tom Noe.

The setting, lights, sound and costumes are well done, though there are an interesting variety of footwear for a period piece.

Bob Weibel is a Westland resident who writes about theater for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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varying movements of a blind character and the thugs, who tend to move erratically. It's a thug thing.

As you might imagine, a play with a blind lead character puts a premium on lighting to draw the audience in to the unfamiliar circumstance of having to rely on its instincts. Cast members were supported throughout this production by lighting techniques that enhanced their scenes. No simple task, given the importance that the many different degrees of light had to the plot. John Deierlein, who also did scenic design for the season opening production of "The Music Man," deserves applause in this area.

"Wait until Dark" is a dialogue-intensive play which taxes its performers and the director to sustain suspense. There were occasional lapses in the exchanges between characters and glitches in sound and special effects that prompted audience members to settle a bit deeper in their seats.

Director Jim Stillman is an unabashed fan of Knott's mysteries, including the classic "Dial M for Murder," which Avon presented two years ago. Here, he presents the story in an easy-to-follow manner, and although the production is not exactly a nail-biter, he does establish a distinct identity for each character. This is most evident with the con-

men, portrayed by Michael Jeffries, Mike Fraley and Anthony Sherman.

Musicals and comedies will always have an advantage in being consistent crowd-pleasers. An audience that believes community theater should also attempt to stretch itself by presenting more challenging productions will appreciate this one.

John O'Donnell is a Troy resident who writes about community theater for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

STAY TUNED

For three decades, Bobby Lewis and his Crackerjack Band have been rocking around Metro Detroit. The classic rock band will grab audiences attention at Livonia's Winter Wonderland Parade Saturday, Nov. 20 while performing at Wonderland Mall.

Sure it isn't the old "Your Mustache" lounge in Dearborn, where Lewis played with his band Sticks and Stones for 13 years, but audiences are sure to love that blend of rock, jazz and bluegrass.

It's a mystery to me. One Livonia reader wrote with a question. What has happened to

KEISS FM? One night she turned on the radio to find it changed to a rock format? Anyone with information may e-mail scasola@oe.homecomm.net.

While Deilah may be missing from the airwaves, director Kevin Smith ("Clerks," "Chasing Amy") is in plain sight with

his latest film "Dogma." While the movie may be shrouded in controversy for its take on religion, Alanis Morissette's latest single "Still" should tide eager fans over before she completes another album. Look for Morissette's cameo as God in "Dogma," opening tomorrow.

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"Footloose," through Nov. 14, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the theater in the Fisher Building, Detroit. \$25-\$57.50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 872-1000

GEM THEATRE

"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 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

OPERA

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"Werther" through Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$55-\$250. (313) 237-SING

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

William Shakespeare's comedy "The Merchant of Venice," Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13 (\$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

"Some Americans Abroad," Nov. 12 through Feb. 5, "The Merchant of Venice," 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16 and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, at the theater 4743 Cass, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

ACTOR'S COMPANY

Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound," Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 12-13 and 19-20, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 14 and 21, at the Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford. \$14, \$12 students/seniors. (248) 988-7032

AVON PLAYERS

"Wait Until Dark," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 11-13, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$13. (248) 608-9077

BLOOMFIELD HILLS PLAYERS

"Meet Me in St. Louis," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, Nov. 12-13 and 19-20, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 14 and 21, at Lahser High School Theater. \$9. (248) 433-0885

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Close Ties" by Elizabeth Diggs, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays Nov. 11 and 18 (\$10), and 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 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. 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 and Thursday, Nov. 18, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 14 and 21, at the theater 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 553-2955

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. 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

MT. ZION THEATRE COMPANY

"The Old Faith, Hope & Charity," a comedy with lots of heart by Pat Cook, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13 and 19-20, deaf interpretation Friday, Dec. 12, at Mt. Zion Center for Performing Arts, 4453 Clintchville Road, Waterford. \$8. (248) 391-6168

PARK PLAYERS OF NORTH ROSEDALE PARK

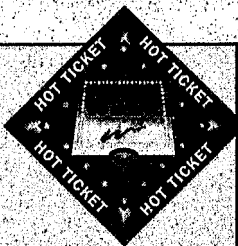
"Rick Abbot's 'Play On' about a struggling community theater group putting on a now locally created drama, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12 (\$18 dinner theater), 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 (\$10), 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 (\$10), 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 (\$10), and 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 (\$15 wine and cheese), at the North Rosedale Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, east of Outer Drive, north of Grand River, west of the Southfield Expressway, Detroit. (313) 835-1103

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Don't Press for Dinner," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13, Nov. 19-20, and Nov. 26-27; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, 21730 Madison (southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn. \$11. (313)



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561-TKTS.

PONTIAC THEATRE IV

"Godspell," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13 and 19-20, at Lincoln Middle School, Montclair and Summit, west of Baldwin, Pontiac. \$8, \$7 children/seniors. (248) 681-6215

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS

"Jest a Second," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 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. 12-13, and Nov. 19-20; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, Upstage Theatre. Tickets \$10, reserved. (313) 537-7716

STAGECRAFTERS

"Dracula," through Nov. 21, signed performance for the deaf Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-6430

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. 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, and 8 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 14, 21 and 28, at the theater, 88840 W. Six Mile, between Haggerty and I-275, Livonia. \$10, \$5 Sundays. (734) 464-6302

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM

"The Man Who Came to Dinner," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 14 and 21, at the theater, Chesnut Street and Woodward, \$12, \$10 students. (248) 644-2075

WOMEN IN STAR PROMOTIONS

Symposium (4 p.m.) and concert (7:30 p.m.) Saturday, Nov. 13, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willets at Bates, (313) 832-3010

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE

"Flanagan'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

DAVE & BUSTER'S

"A Gift of Murder" continues Saturdays through Nov. 20, at the restaurant, M-59 and M-53, Utica. \$32.95. (810) 930-1515

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

BLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER PLAYERS

"West Side Story," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 18-20, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, in the theater, one block west of Telegraph, south of Long Lake Road, Mature content. \$9, \$6 back balcony. (248) 645-4679

DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE

The classic Russian tale "The Firebird," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Nov. 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$7,

\$5 children. (313) 961-7777

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Jack in the Beanstalk," Saturday, Nov. 13 to Sunday, Jan. 16, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

NOVI THEATRES

The Little People Players presents "The Golden Goose," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. \$10, \$8 advance. (248) 347-0400

REDFORD UNION PERFORMING ARTS

"Noises Off" by Maggie Malenfant, Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 18-20, at Redford Union High School. \$8, \$6 advance.

ST. DUNSTON'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK

"Goldilocks and the Three Bears," 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Parking across the street at Christ Church Cranbrook and shuttle service available. \$6. (248) 644-0527

YOUTH THEATRE

"Lyle, Lyle Crocodile," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$9, \$8 advance. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

ASTROLOGY FAIR

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Clawson Legion Hall, 655 S. Main. \$5. (248) 588-6626

COLLECTIBLES SHOW

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, I-275 and Six Mile. \$3, children free. (734) 464-8493

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

TEDDY BEAR SHOW

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, west of State Street Mall, Ann Arbor. \$5, \$1.50 children. (502) 423-STAR or www.bright-star-promotions.com

WOMEN IN STAR PROMOTIONS

Symposium (4 p.m.) and concert (7:30 p.m.) Saturday, Nov. 13, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willets at Bates, (313) 832-3010

BENEFITS

BOWLING BENEFIT

WHFR 89.3 FM, Henry Ford Community College's radio station challenges WSPD 88.1 FM, the radio station for Plymouth-Canton Schools, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at Westland Bowl, on Wayne Road, north of Ford Road. Proceeds benefit programs sponsored by the Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation. (313) 845-9842

EMPTY HAVEN 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

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) 557-4522

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

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

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Violinist Itzhak Perlman 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$19-\$66. (313) 576-5111

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A concert spotlighting a "Salute to 20th Century Music" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Church Hill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$10 students/children. (734) 421-1111 or (734) 464-2741

MUSIC FOR A NEW CENTURY

Features Voices of Light, Concerto for Harpsichord and Chamber Orchestra and Lux Aeterna (Light Eternal), performed by the Choir of Christ Church Cranbrook, 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at Christ Cranbrook Church, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free, but donations can be made at the door. (248) 644-5210

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

PRO MUSICA

Soprano Isahel Bayrakdarlar and pianist Martin Katz, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward. \$30. (313) 833-4005/(313) 886-5639

POPS/SWING

"AN EVENING OF SWING"

The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International performs with The Pro's, a 17-piece swing band, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Ypsilanti Marriot at Eagle Crest. \$15, \$8 children age 12 and under. (734) 480-8843

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY

"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturdays through November, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Auditions for "Of Mice and Men," 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, at the barn,

32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-2937

MEN'S BARBERSHOP CHORUS

Looking for singers, auditions not required but ability to sing on key is understood. (313) 278-1078

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

Auditions for Nell Simon's "Jake's Women," 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 15-16, at the theater, 21730 Madison, near Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn. For performances Jan. 14-15, 21-23, and 28-29. (313) 561-TKTS

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Auditions for Agatha Christie's "The Unexpected Guest," 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 and 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Nov. 15 and 17, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, east of Lahser, Detroit. (248) 548-9713

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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

CHORAL

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOR

"King David" by Arthur Honegger, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Straight Gate Church, 10100 Grand River, Detroit, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23815 Power Road, Farmington. \$15, \$12 seniors/students, \$12 advance. (313) 341-3466

THEATRE OF VOICES

With baritone Paul Hillier, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 764-2538

JAZZ

PAUL ABLER

9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

FOUR HANDS

Guitarists Michael Varverekis and Jeff Hartshorn perform 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at Borders Books and Music, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110 (Jazz/New Age)

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Charlie Gabriel, tenor saxophone, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17; Con Swindell, trumpet and flugelhorn, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756

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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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IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

DETROIT ZOO
The exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring" continues through Jan. 2, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students. \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
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

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

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
The village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities, and exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL
Public tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge, and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, daily at 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
"I Made This Jar..." the life and works of the enslaved African American potter, Dave continues through Jan. 2, at the museum, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. \$2, \$5.00 kids, \$5 family. (734) 455-8940

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6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$28.50, \$24.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

LORI ANEY

8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, Camp Ticonderoga, Rochester Road, between Square Lake and Long Lake roads in Troy. 21 and over.

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

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3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Tickets \$8. (248)

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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

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7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$10 advance. (734) 996-8555

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PHISH

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec.

'Light It Up' intense drama in high school setting

BY CARRIE COOPER
SPECIAL WRITER

The scene: A neglected inner-city high school in Queens, New York, a dedicated teacher is suspended, broken windows and no heat, six students protesting for a better education, and the students barricaded in the school take hostage a wounded police officer. Sound like a place you would want to

be nine months out of the year?

"Light It Up," presented by Fox 2000 Pictures, written and directed by Craig Bolotin ("Miami Vice"), and produced by husband and wife team of Gram-

my winner Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds and Tracey E. Edmonds ("Soul Food"), takes a look at the life of inner-city high school students from their perspective.

The film stars R&B phenomenon Usher Raymond ("The Faculty") as Lester Dewitt, a complex and caring kid who has several personal issues stemming from the unnecessary death of his father. Lester has two things going for him, his loyalty and relationship with his friend Ziggy (portrayed by Robert Ri'chard) and his education. But all of that is about to change when his favorite teacher, Mr. Knowles (portrayed by

Judd Nelson), is suspended and Lester, along with his fellow classmates takes a stand against their principal.

To break up the protest, in comes Officer Dante Jackson (portrayed by Forest Whitaker) whose recent demotion from the police force fuels his bad attitude. While attempting to break things up Officer Jackson is accidentally shot in leg by Ziggy, forcing Lester to take matters into his own hands. What starts out as a small protest turns into a hostage situation lead by Lester and five desperate students.

The frustrated students, real-

izing they are for the time being in control, decide to use their negotiating power to make a statement by asking for the right to have a decent education. The unlikely group of students made up of an artist, a basketball player, a hustler, a gangbanger, a pregnant teen,

and a student council member, lock themselves inside the school and attempt to make their voices heard.

While being held hostage, Officer Jackson is able to see into the lives of these six students and finds himself empathizing with them. He makes several attempts to get through to Lester, but fails. It looks as if the only voice that may get through to him is that of Stephanie Williams (portrayed by Rosario Dawson). Stephanie is the object of Lester's affection. She's smart, beautiful, practical, and she may be just the one to help Lester realize they have gone too far.

While the students continue to deal with their own personal conflicts, the police are trying to deal with the hostage issue. To do that they bring in hostage negotiator Audrey McDonald (portrayed by Vanessa L. Williams).

Audrey desperately tries to buy these kids some time before the police decide to bust into the school shooting first and asking questions later.



Drama: Clifton Collins, Jr., Rosario Dawson, Sara Gilbert, Robert Ri'chard, Fredro Starr and Usher Raymond star in "Light It Up."

She starts to sympathize with these kids and attempts to get through to Lester. But when her attempts fail, the results are worse than could be imagined.

Usher Raymond heads up the "young" cast in his first motion picture starring role as Lester, the leader of the group. Through Lester, Usher proves that there is more to being an entertainer than singing and dancing. Joining the Grammy nominee are Rosario Dawson ("He Got Game," "Kids"), Robert Ri'chard (Nickelodeon's "Cousin Skeeter"), Clifton Collins, Jr. ("187," "The Replacement Killers"), Fredro Starr ("Sunset Park," "Clockers"), and Sara Gilbert (TV's "Roseanne").

Balancing out the talented ensemble of young actors, is veteran actor Forest Whitaker ("The Crying Game"). Whitaker, known for his work as a director

("Hope Floats," "Waiting To Exhale") as well as an actor, provides great inspiration for the young cast.

Joining Whitaker in the veteran actors department is Judd Nelson ("The Breakfast Club," "St. Elmo's Fire") and Vanessa L. Williams ("Soul Food," "Eraser").

"Light It Up" is a very intense movie that is unlike any other film in a high school setting. Normally a principal or teacher would come into a school and change the lives of troubled students. In this film, the students take responsibility for their actions and try to change their own lives. It is an interesting concept, but very disturbing in the sense that you leave the theater feeling like you went through the ordeal with them.

For most of us it makes you appreciate the education you received.

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Insightful local artists have realistic perspective

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

It has been suggested that those who work in creative fields may be inclined to have only a tenuous grip on reality. I've discovered that the opposite is often true.

An instructor once told me that the best skaters in an ice show are the clowns because they have to know how to do it right before they can do it wrong. Similarly, artists who have an acute understanding of the way the world functions have a better chance of creating and presenting meaningful work.

Vancouver-based multi-media artist Stan Douglas spent several years researching and documenting the history of Detroit to develop his new exhibit "Le Detroit."

In the past, Douglas has visited Paris, Chicago and other metropolitan areas to create his insightful photographic and film works that reveal how changing social conditions can impact the history of a city. The "Le Detroit"

Meadow Brook Theatre presents "Tintypes" through Sunday, Nov. 14. Tickets \$24-\$36, call (248) 377-3300.

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

One hundred years from now, when they put on that big turn-of-the-21st-century music review, how it will be received? Will audiences wax nostalgic at the lovely ballads of Eminem? Will they shed a collective tear recalling the plaintive melodies of that classic romantic, Kid Rock? Will they share stories of their grandparents' first kiss while under the lyrical spell of Puff Daddy? Please.

Meanwhile, back in the present, we note how time has treated the tunes of one hundred years past. You've heard of "America the Beautiful?" You can hum "Bill Bailey Won't You Please Come Home?" You recall "Yankee Doodle Dandy?" Case closed.

"Tintypes" celebrates the times and the timeless. Lightning-fast transitions accommodate some 50 songs of the years 1880-1917, performed by a capable quintet taking on characters that evoke the era.

Christopher Howe portrays

exhibit is featured on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, and at midnight Friday, and is on display at the Art Gallery of Windsor in the Devonshire Mall. And since we're dealing in reality here, what better place to generate traffic for an exhibit than to locate it in a mall during the busy holiday shopping season?

Sculptors

In Hamtramck, two gifted sculptors are focused on the functionality of their creations. Is it art or a piece of furniture? In a logical world, it can be both. Leslie Denyer and Margot Delidow use welding and woodworking as staples of their craft, and their studio is one of the reasons for the vibrant place the city has in the Detroit area's artistic landscape.

There have been a number of highly publicized clashes in recent years between religious groups and artists who are on the fringes of creative expression. Art and religion are not adversaries by nature. Throughout history, the powerful images of the masters have contributed greatly to the spirituality of modern man. There are also

many local examples of how artists are currently lending their talents to celebrations of faith.

Celebration of faith

At Detroit's Central United Methodist Church, an alternative worship service known as Saturday Night Central regularly features some of the area's finest artists. While it may

Society works to keep blues alive in Detroit

Ed Schenk is on a mission. As president of the Detroit Blues Society, he's determined to keep the blues alive and well in Detroit, and he's got a secret. Lurking in metro Detroit are several blues greats like Albert Adams, Eddie Burns, Johnnie Bassett and Willie D. Warren. Adams has been singing the blues in the metro since the 1940s.

Schenk's happy to call them friends and assures there are many other talented blues masters in the area who keep a low profile.

The Detroit Blues Society was formed in 1986 under the name Detroit Country Music and Blues Society. Its members are dedicated to keeping the art of blues music alive and well. With special events like the Blues Heritage Series — which hosts free shows at the Scarab Club in Detroit — Schenk and the Detroit Blues Society are calling attention to the music which has nearly drowned in a sea of MTV, driven rock and hip hop. But his outlook is positive.

"I think (blues) is very popular right now," said Schenk. Seeing it live can be an educational and entertaining experience for all ages. The next installment in the Blues Heritage Series, Women of

Where to catch the blues
Listen for those shades of blue near your neighborhood. Some of the best blues clubs in the area include the following.

Detroit Blues Society picks:
■ **Magic Bag**, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale
■ **Music Menu Showcase Bar and Grill**, 511 Monroe, Detroit
■ **Oxford Inn**, 43317 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Also try:

■ **Lower Town Grill**, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth
■ **Memphis Smoke**, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak
■ **Fox and Hounds**, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills
■ **Ford Road Bar and Grill**, 35505 Ford Road, Westland

Do you have a cure for the blues?

What's your opinion of the blues scene in Metro Detroit? Who's your favorite blues artist locally? Include your name, age and the city in which you live.

E-mail answers to scasola@oe.homecomm.net or fax them to (734) 591-7279.

Detroit Blues, is an event for anyone who loves the blues or has a curiosity to learn more about it. The Nov. 13 show features Bettye LaVette, Priscilla Price and Kerry Price.

LaVette is a native Detroiters whose been from Broadway to Las Vegas and back. She's known for her "tell-it-like-it-is" form of the blues. Each of the women may be considered something of a blues treasure in our area.

"The music is thriving," he said. What sets our blues men

and women apart from those around the country is their strong connection to an original blues, untainted and pure.

"There is so much talent here under the surface," said Schenk. He credits stations like WDET and WHFR as being major supporters of the blues. Though he'd like to see it hit bigger radio markets, he understands that it's not popular enough for most commercial stations.

"I've always loved music," said Schenk, who discovered the soci-

ety when he hosted his own public access TV show in Eastpointe. He joined the group in 1995. Just over two years later he was chosen as president of the organization.

Why the blues?

"It's very emotional," said Schenk. "It's just a very feeling music as compared to (other styles.) A lot of people think the blues is very simple. In order to do it well, a sense of timing has to (take place)."

He described blues as a musical style that moves in a circle. At certain points musicians jump off the path, creating various bridges. Those who know what they're doing playing the blues sense those moments and can create a depth and emotion in the music like no other style allows.

"Detroit has a wonderful blues community," said Schenk. "Everyone's willing to help out with everyone else's projects." They make up a sort of blues family.

At monthly meetings you'll find more than 200 members gathered at Hamtramck's Attic Bar, strumming guitars and jamming the blues. But it's more than just a chance to express themselves freely in the music. The Detroit Blues Society honors

a Lifetime achievement artist each year. Last year the Butler Twins took the honor. The group is also formulating plans to reach out to younger members of the community. Schenk said he is interested in starting a "Blues in the Schools" program which would include education and live performances of the music.

"So much of the younger generation only know MTV," he said. "I don't personally enjoy rock music."

Moving into the future, Schenk is hopeful that doors will open for today's blues performers. It's unfortunate, he said, that most musicians must move away from the city to become successful. But the goal remains — "to be a good member of the cultural community and to give back to

the community as well."

I couldn't have said it better myself.

Check out *Women of Detroit Blues*, 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, Scarab Club, 21719 Farnsworth, Detroit. Free. All ages welcome. Call (313) 831-9912 for information. Blues fans can also see the Original Queen of Blues, Koko Taylor, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street in Royal Oak. Tickets \$10. (248) 543-4300 for information.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric News papers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at scasola@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax, dial (734) 591-7279.

Sounding off: November music reviews

In an effort to bring our readers in tune with the newest music by national and local artists, the Observer-Eccentric Newspapers will now be compiling music reviews. Local musicians may submit full-length compact discs, which have been completed or released no more than three months prior to submission, to the newspaper office. Send materials with a daytime phone number c/o Arts and Entertainment, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich. 48150. We do not guarantee that all submissions will be reviewed, but we'll try our best.

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"Our Little Secret" **

Dan Hazlett

Home Street Music

It's no secret how contemporary folk artist Dan Hazlett's new baby, Grace Paradise, influenced his work as a musician.

The latest release by the Waterford resident, "Our Little Secret," contains many reminders of the inspiration he gains from his daughter. "21 Inches of Paradise"

details the changes a man encounters when entering fatherhood. Little Grace is evident all over the CD; her cry ends one track and her likeness can be found on the cover.

For listeners, "Our Little Secret" creates a mood fostering contentment and reflection. Like a lazy day spent lounging in a Northern Michigan cabin, or a moment of calm found at the foot of Lake Michigan at sunset, the music is low-key and cozy.

The title track is a heartfelt look into the arrival of a new baby, a time to make room in our lives for the changes awaiting the future. "Hope Is Still" offers an uplifting opinion of what truly matters in the world. A song that shows value in love and emotion, dreams and aspirations, while disparaging the need for material objects and money.

Take a bit of a bluesy approach to folk music and you have "The Life is in the Roots." Hazlett's "Red Road" is reminiscent of gospel styles. Relying heavily on his acoustic guitar, the singer-songwriter incorporates these elements, along with touches of jazz and pop, with ease into his own dreamy folk sound. Songs were recorded at studios and perfor-

mances in Farmington Hills, Rochester Hills and Pontiac.

Hazlett's fourth CD and latest effort provides the perfect accompaniment for those subdued times of the day. Unwind with this one.

■ Best to listen to when: cuddling by a fire

—STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

"Resignation" ***

Lori Amey

LEEMA Records

When I first met Lori Amey, in a Michigan State University lecture hall before a film class, I had no idea of her accomplishments.

I didn't know she snagged an opening spot at Lilith Fair. I was unaware that she was attending MSU with a vocal music scholarship. And I had no clue that her voice, that voice, could flutter and coo, evoking such passion and emotion. I am delighted and not at all surprised to hear this disc was the first CD ever by an unsigned artist to break into the top 25 best-selling albums at Tower Records in East Lansing.

Her second effort, titled "Resignation," shows depth and fire, both in its poetic lyrics and soothing vocals. At 22, the Livonia native has got quite a handle on life and

love. In "Shattered" she sings: "You chose only to see all that you desired me to be. And though you're shattered someday you'll believe what I say." It paints a softer picture of a failed relationship than listeners might expect. She's not vengeful like Alanis Morissette. She's not as frail as Tori Amos.

In "Better Day," Amey's the friend we all need in times of despair. A voice of hope, an up-lifting spirit. She urges: "I see the fire in your eyes, won't you let it burn? There's more to you than you know, so don't let go." This song, and overall the tone of the album, offers that sense that someone else shares those experiences which hurt us, and heal us. The subject matter is easy to relate to, like a close friend.

She's been compared to Paula Cole and Joni Mitchell, but Lori Amey has a mind, a voice and a talent all her own. Buy "Resignation" at Borders Books and Music, Harmony House, or online at www.loriamey.com.

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■ **The Lark** — Florida Stone Crab & Lobster Dinner, 7 p.m. Monday or Tuesday, Nov. 22-23. The cost is \$90 per person,

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Networkers:
Members of Moving Right Along include clockwise from left Nancy Austin, Carole Litzelman, Carl Creighton, Matt Adams, Tony Kwilos and Denise Aleardi.

Regional activity

Here's the total number of residential units — houses, condos and apartments — by region, permitted through the first half of this year and the percentage of change.

Region	Total	% change
New England	23,245	+3
Mid-Atlantic	57,269	+15
Great Lakes	114,285	+8
Plains	49,273	+7
South Atlantic	241,725	+15
East/S. Central	46,123	+1
West/S. Central	96,988	-3
Mountain	98,719	—
Pacific	105,206	+8

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

HELEN FURCRAN/STAFF ARTIST

Realtors gathering teams

What closing costs might look like

Networking is taking on new dimensions for some Realtors.

Nancy Austin, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth, has organized an alliance with several professionals in different fields touching on real estate. Their goal is to help senior citizens deal with the process.

Not that seniors couldn't necessarily find their own tax lawyer, flooring/design specialist, financial planner or moving company, if needed, and not that those who work totally independently wouldn't do as good a job.

But sometimes it's just easier — and reassuring — to refer colleagues who share your business philosophy and commitment to service.

"Actually, our goal really is to help people find people they can trust," Austin said. "Subsequently, it will bring us business. I believe that what goes around, comes around."

"Being a Realtor in the area, I went into homes of a lot of seniors that needed updating," Austin added. "They were losing money, not getting as much (at sale) as they should."

"In addition to that, my dad was going through the anxiety, 'Should I move or not move?' and 'What am I going to do with all that stuff?'"

"Social workers told me, 'If you could ever get a team together, we could use your services,'" Austin said.

She first recruited Carole Litzelman, owner of floor covering/interior design businesses, and Carl V. Creighton, a real estate and estate planning lawyer for her network. Other subsequently joined.

"I'm not sure we have a legal status per se," Austin said of her network. "We'll all put money in a pot to pay for anything we have — brochures, telephone. We don't pay each other (for referrals). We'll all give a free consultation. They (clients) only pay us when they formally engage our services."

Other members of Moving Right Along are Matt Adams, regional manager for Corrigan-Moving/United Van Lines; Fred Nell, CPA, tax preparation accountant; Joseph DuMouchelle, appraiser of fine art, antiques and jewelry; Denise Aleardi, director of Waltonwood Senior Community; and Anthony W. Kwilos, CFP, financial planner.

All report giving and receiving referrals from their colleagues.

Austin also has access to a handyman, painter, electrician and a woman who will help coordinate garage sales.

"It's overwhelming (for some seniors) ... and for their children to help them," Aleardi said. "The network can help from investing money from selling to



Teammates: Rosemary Firestone's financial services team includes Mike Rich (back, left), Jeff Sprague, Craig Lee, Peggy Bookstein and Firestone (front, right).

packing and moving to estate sales."

"These people (seniors) are so trusting," Adams said. "They would be an easy mark unless a person exercises integrity. I think that's what we're all about."

"All members of this group have deep ties to the local community," Creighton said.

"This is going to be a tremendous opportunity for people to get a list of quality people they can trust with their lives," Kwilos said. "They don't have to worry about getting ripped off."

"We're also concerned that when seniors call, they don't feel any pressure from anyone," Austin said.

Rosemary Firestone, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 in Novi, put together an informal financial services team consisting of a lawyer, accountant, inspector, mortgage rep and others to regularly present free seminars to prospective home buyers and sellers.

Many of them also need a lot of hand-holding.

"People comment at the class how they like to meet all the people at once," Firestone said. "They feel more comfortable about getting a house."

The hope is that when the time comes, attendees will remember and feel comfortable enough to pay for the professional services of network members.

Firestone put together her financial services team a few years ago. She met

financial planner Jeffrey Sprague, now with Kanter Associates, in the next booth at a chamber of commerce function.

"We started talking about ways of getting to know people, what we could do to help each other," Firestone said. "I had a business coach who taught about developing teams to help each other and develop added value for clients."

"It took off from there," she said. "I've known people at least three years, watched them perform. They stood out heads and shoulders."

Other Firestone financial team members include Michael I. Rich, real estate attorney; Craig Lee, HomeTeam Inspection Service; Bruce Rosenblatt, Norwest Mortgage; Peggy J. Bookstein, certified public accountant; and Thomas Daigle, alternate, Flagstar Bank.

"I think we're trying to make it easy for buyers and sellers to feel confident in what is probably the biggest investment they make in their lifetime," Rich said. "When you give a referral, you put your reputation on the line, too."

Commitment is what makes or breaks networks, Firestone said.

"We interviewed other people. Some didn't want to commit," she said of prospective members of her financial services team. "I've heard of other groups that get together, then dissolve. Commitment is missing."

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Part 1

After finding a house at a price you can afford and an interest rate you can live with, there are still many other costs before the deal is done.

These are called closing costs. They will be part of your total costs.

The biggest cost is points (each point represents 1 percent of the mortgage balance), but sometimes that can be negotiated.

There are two kinds: origination fee points and discount points. On a \$100,000 loan, one point is \$1,000, two points is \$2,000, and so on. Unlike other costs, you cannot finance points. You must have the cash to pay them when the deal closes.

The origination fee covers the lender's costs of processing the loan. While some charge a flat fee for this, many charge a point. Origination fees vary from lender to lender. Discount points are a way to lower the interest rate.

Let's say you can get a zero-point loan at 8 percent. However, if you pay one point, the lender might cut the interest rate to 7.75 percent. The lender might go down to 7.5 percent for another point. The more points you pay up front, the lower the interest rate. The lender makes about the same, except that he gets more up front. Using a \$100,000 loan as an example, for every point (or \$1,000) you come up with up front, your monthly payment might be reduced by about \$15.

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.MortgageSearch.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.

What law?

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

I am running a facility similar to a YMCA. The occupants are staying on a month-to-month basis and receive discounted rates. Am I bound by the landlord/tenant laws?

In a 1998 Michigan Court of Appeals decision, the court focused on the importance of a tenant's exclusive possession and control when it held that the occupants of a YMCA facility are not tenants.

protected by a landlord/tenant statute, even though those occupants can stay on a month-to-month basis and receive discounted rates.

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Beverly Hills condo association named best in the country

Village Pines Condominium Association off Lahser in Beverly Hills was named the 1999 National Community Association of the Year in the under-150 unit category. The award was presented Oct. 30 by the Community Associations Institute at the national conference in Atlanta, Ga., which was established to benefit the more than 200,000 associations nationwide.

Further honors will be presented this weekend at the statewide meeting of the Michigan Chapter of the Community Associations Institute. The meeting will be in Livonia.

The units of Village Pines are a quarter mile south of 14 Mile, on the west side of Lahser. All 51 units are separate, often joined by a wall or courtyard. The average unit has three or four bedrooms and runs about 3,000 square feet, said condominium association president Robert Colladay.

The really outstanding characteristics of Village Pines are the neighborliness of the people and the wonderful condition of the condominium, Colladay said. The condo-

minium was built by Robertson Brothers in 1986 and 1988. The current manager is McShane and Associates Inc. of West Bloomfield, a management company specializing in managing condominium and homeowner communities.

Although this condominium does not have a pool, that's not all bad, Colladay said, because pools can be viewed as a liability that eat up a lot of money and must be watched constantly so visiting children are not injured. The people in the condominium are mostly older individuals and older couples. "Many go south for the winter," he said.

Colladay has lived in the condominium for more than nine years. He has been president of the association for eight years. His son graduated from nearby Brother Rice High School and attends Michigan State University.

The award represents outstanding achievement in several categories, including organized and productive business operations, successful governance, sound

financial management, effective communications, enforcement of policies and procedures, and ability to foster a sense of community to enhance residents' enjoyment of their homes.

Bill McShane is the president of the management company. "The management of condominium and homeowner communities is a very specialized type of property management," he said. "In a community associations, you aren't just taking care of the buildings and grounds. A successful manager must deal with the people, their spirits, and their sense of community."

McShane and Associates was also recognized in 1999 with Beautification Awards from Novi and West Bloomfield, a National Merit Award for Communications from CAI in 1998, and Michigan Association of the Year award in 1997.

CAI is a national organization representing community associations and professionals, with more than 16,500 members in 58 chapters throughout the United States and in several foreign countries.



National winner: Village Pines Condominium Association will be honored this weekend.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the days of June 28 and July 14-15, 1999 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. 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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.

SELL HOME CLASS

Matt Kenkel, an associate broker with ERA Banker's Realty, and West Bloomfield Education present a class, "For Sale by Owner," 7-9:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at Orchard Lake Middle School.

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 Willis, a soon-to-be luxury, mid-rise condominium development, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, under heated tents at the corner of Willis and Bates in Birmingham.

Cost is \$75. For information, call (248) 644-3460.

SALES CLASS

The Troy Chamber of Commerce presents a sales workshop, "What Do You Say When..." 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at SOG 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.

BUILDER'S LICENSE

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education present a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builder's licensing examination 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Nov. 29-Dec. 8, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Cost is \$180, plus \$20 for a textbook and sample questions. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

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.

MORTGAGE BANKERS

The Young Mortgage Bankers Committee, affiliated with the Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan, hosts a holiday party 5:30 p.m. to midnight Tuesday, Dec. 14, at San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver, Troy.

Cost, which includes dinner, is \$60 for members, \$75 for non-members. For reservations, call Joanne at (248) 945-3875.

HOME INSPECTIONS

Consumers may obtain materials describing the importance of a reputable home inspection or receive a copy of the National Association of Home Inspectors Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics.

For information, call the NAHI hot line at (800) 448-3942.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, whose goal is

to promote and monitor fair housing practices and laws, has launched a membership drive.

Individual membership (\$10), family (\$20), organizational (\$35), supporting (\$50) and sustaining (\$100) are available. For information, call (313) 963-1274.

HOME EQUITY LOANS

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MOVERS & SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

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.

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Edwin St. Aubin, a Realtor with Century 21 Town & Country, has been recognized by the company as a Centurion and Hall of Famer for sales achievement for the ninth consecutive year.

St. Aubin, a

Clarkston resident, holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Walsh College.

Harry Wolfe

an associate broker with Century 21 Hartford South in Livonia, has received the Masters Diamond level status for 1999 and a Centurion designation for a fifth year in a row for sales production.

Wolfe, a third-generation Realtor, lives in Northville.

Delcor Homes of Milford has achieved ISO 9001 certification for

quality management.

"Using the quality processes that we've designed will allow us to truly build the best possible home in the timeliest manner," said Phil McCafferty, Delcor president.

"We intend to share our materials with the National Association of Home Builders to help other builders with their certification process."

Lauren O'Keefe was promoted to director of interior design at Hobbs & Black Associates, architects, planners and interior designers. She will oversee plans to market Hobbs & Black Interiors.

O'Keefe, a member of the firm since 1992, has an expertise in health care design. She received a bachelor of fine arts degree in interior design from the University of Michigan.

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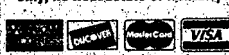
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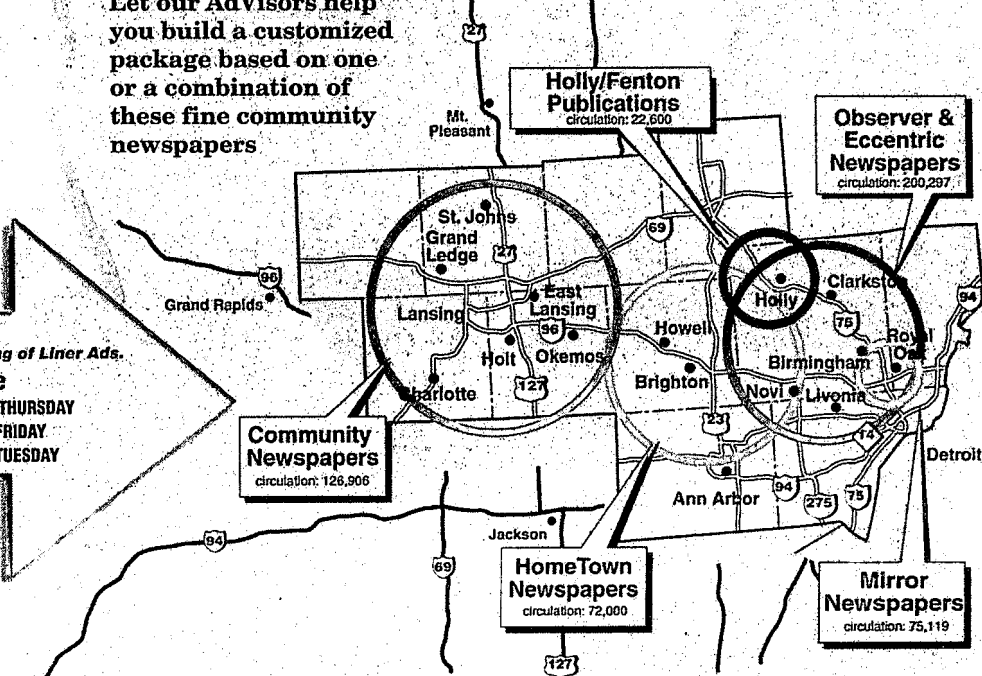


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306 Brighton

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308 Canton

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W/ much to offer, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, ceramic entry foyer, huge living room, large family room w/ fireplace, dining room, finished basement w/ bedroom, office & more, many updates. Garage & lovely yard \$176,900

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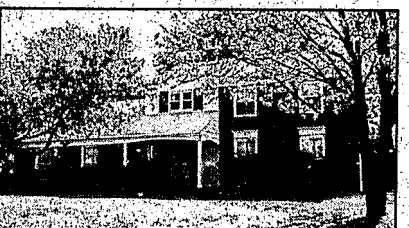
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4 bedroom colonial, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage, finished basement, formal dining room & living room, family room w/ natural fireplace & beautiful! \$259,900 (1



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GREAT HILLY WOODED LOT. 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths with a finished walk-out, natural fireplace in family room with doorwall leading to deck. \$199,900 (15RAM) 248-363-1200



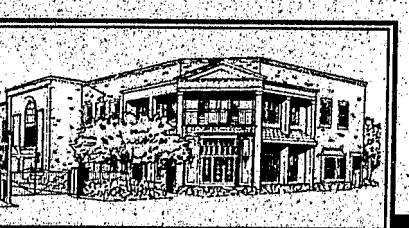
GREAT STARTER HOME! Cute & cozy describes this 2 bedroom ranch. Just 1 block from all sports lake. Many updates. Includes washer & dryer. Has a fenced yard and 2 sheds. Motivated sellers. \$93,000 (30MOS) 248-626-8800



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ALL BRICK RANCH situated on approximately 4 acres. 3 bedrooms up & 2 down plus 2½ baths. Open floor plan. 2 kitchens, fabulous decking, screened in porch and much more. A slice of heaven right here! \$325,000 (24FAR) 248-626-8800



WONDERFUL OPEN VIEW. This 4 bedroom, 1½ bath Colonial has many updates including roof and installed windows. Finished basement. Newer central air. Includes one year home warranty. \$217,988 (27ARD) 248-626-8800



AN EXCEPTIONAL VALUE in West Bloomfield. This home features an attached garage, deck, fenced yard, family room. Terrific neighborhood with lake privileges on Middle Straits Lake. \$162,900 (36SAN) 248-626-8800



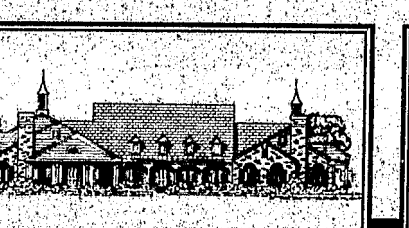
FARMINGTON HILLS. Immediate possession. 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch with neutral tones. First floor laundry, family room with fireplace, skylights in kitchen and main bath. Finished basement. Backs to woods. \$196,000 (50STO) 248-524-1600



TROY. Updated 4 bedroom, 2½ bath quad-level home in Stoneridge sub. Newer roof, furnace, A/C. Oak kitchen with wood flooring. Paver porch and walkways, private yard. Warranty. \$219,900 (91PAT) 248-524-1600



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4820 Rochester Road, Troy
(248) 524-1600



ROCHESTER. Beautiful 1995 built brick home with 2-story foyer and Great Room. Hardwood floors & Pergo throughout. Master suite with whirlpool tub and shower. Library with French doors. All appliances. \$289,900 (51SKY) 248-524-1600



TROY. Beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch in Troy with large fenced yard. Natural fireplace and hardwood floors in family room. Newer carpeting and dishwasher. Finished basement. \$155,900 (98BOR) 248-524-1600



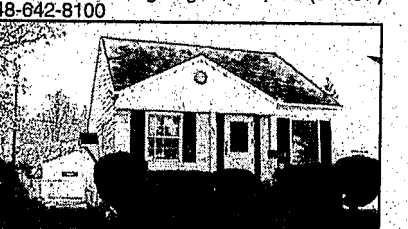
TROY. Great opportunity! 4 acres, zoned R-C. Prime development up to 12 units allowed. 2 homes presently on property. 1 one has 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths, huge garage and basement. 2nd home has 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Lots of possibilities with this valuable land! \$479,000 (06JOH) 248-642-8100



ROCHESTER HILLS. Built 1994. Elegant 3 bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial with professional interior decor and landscaped with top pbhd. Charming hearthroom with fireplace adjoins white kitchen with ceramic floor, island and pantry. 1st floor master w/jetted tub. Large lot. \$460,000 (18SKY) 248-642-8100



BIRMINGHAM. 3 bedroom, 2½ bath Contemporary built in '89. Updated kitchen with newer stainless steel appliances, cathedral ceilings in Great Room and master suite. Marble fireplace, deck with enclosed hot tub and 2 car garage. \$409,900 (51RUF) 248-642-8100



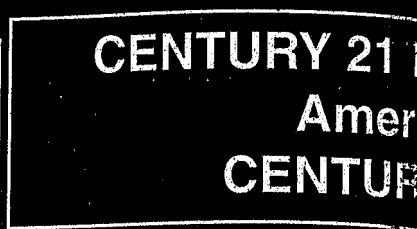
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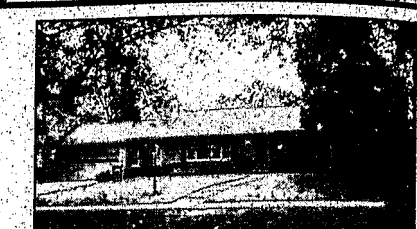
BIRMINGHAM. Sharp 2 bedroom Condo with newer Millspride kitchen, bath and carpet. Master bedroom has 2 closets. Hardwood floors, newer roof and windows. Pets allowed. \$145,900 (58GRA) 248-642-8100



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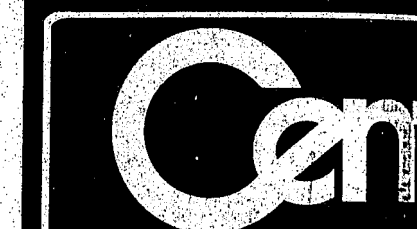
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BEVERLY HILLS. 3 bedroom, 2½ bath renovated Ranch on double lot. Fabulous maple and granite kitchen with nook. Living room with fireplace, large formal dining room, oak paneled library and family room with vaulted ceilings. Newer master bath. Finished basement. \$489,900 (82RIV) 248-642-8100



TROY. Spacious home within walking distance to elementary & middle schools. Large master suite with adjoining studio & sitting rooms w/cathedral ceilings & skylight. Many upgrades including kitchen with oak cabinets. \$267,900 (90HER) 248-652-8000



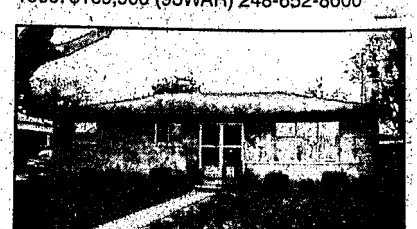
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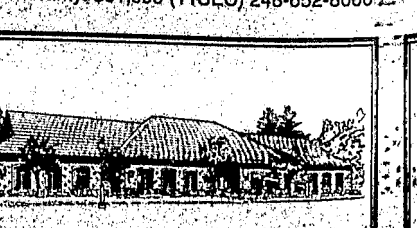
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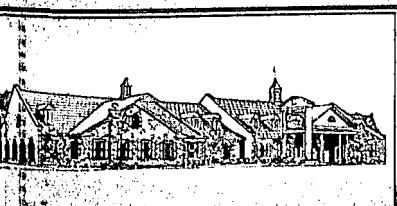
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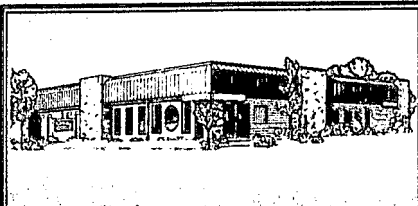
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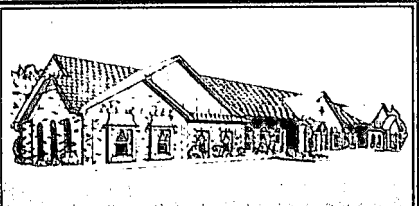
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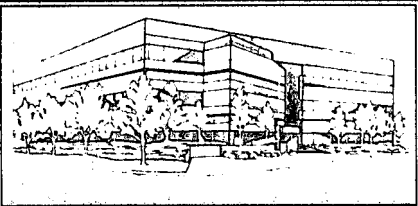
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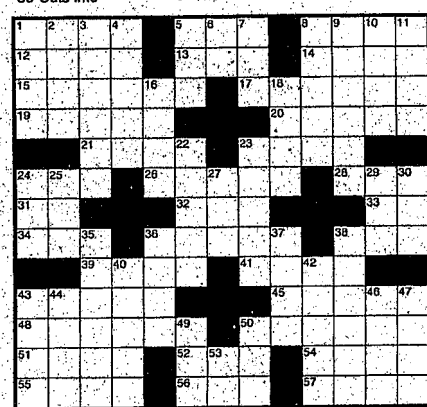
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GROSS POINTE FARMS

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- Great location - walk to school and shopping
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- Four bedrooms and two baths. (F1176)

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WEST BLOOMFIELD - CROSS LAKE COLONIAL

- Beautiful views of lake from balcony off master suite, partially finished lower level with walkout
- Four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, numerous updates throughout
- Water frontage with boat facility. (WE205)

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ROCHESTER HILLS - OPENSUN 1-4

951 Groydon - N. off Avon bet. Old Perch & Livernois

- Beautiful earth tone ceramic entry welcomes you!
- Large updated kitchen & baths, 4 bedrooms with wood floors, lots of closets, private backyard
- Deep heated garage with workshop. (CR951)

\$219,900 • 248 651-8850



ROCHESTER HILLS

- Great three bedroom, in-town, brick ranch
- Well maintained with newer windows
- Finished lower level with family room
- Two car garage, porch, patio. (A1229)

\$169,500 • Juanita Mallam • 248 656-4405



BIRMINGHAM - OPENSUN 1-4

1247 Emmons - W. of Woodward, S. of Lincoln

- First glimpse of interior - wow! New, new, new!
- Complete renovations - quality & charm combined
- New light maple kitchen and gorgeous bath
- Ideal for first timers or investors! Hurry! (EM124)

\$152,500 • 248 647-6400

Featured Fine Home



BEAUTIFUL ROLLING HILLS OF ADDISON TWP.

- Situated on 2.6 country acres, this all brick 5 bedroom Colonial offers finished lower level walk-out with in-law quarters
 - Spectacular 7 sided solarium, hot tub/spa, plus 4.5 baths
 - Security system, pond, and two pole barns. (PI632)
- \$439,900 • Anna Percy • 248 656-4400**



BIRMINGHAM

- Vintage four bedroom, 3 bath brick home on premier street in the heart of Birmingham
- This unique home is well maintained
- Large lot offers potential to expand. (GL690)

\$669,900 • Jane Lockhart/Adrienne Starnell • 248 291-2020



TROY - LIKE-NEW HOME!

- Fabulous 1982 built Colonial offers 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths
- Library, spacious kitchen with oak cabinets
- Large family room w/ tall, arched windows & 11' ceiling
- Full finished basement & beautifully landscaped yard. (V182)

\$289,900 • Christine Hemmings • 248 647-8081



NOVI - INVEST IN A LIFESTYLE

- Brand new lakefront home with sandy beach
- Four bedrooms, three bathrooms, dining room, and great room
- Attached 3 car garage, plenty of storage. (SO109)

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PREMIUM GOLF COURSE LOCATION

- Select home overlooking TCP fairway
- Gorgeous patio home with finest of amenities
- Two fireplaces, library, white marble flooring
- Sprinkler system, gatehouse and more. (TU44)

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WHITE LAKE - PREMIUM LAKE FRONTAGE

- Enjoy sunset views from this meticulously landscaped Colonial situated on two acres!
- Master bath with jetted tub & separate shower
- French doors, walkout lower level, multilevel deck. (TE234)

\$490,000 • 248 624-3015



STERLING HEIGHTS - THIS ONE'S A WINNER!

- Newer 4 bedroom Colonial - 2 full & 2 half baths
- Grand 2 story entrance with spiral staircase
- Extra large lot
- Huge kitchen with cabinets galore! (PO428)

\$331,900 • Mary Bann • 248 267-1106



FARMINGTON HILLS

- Stunning 5 bedroom Tudor on secluded wooded site
- Spacious interior accented by soaring ceilings
- Finished walkout, fireplace in great room
- Gorgeous use of paver bricks. Exceptional home! (WE254)

\$379,900 • 248 324-3800



ROCHESTER HILLS - OPENSUN 1-4

3753 Orion Rd. - N. of Gair, E. of Adams, through Goodison

- Heavily wooded and rolling 7.4 acre parcel
- Enjoy wonderful existing home or build new!
- Open living space with views of nature
- Stone fireplace. Large deck. Walkout lower level. (OR375)

\$365,000 • 248 641-1660



EXQUISITE GOLF COURSE & WATER VIEWS

- Four bedroom, almost new, contemporary 1.5 story
- Frosted maple kitchen, ceramic tile, dining room great room, gas fireplace, 1st floor laundry
- Central air, appliances, full basement, alarm. (DA13)

\$223,500 • Robyn Lewis • 248 620-4373



BEVERLY HILLS

- Stunning three bedroom brick Colonial
- Dramatic, two story entry opens to fabulous great room, master suite with Jacuzzi tub and 7 skylights
- Built in 1991. Finished basement. (AU322)

\$324,900 • 248 647-6400



CLARKSTON SCHOOLS - PRICE REDUCED!

- Immaculate Colonial on 1.97 acres
- Natural fireplace with mantel in family room
- Multilevel deck, gazebo, above ground pool
- Shed and 2 car attached garage. (SP651)

\$239,900 • 248 625-5700



WEST TROY - OPENSUN 1-3

1630 Martinique - E. of Coolidge, S. of Wattle

- Traditional Colonial tucked away on a beautiful court
- 4 large bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, 1st floor laundry
- Finished basement with walk-in cedar closet
- Bay windows, newer carpeting. Award winning Troy Schools! (MA163)

\$299,500 • 248 641-1660



COMMERCE - LAKE PRIVILEGES!

- Beautiful Colonial home on spectacular wooded lot!
- 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, large & bright island kitchen
- Spacious family room with stunning brick fireplace
- Skylights, recessed lighting, deck, & 2 car garage. (WO141)

\$243,900 • 248 624-3015



HUNTINGTON WOODS - OPENSUN 1-4

10135 Talbot - S. off 11 Mile on Wyoming to Talbot

- Distinctive Colonial on beautiful street
- Open floor plan, refinished hardwood floors, family room with natural fireplace & direct access to yard
- Three bedrooms, 2 full baths, attached garage. (TA101)

\$239,900 • 248 647-2000



ROYAL OAK - BRICK RANCH

- Wonderful 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home in Vinetta area
- Refinished hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen
- Super finished basement adds additional 1,000 sq. ft.
- Two car garage. (OR221)

\$179,900 • 248 647-6400



OAKLAND

- California style, four bedroom Contemporary home
- Great open floor plan with vaulted ceilings
- Two way fireplace separates dining and living rooms
- Lots of privacy, decking and door walls. (AD367)

\$219,900 • 248 651-8850



ROOM FOR EVERYTHING - BLOOMFIELD SCHOOLS

- Extra spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse
- Updated kitchen, new windows, newer furnace & roof shingles
- Huge master, dining room, family room, 2 fireplaces
- Finished basement, best location in complex! (GE155)

\$199,900 • 248 647-6400



HOTTEST HOME BUY TODAY... TROY RANCH!!!

- Three bedroom home nicely located in popular subdivision with Troy schools!
- Updated windows, roof & furnace. Full basement, open kitchen and family room attached garage, fenced yard. (HA180)

\$151,900 • 248 641-1660



GORGEOUS PLYMOUTH CONDO

- Recently redecorated in neutrals, offering updated white ceramic foyer with balcony and three skylights
- Vaulted ceiling in master bedroom & separate dressing area, finished lower level, full living room. (DR496)

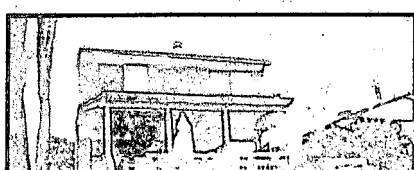
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LAKE OAKLAND AREA

- Recently built four bedroom Cape cod
- Open floor plan, master suite with Jacuzzi tub
- White kitchen, wood windows
- Near Jayco Adams Elementary. (MA260)

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WOLVERINE LAKE - SPECTACULAR VIEW!

- This darling, lakefront, 2 story home is a joy to live in
- Two bedrooms, great room opens to a bi-level deck
- Two car garage, skylights & recessed lighting
- Move in condition. A real gem! (WO814)

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