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Park upgrades planned for 2000



Independence Township board members will look at proposed expenditures for the Parks and Recreation Department. Among the planned upgrades are replacement benches, a bridge renovation, new bleachers and a utility vehicle for the safety paths.

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER STAFF WRITER sslaughter@oe.homecomm.net

Thirsty ball players will have a drinking fountain to use at Sashabaw Plains Park and spectators will have a place to sit this summer at Clinton-

wood Park if the Independence Township Board of Trustees approves planned capital purchases by the Parks and Recreation Department. The department has budgeted

\$99,875 for 2000 for maintenance and enhancements at the township parks, parks and recreation Director Ann

Conklin said. The money is part of the township's overall capital improvement budget approved in October. Departments were asked to bring their budgets before the township board before proceeding with bidding items so members know where the money is going. From mundane purchases of lawn mowers to an architectural study for the lodge at Bay Court Park, Conklin said each is important in its own way.

"All of them are going to enable us to better serve the public," she said. There were years when the department had precious little to spend on

maintenance items let alone improve

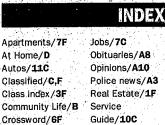
ments, Conklin said. This year park users will notice new benches and garbage cans and park staff will have a new walk-behind mower, a back hoe attachment, a machine to paint lines on soccer fields and a blade sharpener. The department also plans to spend \$15,000 on a utility vehicle for the safe

ty paths. Each park will receive a few new items to either enhance the park expe rience or keep up with user demand. which keeps increasing, Conklin said.

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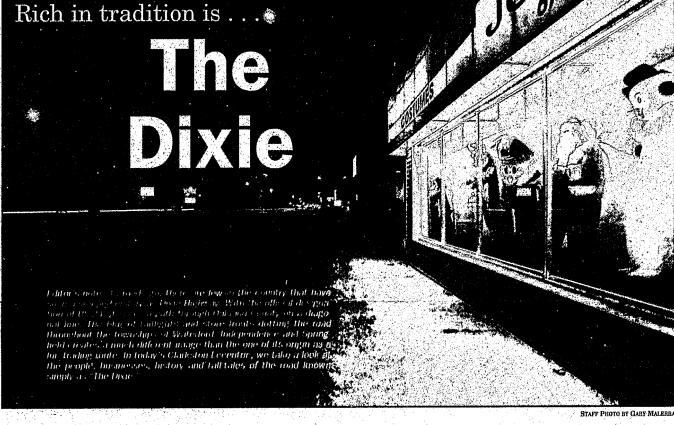
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aturday marked the opening of Clarkston's newest attraction, the Clarkston Heritage Museum. Founded by the Clarkston Com-munity Historical Society, with the help of the Clarkston Community Museum Foundation, the museum will feature changing exhibits with artifacts and photographs from the Historical Society's collection.

The first exhibit, entitled "The Way We Learned, 100 Years of Education in Clarkston, 1835-1935," will run for the next six months. The exhibit includes items used in the Clarkston school district from its earliest days. School record books detailing teachers' contracts and student grades and leather boots worn by a Clarkston teacher are among the items dis-



Famous highway predates Prohibition

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER STAFF WRITER sslaughter@oe.homecomm.net

E very time a car pulls onto Dixie Highway, it's rolling on pavement that predates Prohibition

Like its name implies, Dixie Highway traverses much more than northern Oakland County. The road as a paved highway dates to 1915 and covers more than 4,000 miles over a looping route from the Straits of Mackinac to Miami Beach, Fla. It was the first major north-south road navigable by automobile

That's not anything to whistle Dixie at.

Richard Weingroff, writer and unofficial histo-rian of the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C., said Dixie Highway and many other roads like it across the country were mar-

ness people to think of ways to cash in on the public's new mobility.

Carl Fisher was an Indianapolis entrepreneur who owned property in southern Florida. "One of his ideas was Miami Beach," Weingroff



said. "Well, how do you get to Miami Beach? You build a road from Michigan."

The Dixie Highway Association was formed in 1915. Groups promoted routes to cities, businesses and individuals who contributed money to fund the road improvements. The idea was the more traffic that comes through town, the more prosperous the town will become.

"I think of them as being a chamber of com-merce for long, thin towns," Weingroff said of the promotional groups.

A transcontinental road, the Lincoln Highway. already stretched from New York City to San Francisco with the guidance of Fisher. He thought he could do a similar project from north to south. What made Dixie different from the many other similar roads springing to life was that the Dixie was a system of roads.

The western route goes from Sault Ste. Marie to Grand Ranids and over to Indianapolis. Ind.:

Independence Township Library, the museum is self-guided and open during regular library hours. The Historical Society celebrated

the opening of the museum Friday night with a grand-opening party. In attendance were members of the society, as well as Township Supervisor Dale Stuart, Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catallo, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Al Roberts and Library Director Mollie Lynch. Long-time Clarkston resident Ruth Davis attended the festivities. Davis donated several items used in the exhibit, including photos and other items from the Clarkston High School Class of 1935, of which she was a member. Davis enjoyed the exhibit, especially a photo of her first-grade class, and was able to point out the children in the class by name.

For more information about the Clarkston Heritage Museum, or to schedule a school or other group visit, call the Historical Society at 922-0270.

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



keting tools.

"In that era, the federal government hadn't got ten involved in highway construction," Weingroff said.

The Model T was introduced in 1908. It wasn't until 1916 that federal money began to be allocated for roads.

Even though cars were a new idea at the beginning of this century, it didn't take long for busi-



Four-legged stop: It wasn't too long ago that four-legged means of transportation was prevalent on the Dixie

Louisville, Ky.; Nashville, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Atlanta, Macon, Ga. and Orlando to Miami. The eastern route goes from the Soo via Detroit, Toledo, Cincinnati, Knoxville, Tenn.; Chattanooga, Atlanta and Jacksonville, Fla., to Miami. The Carolina division breaks off at Knoxville and

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Road map to

further reading

There was a time when riding a bike on Dixie Highway was safe

BY CAROLYN WALKER STAFF WRITER cunalker@oe.homecomm.net

llaude Trim took a trip down

J Memory Lane, er. Dixie Highway recently. Sitting in a window that overlooks the busy highway, he recalled a not-so-ancient time - the early 1950s — when Dixie could safely be traversed by bicycle or foot, when its landscape was dotted with farms and markets, and when truck stops and family businesses were the norm

Trim, a former representative to the Michigan Logislature, a former supervisor of Springfield Township and a former member of the Water

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was born and raised in Andersonville, now a part of Springfield. He resides in Springfield today.

Conceding with good humor that it preceded him, Trim related an old rumor that a former hotel at the corner of Andersonville Road and Dixie Highway was a stop on the underground railroad, where runaway slaves were secreted.

"In the basement of it they hid slaves," he said. "That's way before my time."

More within Trim's frame-of-reference, of course, were the markets, drive-ins, farms and restaurants that lined Dixie when he was a youth.

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ford Township Board of Trustees, One of those restaurants - considered "a big eating place" — was called Alexander's Canteen, he said. Another was the Moose Head Inn, and, of course, there were the familtar, now lost, original Deer Lake Inn Independence Township and Old Mill Tavern Hotel in Waterford

In addition, a grocery store/market once located near the corner of Andersonville Road and Dixie in Waterford was moved to Greenfield Village, he recalled.

"It set closed for quite a while," he snid. "I can remember going by there."

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Waterford Historical Society Horace Huntoon and John Griffen built the store in 1854. It was known as August Jacober's store. It was moved to Greenfield Village after Henry Ford purchased it in 1927

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as kids, we didn't have much money," he said. "The big thing was malted milks."

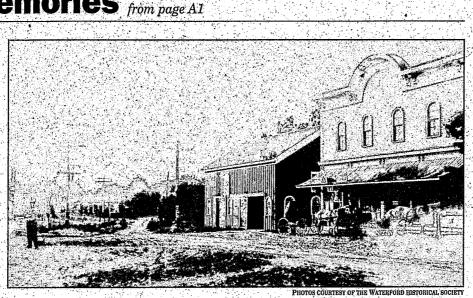
Trim added that he could remember when he was eating in Alexander's Canteen and a tornado hit the Flint area. The storm clouds, he said, could be seen from the restaurant

"My time table of Dixie Highway is basically when I was in high school (1951-52)," he noted, recalling that he would walk to school from Andersonville to where Dixie now crosses I-75 near Big Lake Road. At that time the Deer Lake area was almost entirely open property and children could play freely in

"During my high school years, worked at the Lewis Brothers Farm Market. I worked there all night long during my junior and senior-years in high school. There was no 1-75. Everybody that came from Detroit had two choices: M-24 or Dixie," he said. "At that time Dixie was really,

Trim recalled that on weekwould line up on Dixie to pur-





Dirt road: The above photo shows Dixie Highway as it appeared before it was paved. To the right is the Merick & Bruce general store.

its fields.

a booming area

ends, when people were return-ing from visits Up North, they





Good food: The old Oasis Restaurant on Dixie Highway and Hatchery Road attracted hungry motorists.

chase apples for \$4 per bushel at the market.

"The people would give us \$5, and we'd have to carry the apples to the car for them," he recalled, fondly.

He also remembered when a Christmas tree farm stood where Cedar Crest Academy now is, and when a chicken coop was located at the current Dixie Baptist Church site.

"There was a chicken coop where Dixie Baptist Church is," he said, laughing. "Paul Vanaman started his church and, of

course, quickly got rid of it. "When I-75 came through there was very little maintenance to Dixie and it got rough and businesses closed up. Many businesses went out of business after 1-75 came in. The restaurants, especially. The restaurants attracted truckers," he said.

Remembering his time as Springfield supervisor during the early 1970s, Trim said Dixie in that area "was all zoned residential. There were a few cabins along the (Deer) lake."

Trim said the first master plan of Springfield was prepared when he was supervisor and "I pushed to rezone Dixie Highway commercial. Back in those days, if we had to have commercial and industry there's only two spots for Springfield Township (where) that's feasible."

Those two spots are along Andersonville and Dixie, he said. Both locations house small commercial or industrial parks

today. Thinking back to a past when eople knew their neighbors, Trim continued with a trace of reverie in his voice: "It amazes me what I've seen in my lifetime. T would ride my blke. I could go from Davisburg to Waterford and I would know almost every body.

"You wouldn't dare ride a bicy cle down Dixie Highway now,"

Dixie dateline

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path. It became known as the Saginaw Trail because it went from Pontiac through Flint and on to Sagi 1825 -- The dirt road became an

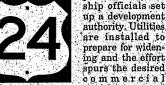
officially designated route between Detroit and Pontiac. In succeeding years, the road was used as a stagecoach route. It

was improved by installing planking and later, gravel. 1920s — Dixie Highway gets its name and is paved, It is finished as a two-lane high-way in 1924.

1920s-1960s — Tourists flock to the area via Dixie

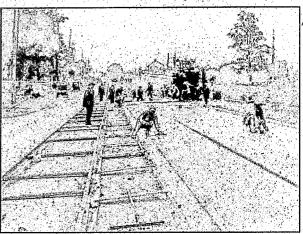
Centuries ago — Herds of. Highway to take advantage of deer and buffalo create a nat-ural path. Later, American 1980s — The highway in

riorates to the point that township officials set



growth. Springfield Town-Today ship officials and business people will generate a report on how they think the corri-dor should be developed early in the new year. In Waterford Township, discussions are continuing about how to rede-velop Dixie Highway in a way encourages more pedes-

trian traffic.



Men at work: Workers pave Dixie Highway along Williams Lake Road in this undated photo.



travels east through Asheville, N.C., Augusta, Ga., and Savannah and then connects with the other branches at Jacksonville. Three other subroutes also were built.

"Instead of picking the best routes, the Dixie yielded to all the temptations," Weingroff said. And that explains the Dixie's winding course.

The 1920s was considered the golden age of road building. By then, hundreds of roads with colorful names criss-crossed the country. Weingroff said groups promoting the highways gave them catchy names to increase

their appeal. Dixie got its name because it was the road to the southern states. In 1926, the U.S. government began its highway numbering system. It wanted to discourage the promotional groups. It was successful by breaking up these large highways into differ-

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"Instead of picking the best routes, the Dixie yielded to all the temptations."

Richard Weingroff Unofficial historian of the Federal Highway Administration explaining the Dixie's winding course

ent numbers. Dixie Highway is M-24 through Oakland County. The February 1915 edition of Dependable Highways calls Dixie Highway the signal of 50 years of peace between the north and south after the Civil War. Weingroff said the name that was supposed to symbolize peace

today. "The term Dixie is fading due to political correctness," Weingroff said.

and prosperity is in danger



The Dixie started as trail for buffalo, deer

The history of Dixie Highway dates back before the Europeans arrived.

Many of the roads we zoom along in our vehicles today were laid out beforehand, according to the book, "Michigan Centennial

Legend says Dixie Highway

was an American Indian trail. Before this the trails were created from herds of buffalo and deer

"They were the earliest road

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an trails had been first picked out and worn smooth by the passing of herds of buffalo."

According to the book, Dixie follows the general course of what was known as the Saginaw Trail from Detroit to Flint to Saginaw. Above Saginaw the trail ran north to the Straits of Mackinac.

The book adds that from Detroit south to Monroe, Indian

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surveyors and road engineers," according to the book. "The Indi-History.'

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Old route has loads of lore

Much was written about Dixie Highway during and several years after its construction. Here are some tidbits about the road taken from various publications from that time. A four-inch stack of documents referring to The Dixie was provided by Richard Weingroff of the Federal Highway Administration.

Women do their part for the Dixie

In several articles. Dixie Highway was touted as a great way to further heal the wounds from the Civil War that had ended 50 years before. The April 1916 ediof

Southern Good Roads reprinted an article by Nellie

Tribune. It talks about women banding together to beautify the Dixie with flowers, trees and shrubs.

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A commentary on the times is evident because the piece starts out by telling how during Recon-struction, Southern women secretly sewed Ku Klux Klan uniforms

"In those days, the Southern women made all sorts of brave sacrifices for the protection of their beloved Dixie," it states. It goes on farther into the article. Having all this in mind a coterie of prominent Southern women have lately banded together to create active organizations for aiding in the work of building the Dixie Highway."

Dixie as goodwill ambas-

sador The 1915 Dependable Highways magazine sports a headline "Land of cotton seeks inter-change with North." It talks about how such a project makes

"The cold northern winter which drives a horde of Yankees to the milder southern clime is an influence for better feeling and so is the hot southern summer which encourages seasonal southern migration to the Great Lakes and the Catskills. Now comes the Dixie Highway to

facilitate this social interchange and to emphasize cordial relations.'

Even President Woodrow Wilson commented on the new highway, according to Dependable Highways.

... through you, convey "May I my cordial congratulations on the inauguration at Chattanooga of the Dixie Highway, proposed to run from Chicago to Miami, Fla. Such a highway will be of greatest interest alike to the peoof the East, the South and the Middle West, and I shall watch its progress toward completion with the greatest interest.

Paying for the Dixie Southern Good Roads proved to have all kinds of interesting nuggets of information. In the January 1917 edition it estimated that to date, \$7 million had been spent on Dixie Highway construction. The budget for the entire road system at that time was estimated at \$25 million.

Stuck on the Dixie

This excerpt from the Novem-ber 1915 edition of Southern Good Roads speaks for itself.

"The Dixie Highway Commission and the band of enthusiasts that accompanied them on their tour from Chicago to Miami Oct. 9-21 found that there were still some discouraging conditions existing on that route. After they left Louisville, they found some thing worse than Illinois gumbo in the sticky red mud of Kentucky. Around Bowling Green mule teams had to be employed to pull some of the cars out of the mire.

Welcome to the Dixie

On the same page of the Detroit Motor News that we see the indignant road hog letter is a paragraph about a new and larg er sign for Dixie Highway south of Wyandotte. It says two simibut smaller signs have already been run over by trucks that went off the road.

"The reckless motor truck driver who collides with it (the new sign) will do more than just break down the sign.

Smooth sailing on the Dixie Things have changed since

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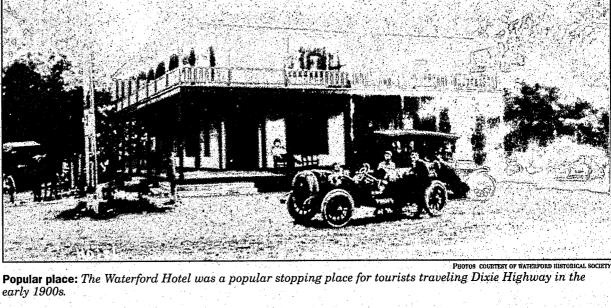
Hotel

She and her sisters worked in the office while her brother

ing. According to White, the Waterford businesses on the corner of Dixie and Andersonville Road were pretty much the only places to visit between Pontiac and

"It was out in the middle of no

Back in the 1920s and '30s, the Old Mill Tavern was a place people dressed up for dinner. And it



Historian has roots along Dixie

Dorothy White knows the history of Dixie Highway in Waterford Township pretty well because she grew up right along

Her father built and owned the

ford Township Historical Society, said her father and grandfather came to Waterford from Croatia in the early 1920s.

eventually settled in Waterford. where they leased the Waterford Hotel

two-lane road," she said

along Dixie and Andersonville roads in Waterford, White said.

Foley's Inn rounded out the amount of hotels along Dixie and period. Before this, they were named the Waterford Exchange hotel and the Drayton Plains

"All the family worked at the Old Mill," White said.

helped out cooking and bartend-

Flint.

where," she said. "It was a resort community. The trains came out from Detroit, and you'd take a

horse and buggy to Waterford."

always had big New Year's Eve parties and entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. People came in for a few drinks, 1951 dinner and sang with the piano

player, White said. " Н loved working, Dorothy said of е r h father, Louis Dormand, who died in the

1970s. "He cut the meat and was the butcher. Then he'd get ready for the lunch crowd.

"He was one of those people people; people loved him," she added. "People tell me today, 'I miss going there and singing." Patricia Fisher of White Lake

Township grew up in Waterford. She remembers the Old Mill Tavern fondly.

big date," she said with a smile The time was around 1950 or

"I don't remember who I went with," said Fisher, a volunteer with the Oakland Pioneer Historical Society. "I was 16 at the time."

She said in the 1940s and '50s, Waterford continued to be a popular resort town.

And the Dixie was the way people went Up North before the completion of I-75.

White also had an interesting note about the Dixie Highway area during Prohibition.

She said her father sold boot-legged liquor from Windsor in the hotels.

"When we were kids he used to take us down to Eastern Mar-ket," she said of her siblings. He would pick up alcohol from there that was shipped illegally from Canada After Prohibition in 1933, her

father was the first person to get a liquor license in Oakland

In the 1970s, things started to change along the Dixie, accord-ing to White. The Waterford Inn was sold to White's husband and two partners and it was sold again and then eventually was destroyed by fire in the 1970s.

And instead of staying in hotels, people started to build cottages along the lakes, White said.

While most of the landmarks of Dixie Highway in Waterford are gone, one is still possible to visit today at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

According to officials with the Waterford Historical Society. Horace Huntoon and John Griffen built a store on the corner of Dixie and Andersonville in 1854. It was known as August Jacober's store. It was moved to Greenfield Village after Henry Ford purchased it in 1927 for \$700. It still contains items that were typically for sale in the 1800s



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BY PAUL R. PACE STAFF WRITER ppace@oe.homecomm.net

Old Mill Tavern, a popular restaurant and hotel between Pontiac and Flint along Dixie Highway for several decades.

White, a member of the Water-

Her grandfather and father

"When we came in, it was a

They ran the hotel, which was a stage coach stop in the early days, until White's father made enough money to build the Old Mill Tavern Hotel around 1925,

Andersonville roads in this time

POLICE NEWS

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

Independence Township Police

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sonville Road.

On Nov. 21, a Clarkston man received a citation for driving under the influence of liquor. The man was leaving home, according to the police report, when he put his truck in reverse by mistake and hit a rock wall behind him, causing the truck to roll over while still in his drive-way in the 5200 block of Waldon When police approached the man, they noticed a strong smell of intoxicants. He scored 0.17 on the preliminary breath test; 0.10 is above the legal limit to drive.

Assist fire department

On Nov. 20, police assisted the Independence Township Fire Department in responding to a call for a vehicle on fire at Clarkston Auto Sales, 6577 Dixie Highway. The 1988 Jeep had

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smoke coming through its soft top and police could see the dashboard melted where the radio was. The cause of the fire be a short in the wiring, may according to the police report.

Traffic accident

Country crossroads: This view is of Waterford Village

looking north on Dixie Highway. To the left is Ander-

On Nov. 19, a 16-year-old Clarkston boy driving on south-bound Pine Knob Road rounded a curve and lost control of his vehicle. It slid through the fence boarding Pine Knob Music Theater and landed in the retention pond. No medical treatment was required.

Malicious Destruction of Prop-

erty On Nov. 19, a student at Clarkston Middle School, 6595 Middle Lake Road, threw a rock at a 1999 Plymouth van parked at the school with the driver inside. The rock dented the hood. The student was one of eight who walked together past the van, according to the police report. The situation was turned over to the school liaison officer.

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Springfield Township Police

Larceny from a vehicle

On Nov. 22, someone punched out the locks of a passenger door and the trunk of a vehicle parked in the 5400 block of Edgar. The person removed the stereo system and speakers from the vehicle. The equipment, including several compact discs, was valued at more than \$1,850.

Burglary On Nov. 21, a resident in the 11500 block of Ely called police after he heard a banging noise outside his home. Police discovered someone tried to prv open a storage shed. When that didn't work, someone tried to pry the storage shed apart, according to the police report

On Nov. 19, someone removed 75 bales of hay valued at \$2,115 from Pine Hill Farm at 12048 Big Lake Road. Someone entered the property and opened the doors to the riding stable, where the hay was stored. There were no signs of forced entry.

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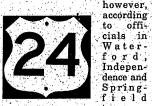
Improvements headed for Dixie

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER

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The Dixie, as Dixie Highway is historically known, dates back to 1915.

There's much documentation as to its past, but not much about its future. That's all expected to change,



town. hips. They're concerned with the image the stretch of the Dixie through their communities gives to those driving through. "We are working hard to clean

up the esthetics and redevelop our stretch of Dixie Highway, Waterford Township Supervisor Katherine Innes said. "We have a beautiful community, but our image along Dixie doesn't always convey that."

Much of the work for improve ment is coming through the local business association.

"We're primarily developed along Dixie so we're working on redevelopment," Innes said, "We're putting together a vision of what we want Waterford to look like and we're including all sectors of the community in that vision — the township, seniors, schools, business people, residents.

The township is intent on making the Dixie corridor more



Old Dixle: Dixie Highway has long been home to businesses. Here are the Waterford Hotel to the left and Merick & Bruce store on the right.

pedestrian and bicycle friendly so it will feel more like a residential-friendly community. One project that will help out

is the extension of Telegraph Road from Dixie to Walton Boulevard. Innes said it will relieve traffic on Silver Lake Road and Dixie Highway.

"That plan is a reality," she said. "We expect work to begin, hopefully, next summer."

The Michigan Department of Transportation is responsible for Dixie Highway through both Waterford and Independence townships, to just north of I-75. The Road Commission for Oakland County is responsible for Dixie Highway north of Independence through Springfield Township

Business conditions along Dixie Highway through Independence Township deteriorated to such a state in the mid-1980s that the township took action. It created a development

authority to arrest some of the

conditions, to make plans to complement the widening of the road as planned by the Michigan **Department of Transportation** and to spur commercial development, explained Independence Township Planner Dick Carlisle. "The township didn't have util-

ities along Dixie Highway back then. The physical conditions were not the best as far as visual quality," he said. "But through the DDA, utilities were installed as was landscaping and street lighting for safety and visual enhancement. Private investments and improvements fol-lowed," he said, "making that stretch of Dixie Highway something the community could be proud of.

The township made some excellent decisions to the investment in the infrastructure and the planning commission developed stronger standards," he added.

The DDA is no longer active, because, Carlisle said, it com-

pleted its mission. Almost all of the property along Dixie in Independence is developed and in

good shape. But i''s a different story in Springfield Township. The future is still to come.

Since much of the Dixie corri-dor is undeveloped in Springfield Fownship, the municipality has the advantage of planning for its future. Springfield's officials want it to have a Springfield Township signature, explained Carlisle, who also is the planner for that township.

"We are in the process of planning for the Dixie corridor. We want something very innovative, something in keeping with the character of the township. We have the advantage of being able to look over the past 25 years. take the best tools available and apply them," Carlisle explained. Township Clerk Nancy Strole

is excited about the future of the Dixie. "We have in place now the Dixie Highway Corridor Study to

address a number of issues. The Dixie is the most traveled roadway in our township. It's also the entrance to Springfield. We want to create a distinctive character for the road so people will know they are in Springfield.'

She said the committee will address accessibility, safety, cohesiveness of facilities and design.

"What the Dixie will look like through Springfield is still an open question," Carlisle added. But we are well enough ahead of the game that we can direct how that corridor will turn out."

100-car motorcade celebrated Dixie's 10th anniversary

tion and then onto Cincinnati, What did folks do for fun on the 10th anniversary of Dixie Ohio.

Five thousand people welcomed the motorcade in cele-bration of the opening of the Traveled it, of course. According to articles from 1925, about 100 automobiles

eastern branch of the Dixie Highway in one town, according to "The Dixie Highway." Among all the trips, the report states the motorcade

join in the Dixie Highway was fairly exhausted by the time it reached Florida due to Motorcade all the way to It took 11 days to travel the countless ceremonies held along the Dixie to Jack-sonville, Fla. The first stop in dozens of towns along the way. was in Detroit for a celebra

Lore from page A3

September 1918 when The Highway Magazine has a photo showing "what can be done in road improvement." The photo's cutline boasts that this 12-mile stretch of the Dixie through part of Georgia doesn't have a single turn or bridge. The road was made of sand and clav.

Highway in 1925?

Jacksonville, Fla.

left Sault St. Marie Oct. 5,

1925, - the extreme northern

point of Dixie Highway - to

The caissons go rolling along the Dixie

The state of Tennessee and the federal government spent \$300,000 to finish Dixie Highway between Nashville and Chattanooga in 1918. Getting

the highway done quickly was a goal, in part, to more easily haul military supplies. World War I ended, however, Nov. 11, 1918.

Road construction ahead on the Dixie

Here's something familiar. The October 1923 Dixie Highway magazine says new routes are planned to relieve traffic. "While this work is in progress, the highway will be closed for many months and detours will be necessary.

By Sally Slaughter

Parks from page A1

Bay Court

Four park benches will be installed along the walking path, and the lake bottom at the beach will be fixed. Conklin said the sand washing back and forth has created an erosion problem.

The township will contribute \$7,500 toward refurbishing the building next to the beach house. The Clarkston Rotary Club wants to convert the building into a natural history museum and has plans to contribute \$4,500 toward the project.

A \$14,000 architectural study is planned for the Bay Court Lodge. The study will look at how the building could be restored and what sorts of activi-

ties could happen there. "This is just a first step in a multi-phase project," added Conklin.

Clintonwood Park

A new volleyball net system is planned for Clintonwood, plus an additional drinking fountain, a replacement basketball back-board and four additional

bleachers at the baseball and soccer fields. Part of the playground surface will be upgraded, and player benches will be added to the soccer fields.

Deer Lake Beach

The canal bridge that connects the shallow and deep ends of the beach will be replaced. It is an \$8,000 project.

The township board was to diseuss the purchases at its Nov. 16 meeting, but the matter was tabled because the meeting had already run on too long. Conklin hopes it will be on the Dec. 7. agenda.

Also up for discussion is a wish list" she included. The items are more long-term in nature and not currently budgeted, but still things Conklin would like to see done.

The biggest item is revamping the entrance to Clintonwood Park — an estimated \$500,000

project. "It's not very pretty, but it's ssential," she said.

Getting in and out of Clinton-wood, which hosts community

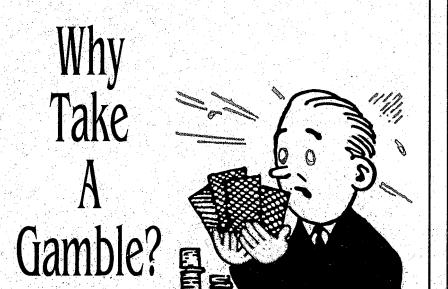
events such as the fireworks display, is a challenge. Because of nearby wetlands, it wouldn't be feasible to install a second entrance. Conklin is thinking more of widening the current entrance to accommodate more

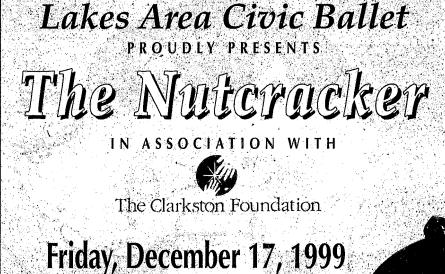
cars Other improvements on the long-term list are wireless scoreboards, a playground addition, and irrigation upgrades at Clin-

tonwood. Restrooms would be a welcome addition at Deer Lake Beach, which now has only portable toilets. Field upgrades, a pavilion, parking lot improvements and bathrooms are on the list for Sashabaw Plains

Several small improvements for the senior citizen center, including a dishwasher, also are on Conklin's list.

She added the recently acquired McCord property near the intersection of Stickney and Pine Knob roads will be a passive park, but will still need some work. It has a farm house that could be used for historyrelated programs.





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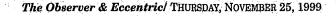
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snowscape a window. **Clarkston students**

help with Santa's home at Detroit Zoo

the 40-foot-

wide and 8-

Santa.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER

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When Santa Claus arrives at the Detroit Zoo the day after Thanksgiving, he'll be hearing children's wish lists while seated in a protective tent.

The children who shyly or boisterously approach him may not pay too close attention to the wall behind him. After all, their eyes will be focused on the jolly old man.

Four students who attend both Oakland Technical Center Northwest and Clarkston High School are responsible for helping make the tent an attractive setting for Santa.

They created the 40-foot-wide and 8-foot-tall mural that's hung as a backdrop for Santa. How did these students get to create something

so visible to the public? Jana Thams, the school-to-careers curriculum director for OTC, got a call from the people respon-sible for Santa's visit to the zoo. They asked if OTC

students would make the mural. We'd had students do work for the zoo's annual Zoo Boo so they knew the type of work our stu-dents do here," Thams said.

Kristen Miner, OTC advertising design teacher, selected four creative second-year students in her

program who she knew could work well together, They created meet deadlines and had the skills needed to do the job. These students are Sean foot-tall mural Tracey, Elizabeth Flaga, Nick Waters and Josh Rigg. that's hung as a backdrop for Their task, for which they were paid, was to complete a background mural of

eight sections. "The students came up with the design themselves," Thams said. "They created the inside of a room with walls covered with wall paper in burgundy and hunter green. They also painted scenes outside the windows, with one being a scene of the North Pole."

In order to have a space large enough to complete the eight panels, the students worked in the OTC's Construction Technology Laboratory.

"Some students there had built a fake wall. We were able to put up some particle board and staple the canvas to the board. It worked real well," Thams added.

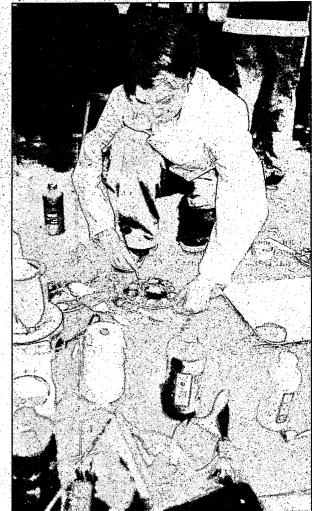
Anyone interested in seeing the students' final project can see it at the Detroit Zoo at 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue until Christmas.



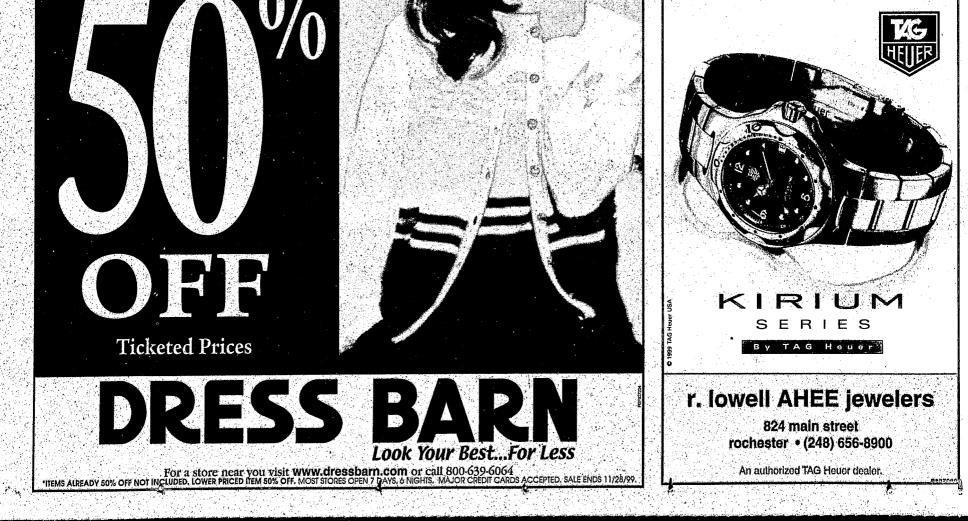
Creating: Sean Tracey works on transforming an idea onto a large canvas.



Some assistance: Josh Rigg uses a stencil to paint a Christmas tree on a mural panel.



Right color: Elizabeth Flaga mixes paint for a Detroit Zoo mural.





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STATE APPOINTMENTS

Former Oakland resident named deputy director of state's facility in Detroit

Tara Wall has been named deputy director of the Governor's Southeastern Michigan Office in Detroit, in charge of maintaining relationships with the leaders of the city of Detroit. Formerly a resident of Pleas

ant Ridge and Southfield, Wall will work city leaders on political, educational, economic and religious matters; act as a liaison between the governor's office and community groups; act represent the governor at city events; and work with the mayor and city council on state issues

Now living in Grand Rapids, Wall has been the education reporter for WOOD-TV (Channel 8) in Grand Rapids since October 1996. Previously, she served as a general assignment/education reporter for WILX-TV (Channel 10) in Lansing, and co-anchor and reporter for WBKB-TV (Channel 11) in Alpena. Wall was also a production assistant/writer and associate producer for WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) in Detroit and a radio news reporter for WEMU-FM in Ypsilanti.

Gov. John Engler also named:

■ Dr. Teressa Staten of Lansing to the State Child Abuse Neglect and Prevention Board, responsible for promoting use of Children's Trust Fund monies for child abuse and neglect prevention programs. Staten is the former chief deputy superintendent of public instruc-tion for Michigan. Staten's term will begin on Dec. 19.

Vivian Pickard of Bloomfield Hills has been named to the Michigan Community Service Commission, which supports service programs across Michigan. Pickard is director of community and philanthropic events for General Motors Corporation. She is reappointed to represent edu-cational training of disadvantaged youth. Her term will run until Oct. 2, 2002.

Harley Krapohl of East Lansing was reappointed to the Collection Practices Advisory Board, which prohibits certain collection practices, provides for licensing and regulation of collection agencies, and imposes penalties for violations. Krapohl is retired from the state as a member of the Workers Compensation Appeal Board. He is reappointed to represent the general public for a term expiring June 30, 2003.

County offers small business seminars

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

Margaret A. Vissman of Livonia was appointed to the Occupational Health Standards Commission, which develops occupational health standards. Vissman is an associate health nurse for the Dearborn Inn, Marriott and also represents the Michigan Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc. She is appointed to replace Mark Gaffney of South Lyon and to represent employees. Her term runs until Aug. 5, 2002.

Mary Ellen Sheets of Okemos was appointed to the Michigan Truck Safety Commission. which controls the expenditures of the Truck Safety Fund, receives donations and establishes truck driver safety education classes. Sheets is CEO of Two Men and a Truck International. She was appointed to replace Warren Lasch, formerly of Okemos, and to represent the general public for a term expiring Aug. 4, 2001.

🖩 Kurt Dewhurst of East Lansing has been named to the Michigan Council for Art and Cultural Affairs, which works with arts organizations and con-cerned citizens to develop strategies to allow for stable long-term funding for the arts. Dewhurst is director of the Michigan State University Museum. He is reap-pointed to represent the general public until Sept. 1, 2002.



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

Roads are open unless noted. Alternative routes are advised in all instances.

NORTH OF M-59

BALDWIN ROAD

From: I-75 to Maybee Community: Orion Township

Details: Orion Township is restoring the road after installing water and sewer lines. Construction crews will flag traffic through, and lane closures are possible. Completion date unknown.

BROWN ROAD

From: Joslyn to Baldwin Road Community: Orion Township and Auburn Hills

Details: Gravel road closed for paving. Detour is Baldwin, Lake Angelus and Joslyn roads. Completion by mid-Decem ber.

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 so that the new approach to the intersection can be constructed. Detour is Harmon and Giddings roads. Completion date is June 2000.

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 the end of December for cul-vert replacement. Detour is Grange Hall

Road, Dixie Highway and Belford Road. MARTINDALE ROAD Completion by the end of December. From: South of 11 Mile Re

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. Throughout construction, one lane of Joslyn will be open in either direction, though Brown will be closed in both direc-tions. Expect delays in the area. Completion date is June 2000

MOST PRIMARY ROADS

Community: Groveland Township Details: Consumer's Energy is installing gas lines 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/MACEDAY LAKE ROADS

Community: Waterford Township **Details**: RCOC is reconstructing this intersection, expect delays. Completion by mid-December.

SOUTH OF M-59

BIG BEAVER From: At Rochester Road

Community: Troy

Details: The City of Troy is widening Rochester Road in this area. The work will effect the Big Beaver/Rochester intersection. Expect delays. Completion date unknown.

From: South of 11 Mile Road Community: South Lyon/Lyon Town-

Details: A developer is paying this section of road. The road is 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 leftturn lane to Orchard Lake. Completion in November.

PONTIAC TRAIL

From: Beck to Wixom Road Community: Wixom

Details: Water main being installed, and road being widened from two to three lanes. There will be lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays. Expect delays. Completion by the end of Novem-

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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OBITUARIES

Helen E. Johnson

Helen E. Johnson of Ossian, Ind., formerly of Clarkston, died Nov. 20, 1999, at age 91.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of Clarkston United Methodist, Church for more than 50 years. She also was a member of Royal Neighbors, Past Matron of O.E.S. Joseph C. Bird Chapter and Beta Theta Phi. She was for-merly employed by Pontiac Motor for six years and Independence Township for more than 20 years.

Mrs. John

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death by her husband, Howard and sister, Velma Cross. She is survived by two sons, Roy (Joan) of Florida and Roger (Linda) of Indiana. She also is survived by five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tues day, Nov. 23 with Rev. Trebil-cock officiating at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to Clarkston United Methodist

June Bernice Doan

June Bernice Doan of Clarkston died Sunday, Nov. 21, 1999 at age 70, Mrs. Doan loved cooking, gar-

dening and enjoyed listening to jazz. She was creative and helped many people as a visiting nurse,

Mrs. Doan was preceded in death by her son, Danny. She is survived by her children Kath-leen Spence of White Lake, Kerrie (Todd) Haugh of Plymouth, Robert Jr. (Theresa) of

and one great-granddaughter; and sisters, Betty Johnstone of Ann Arbor and Norma (Jack) Hartman of Manistique. Funeral services were Nov. 24

at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment was at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy.

Memorials may be made to the Independence Township Meals On Wheels or the V & A Hospice of Pontiac. Funeral arrangements wer

made by the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home,

Michael John Rottenberk Sr. Michael John Rottenberk Sr. of Waterford died Nov. 20, 1999, at age 75.

Mr. Rottenberk was a veteran of the 511th P.I.R. 101st Airborne, WWII, He was a retired regional engineer for Flexonics Inc. of Bartlett, Ill., and a member of the American Legion Chief Pontiac Post No. 377.

Mr. Rottenberk is survived by his wife, Patricia. He is also sur-

vived by five sons, Robert (Chris,

tine), Richard, Michael (Muriel),

Jr., David (Andrea) and William

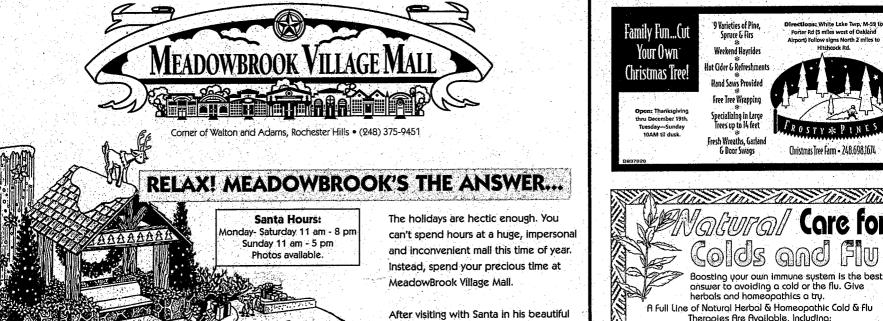
Memorials may be made to Parkinson's Foundation or to the Critical Difference Scholarship (c/o Oakland University).

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Coats Funeral terford.

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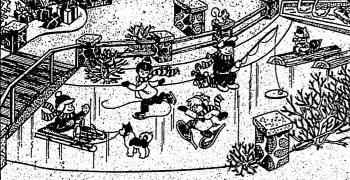
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survived by his six grandchildren, his brother Donald (Rose-marie) Rottenberk of Clarkston and his sister-in-law, Claire

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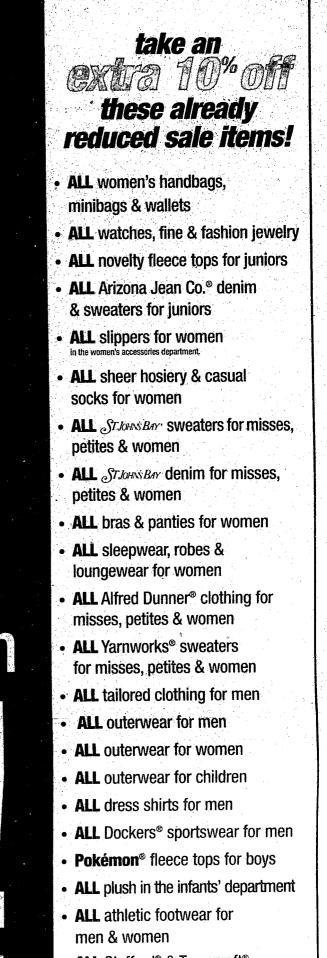
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The Dixie Old route on road to improvement

ixie Highway has a rich history. The north-south road, which runs diagonal-ly through Independence and Springfield townships, started out in Oakland County as a deer and buffalo trail centuries ago. American Indians used the trail as a foot path to get from Pontiac to Saginaw.

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In the 1920s, after the advent of the automobile, business owners paved and connected local roads to form Dixie Highway, providing motorists with a way to travel between the Straits of Mackinac and Miami Beach, Fla., and providing business owners with more revenue for their businesses.

Later, I-75 replaced Dixie as the preferred north-south route.

Because of the foresight being shown by local officials, Dixie also has a promising future

Springfield Township officials have formed a Dixie Corridor Study Committee to plan for

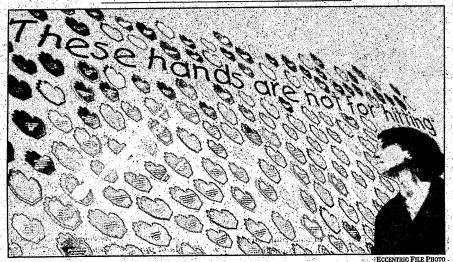
development along their section of the high-

Construction of I-75 took a toll on Dixie. where many businesses could no longer survive without the traffic. At least three brownfields (properties with contamination problems) and several run-down properties blight Springfield's section of Dixie.

But officials are seeking federal grants and the cooperation of local business owners to improve Dixie by attracting desirable new businesses, bringing out the highway's scenic beauty and cleaning up old eye-sores.

Independence Township did something similar when it formed a development authority in the mid-1980s to improve landscape and lighting along its stretch of Dixie.

We applaud the progressive attitudes and actions of local officials to preserve and improve Dixie for the use and enjoyment of future generations.



More helping hands needed: Hedy Nuriel, executive director of HAVEN, looks at some of the names of contributors lining the shelter's wall in a 1997 photo for an Eccentric article. A recent fire destroyed the Pontiac shelter, so contributors are needed more than ever.

HAVEN needs help from you



nce upon a time — 40 years ago or thereabouts — there lived a girl I knew very well.

She was married much too young to a handsome and popular guy, captain of her high school football team and president of the Varsity Club, wonderful qualifications for a husband!

She thought they would live happily ever after, but that was not to be. She wondered what she had done to deserve the mental and physical abuse, but by then she had three children and feared she would not be able to care for them alone. She felt helpless and ashamed.

When she threatened to leave, he promised he would hunt her down and kill her. She believed him. Finally, in desperation, she took the kids and little else and ran for her

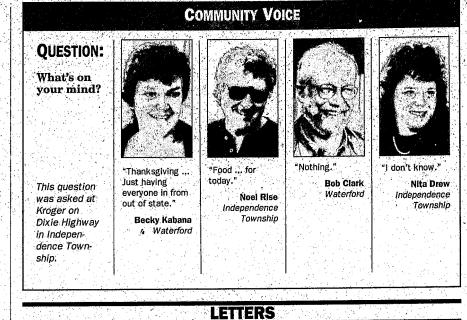
At the hands of men who had promised to care for them.

Countless more are beaten, raped or otherwise abused by boyfriends and husbands. If they can't escape, if they have nowhere to go, they may become just another murder statistic.

Until last week, women from our communities had such a place — a haven. Help Against Violent Encounters Now. HAVEN. The only secure shelter for survivors of domes-

tic violence in our county. And now it's gone. HAVEN was lost in a suspicious fire. Sixteen women and 28 children are being housed in temporary quarters. Worse: No new clients can be accepted until HAVEN finds a new shelter or rebuilds the one that burned. Some may not make it that long.

What can you do to help? Take out your checkbook and write a check to the HAVEN Fire Fund. Mail it to them at 75 W. Huron, Pontiac 48342. That's what I did — in memo-ry of that young girl from 40 years ago. She



Doctors making right decisions

M y family and I have lived in Clarkston for a bit more than 30 years. I have never lived in such a charming and diverse community. There is something for everyone here. To add to the charm and diversity of Clarkston a group of Beaumont doctors has recently moved in right down the street from the courthouse. If you don't like my decisions blame them because they're keeping me on the bench.

Gerald E. McNally 52-2 District Judge (Independence Township)

Pay taxes by plastic

new option for paying property taxes will begin with this year's winter tax bills. I have entered into agreements with Official Payments Corp. (formerly US Audiotex) to accept and process credit card payments for taxes from customers by phone. By calling 1-800-429-7444 anytime from a touch tone phone, residents will be able to use Master-Card or Visa to pay for current taxes. The credit card method cannot be used for partial payments or for paying after Feb. 14. Residents wishing to use this option will pay a service fee to Options Payments Service Bureau. The service charge is based on the amount charged. The fee schedule will be published and will be available at township hall.

I have monitored this program for nearly a year now. I have talked with the few municipalities offering the program, and they have confirmed it as a reasonable option for paying tax bills. This same option was made available through the U.S. Treasury for 1998 income tax payments.

Winter tax bills for Independence Township property owners should be mailed out the first week of December. Winter tax bills can be paid without penalty or interest through Feb. 14. Payments can be made at township hall between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can use the drop box located at the front door of the township hall after hours. In addition, for your convenience, you may pay at the local branches of Clarkston State Bank. Old Kent Bank and Oxford Bank. Other banks locally have declined to participate. If you

for tax payments you will receive a customer copy only, and the payment copy will be sent to your mortgage company. If you pay your own taxes you will receive both the customer and payment copies. Please bring both copies if you wish to pay at township hall.

After Feb. 29 all unpaid 1999 summer and winter taxes will be considered delinquent and will turned be over to Oakland County. All delinquent taxes in the county are collected at the county Treasurer's Office beginning March

If you have any questions, please call the Treasurer's Office at 625-5111 ext. 209, 211, 212 or 248.

Jim Wenger

Independence Township Treasurer

Campaign against Christianity?

M any Christians will unwittingly participate in the insidious, bigoted campaign against Christianity when they buy Christmas cards that omit the word "Christmas." Too often, "Merry Christmas" is replaced in Christmas cards, newspaper advertisements and TV commercials by secular greetings: "Happy holidays," "Season's greetings," or "Happy holiday season." Obvious measures are taken to avoid use of the word "Christmas." By whom? And why?

A few years ago, in Newtown, Pa., a Jewish mother of two had her window broken and menorah smashed by vandals. The next night when she drove home, she was surprised to see that about 12 of her Christian neighbors had purchased menorahs and were displaying them in their windows. Seeing this, she wept. Reading about it, my eyes filled with tears because my heart was filled with pride and admiration for my fellow Christians.

This year a rabbi appearing on television said Jews had more peace and prosperity in this country than in any other because of Christianity.

These true stories that can only further enhance relations between Jews and Christians were not reported in the electronic or print media, but the media grossly exaggerates any story where a white Christian shows anti-Jewish behavior. Why?

Robert H. Bickmeyer

life. She was fortunate to find a safe haven and help to get her life together. Today, children grown, she is an indepen-

dent, successful and happy woman with seven grandkids and a wonderful life.

Yes, I was that young woman. And I was one of the lucky ones. Every five days in this state, a woman is killed by someone who claims to love them; Murdered. Every. Five. Days, Frequently in front of their children. Seventy-three women dead in just one year.

no longer needs your help, but others do. I hope you won't let them down.

For more information, call (248) 334-2343, Ext. 34.

Jeanne Towar is publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric and vice president-editorial of its parent company, HomeTown Communications Network. She is a six-year member of HAVEN's board of directors.

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mail in your tax payment include the bill and mail to the address on the bill.

There are several days that the township will be closed this holiday season. Township hall will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, Monday, Dec. 27 and Friday, Dec. 31. Please plan accordingly if you wish to pay before the end of the year. The last day of the year to pay in person at the township hall is Thursday, Dec. 30.

Winter taxes include county and township taxes as well as any specials or special assessment districts. If you have an escrow account

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- Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Team teaching: Evidence shows two heads often better than one

n the past, many a good teacher — or those considered good by usual measures — lived the school day in virtual isolation. After entering the classroom, communication with other adults was limited for much of the day. Traditionally this teacher did most of the talking while the children listened passively. At parent-teacher conferences, it was the teacher who spoke and the parents who listened. This approach was successful for those who were predisposed to learning and had the support of parents and grandparents. But there were many who just left school to "get a job." Per-haps some worked to get a GED, or to be "trained" to do a particular task, but the oppor-tunities available were clearly less than those will be to a bird school moduate

available to a high school graduate. The times have changed! Family structure, the amount of support that youngsters receive from the other adults in their lives and the demands of a new workplace are a few of the societal issues that make it necessary for schools to change as well. So, we are working to transform the image of an isolated teacher by breaking down the solitude that existed in yes terday's schools.

I am pleased to say that in Clarkston, team-teaching methods are being expanded. Our teachers are learning to work together in ways that capitalize on their strengths. Since school improvements are not possible in an environment that relies solely on individual effort. we expect all of our teachers to talk and learn from one another, to analyze what strategies work and to encourage each other to promote learning. Amplifying their ability and increasing the approaches they use are keys to success. After all, research tells us people learn in different ways. So, the use of a variety of teaching tactics is important to all learners, young and old alike.

At one time, the decisions that impacted classrooms were made not by teachers, but by principals or administrators. The content of the curriculum, the selection of textbooks and sup plies and the decisions about testing were left to those who no longer graced the classroom with their daily presence. Today, teams are working together to make these decisions. The people who spend each day in the classroom are being given their rightful place in the decisionmaking process. Using a set of parameters teachers themselves are deciding how to best meet district goals.

I recently visited Andersonville Elementary and had the opportunity to see one of our team teaching processes at work. The school's Prima-ry Education Partners (PEP) process illustrates the value of team effort. The benefits of Andersonville's PEP methodology can be briefly sum-marized in its four crucial states:

Assessment: How much do the children know with regard to a particular area of study? Performance standards are based on factual data, statistics and information gleaned from assessment tests



Teaching:

The teams work to use new ideas to enhance what students need to learn. **Evaluation:**

What does the assessment data tell us? Resource and grade-level teams meet and evaluate the assessment data.

Planning: The PEP team prioritizes needs based upon the assessment and evaluation data. These discussions result in plans for group functions, team teaching, training needs and building schedules.

I am firmly convinced that processes like those used in PEP are improving the way Clarkston students are learning because such approaches:

Focus on early intervention, shoring up weaknesses early in a child's school experience. This can set the tone for a lifetime of good learning, while promoting healthy feelings of self-worth.

■ Encourage teachers to improve our cur-riculum delivery system. It is said, "two heads are better than one." By working together, pro-fessionals can avoid faulty decisions and they are less likely to get caught up in the "I've

always done it this way" mentality, Break down the isolation felt by the classroom teacher and the approach forces the team to think through tough issues. Team dialogue provides each member of the team with some

fresh perspectives. Allow for more efficient use of resources while enabling the classroom teachers to seek help from their expert colleagues.

Permit flexible grouping that enables children who are weak in one content area to shine in another.

Develop better professional relationships between students and a broader group of teach-

But perhaps the best outcome of team teaching is that it focuses on learning. The bottom line is not what the teacher is doing but "What are the kids learning?" After all, if they "don't how successful are we? get it,"

Al Roberts is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools. His hotline number is 623-5454.

Report offers advice on economy

nder the effective leadership of CEO Doug Rothwell, The Michigan Economic Development Corporation has just issued a provocative report, "Strategic Directions for Michigan's Future.'

Among other things, the report argues that Michigan's economy needs to go way beyond automotive metal bending. It identifies three areas where Michigan has a real competitive advantage against other states:

Advanced manufacturing, which means highly flexible, short run, nearly customized manufacturing capability, an extension of our existing base in regular manufacturing.

■ Information technology. Headquarters for Internet 2, the effort to produce the next version of the Internet, is in Ann Arbor. Everybody knows how fast the Internet is changing the entire world, and it only makes sense for Michigan to take fullest advantage of the IT capability now emerging right here.

An enormous chunk of life sciences research is now going on in our universities where, for example, the University of Michigan leads the nation is sponsored research, much of which is in things medical and biological. State government has pledged to plow \$50 million per year into life sciences initiatives now emerging at U-M, MSU and at the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids. The potential here is awesome.

What MEDC wants to do is get people focusing on how best to get there.

The report recognizes, for example, that the skills and intelligence of our work force are vital. But the perception of many Michigan's brightest young people is that there are "hotter economies to work in and cooler places to be.'

The report suggests some good ideas such as tax reductions and tuition support for college and technical school students and promotion of careers in technology at high schools. Using money from the tobacco lawsuit settlement, Gov. Engler has funded college scholarships at Michigan schools for kids who score well on every sec tion of the 11th-grade MEAP test. This alone should encourage many bright kids to stay home for college and, hopefully, thereafter.

One idea, not mentioned in the MEDC report. has been kicking around for years: Establish a Michigan Math and Science Academy, where the brightest kids in the state would go to get really serious math and science training from the best teachers in the state. It could start as a summer program modeled on the music curriculum of Interlochen, but there's no reason it could not be year-round and residential. Certainly a state that proposes to spend billions on prisons could afford to spend a few millions on an institution that.



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might keep our science and math whizzes here in Michigan.

Another area highlighted by the report is infrastructure. This begins with adequate roads and effective airports and ends with high bandwidth fiber optic connections into every home and business. Around a third of the Michigan busines leaders surveyed in the MEDC report consider Michigan "in the dark ages" when it comes to technology.

A couple of years ago, I served as a member of the Michigan Information Technology Commission. Supported by a generous grant from the Kellogg Foundation, the Commission chewed on how best Michigan could become a world leader in IT. One of the ideas that came out of our discus-

sions was to create the equivalent of the Baldridge Award - a rigorous and much soughtafter award given to companies that absolutely excel in their sector – for local communities that get their information technology infrastructure in order. Towns that, for instance, require developers to put fiber optic connections in all new homes and offered incentives for phone and cable companies to retrofit existing structures with fiber could be certified as "Technologically Friendly."

We reasoned that once folks understood what such designation could do for local jobs and economic development, natural competition between communities could spur improvements in infrastructure through the entire state without having to rely on the heavy hand of government regulation

Reading the MEDC report is encouraging. It suggests the time has passed for hand-wringing about the state of our economy, and it provides focus for what needs to be done to grow a diversified and healthy economy into the coming millennium.

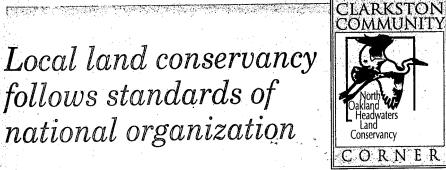
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The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy's mission is to protect the rural character and quality of life in orthwest Oakland County by conserving the woods, fields, streams and other natural resources in the headwaters area of the Clinton, Shiawassee, Huron and Flint rivers

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Thomas K. Bullen, NOHLC secretary and legal counsel, joined more than 1,200 land conservationists from across the country last month at the National Land Trust Rally '99, sponsored by LTA. Bullen attended as the official representative of North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy. The conference, which featured more than 100 workshops and seminars on land conservation, is the nation's largest gathering of land conservation leaders and volunteers.

Held in Snowmass, Colo., Rally '99 allowed Bullen to learn about land conservation trends while exchanging ideas with professionals and volunteers from hundreds of land trusts from scores of states and several foreign countries. Rally '99 had the highest attendance in the history of Rallies. The first Rally was held in 1985. More importantly, land trusts -- non-profit organizations dedicated to conserving open spaces — have been hugely successful in their mission. According to the Land Trust Alliance's 1998 National Land Trust Census, local and regional land trusts have protected 4.7 million acres, up from 2 million acres protected as of 1988. During the same decade, the number of land trusts jumped by 63 percent, to 1,213 local and regional land trusts working in virtually every state.

In addition to organizing the annual Rally, LTA, headquartered in Washington, D.C., and with offices in Seattle, Wash., Grand Junction, Colo., and Saratoga Springs, N.Y., provides technical information and training to local, regional and national land trusts. For more

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

Incorporated in 1972 as the Independence Land Conservancy, the NOHLC has worked in and for the community for about 27 years. Currently, the Conservancy has stewardship of 25 parcels of land comprising about 516 acres, some properties totally owned and some protected by conservation/scenic easements.

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

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

This column space is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Lighthouse of Clarkston.

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Teachers from Japan visit Clarkston schools

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER stauber@oe.homecomm.net

t Students aren't the only ones who take advantage of exchange programs.

So do teachers.

In fact, Clarkston Community Schools District has been hosting four teachers who came to Clarkston for three weeks through the Japanese Young Teachers Education Study Teams.

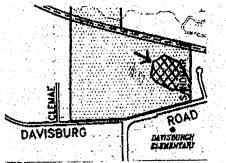
They are Shinzo Yamashita, Taijun Yoahida, Seiko Yamashita and Yuko Suzue. Yamashita teaches science at junior high school; Yoahida teaches Japanese history and ethics at a school for the blind. Yamashita and Suzue are elementary school teachers. Yamashita teaches mathematics, and Suzue teaches music and art.



PROPOSED REZONING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 20, 1999, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI.

The purpose of the Hearing is to receive public comment on a proposal by the Planning Commission to rezone approximately 7.5 acres of land owned by the Charter Township of Springfield from RC (Resource-Conservation) to PL (Public Lands) for construction of a Township Civic Center. The property is located north of Davisburg Rd., south of the Canadian National rail tracks, west of Sandmar and east of Clemae. Part of PL. 07-18-251-009.



NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that documents relating to the proposed rezoning may be examined at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI during regular business hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation at the Hearing should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance.

F NANCY STROLE, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield Publish: November 25, 28, December 2, 5, 9, 12 & 16, 1999 The four arrived in town Nov. 6 and are returning to Japan Saturday with the larger group with whom they traveled to the states.

Their local hosts are Clarkston High School teachers Cheryl Patterson, Barbara Rice, Marilyn Kettler and Barbara Greenstone.

Before coming to Clarkston, the two men and two women spent three weeks at another Michigan school district.

The Japanese teachers have hardly had time to breath since arriving. The school district and their hosts have kept them busy almost every minute.

They've spent several days at different Clarkston schools as well as at Oakland Technological Center Northwest and Oakland Schools. They've attended the band concert and the school play at Clarkston High School, saw the musical "Tintypes" at Meadow Brook Theatre, eaten dinner at several local restaurants and at residents' homes and are attending the Thanksgiving Day Parade in downtown Detroit with Gordie and Anne Richardson.

"We will be sorry to see them go," said Mike Krystyniak, assistant principal at Clarkston High School. He's been in charge of the teachers' visits. "Since they've been spending so much time with us, they are starting to relax. We are getting to know them better."

Being the oldest of the four, Yamashita is the spokesperson for the visiting teachers.

Yamashita shared many of his observations of Clarkston Community Schools, with Clarkston High School intern teacher Sachi Takahashi interpreting.

Yamashita found many things different, some things astonishing.

"Child care centers," Takahashi said. "He said he finds these beyond his imagination," Families in Japan are expect-



No words needed: Sara Hartley and Shinko Yamashita, a Japanese exchange teacher, work on a science project.

ed to take care of the children, he explained. Other differences he pointed

out are: Japanese students don't ride buses to and from school. They

walk, ride bicycles or use public transportation. Students stay in one class-

room. Teachers move from class to class.

 Faculty and students clean the school buildings.
 "Kids are kids," Yamashita

"Kids are kids," Yamashita added, saying the longer he has been in Michigan, the more he's realized that.

Yamashita is eager to return home at the end of the week. His wife is due to give birth to their third child.

"American people are very kind of us," Yamashita said. "I'm very happy. I have a good time, many experiences."



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A scientific instrument: Lisa Wheeler 'plays' with the music pipe she and other students made at Sashabaw Middle School West during the Japanese teachers' visit.



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It's all there on The Dixie

urs is a small world. Everybody knows that. Some would argue that the decade's heavy increase in traffic has only made it smaller. Maybe too small. It's all a matter of perspective.

Because of roads like Dixie Highway, though, you can get from here to there — and fast, providing you want to ... and providing that there's no

rush-hour traffic. For me, Dixie Highway has offered more than one type of connection. Sure, I've traveled it ad infinitum to doctor appointments, school functions and shopping extravaganzas. I've even scoped its length in search of improved hairdos.

And, what ho!, managed to find

them on occasion. I think if you look hard enough, you can probably locate just about any-thing you might need — from exotic food stuffs to sporting equipment to bits of history — along Dixie High-

way, Once, in pursuit of some historical information I needed for Dixie research I was doing, I happened to make an unexpected connection with my family's past, so to speak. I went to the Springfield Township

home of C. Wesley Tindall - 83 years old in 1985 — and learned from him, first-hand, what it was like to dance with my beloved aunt, an opportunity I had, of course, never realized myself.

Tindall had known her when she was a student at Clarkston High School during the very early 1920s. Long before she became an "old

maid," as they used to say. Tindall had danted with her one night and, together, they, had won a prize for their effort: a manicuring set that I now own.

Its tiny tools have mother-of-pearl handles and they are bound in a black and green carved leather pouch. My aunt, a product of poverty, never threw anything away in her lifetime. But, I digress.

C. Wesley Tindall, sitting in his mobile home in an old man's outfit of clashing mixed plaids and suspenders, had quite a story to tell about the heyday of Dixie Highway. He loved history, he said, and he filled in the gaps of his own experi-ence with reading and writing.

I remember him turning to a variety of journals he had kept that included the time he spent working to pave "the Dixie" way-back-when.

He recalled (so I could envision it) that workers waved their lanterns at opposite ends of a nearly 400-footlong sink hole that adjoined Dixie Highway — to let drivers know when clear of traffic and could be safely traversed. He remembered too that the highway used to be lined with farms that hosted barn-raisings, and that he could play along there in deep snow drifts, and that about the same time as he was dancing with my aunt it was possible for an entire day to pass without a single car traveling the Dixie's length.

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Traveling the historical route through North Oakland

STORY BY SALLY SLAUGHTER STAFF WRITER D PHOTOS BY GARY MALERBA

There is a dividing line on Dixie Highway. It's just north of White Lake Road at 1-75, roughly where Independence Township stops and Going north on I-75, it's where you would see the familiar, giant Jesus

billboard near Dixie Baptist Church. It says, "Are you on the right road?" If the idea is to get Up North as quickly as possible, 1-75 probably is the right road. But to get a glimpse for bat worth October 1 of what north Oakland County was and what could be coming, take the freeway's precursor, the Dixie. On the south side of I-75, business

are springing up and by the time the car crosses into Waterford Township, the roadside is wall-to-wall business with a few homes scattered here, and there. To the north, and not too far away, cows live in front yards and deer eat apples that have fallen to the ground yards from the highway

Observations on the Dixie

The assignment was to find something weird, interesting or even slightly original about Dixie Highway within the bounds of Waterford, Independence and Springfield townships. The highway cuts off just small corners of the two northern communities and winds through a slightly larger portion of Waterford

On a glorious October day, one of the first days it was cool enough to wear a winter jack-et, we took off to see what we could see.

A few miles north from White Lake Road, the wires were wiggling along the side of the road. It was just a crew from Pennsylvania installing fiber optic

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Sault Ste. Marie

24 Fast Fact Early road rage If a letter to the 1919 Detroit Motor News can be believed, road rage is no new phenomenon. The publication received a letter from someone com-

plaining about people straddling lanes. This is the paper's response to the letter: "This practice seems to be very prevalent.

It is not only not courteous, but extreme-ly dangerous. There is nothing in being purposely discourteous. The person who does so besmirches himself and steps into the class commonly called 'road hog.'" Most of those such persons are courteous at home and teach courtesy in their homes. How is it they lose all such sense when they are behind the wheel? One wishes for a big tractor type of car at times that a lesson might

be taught. Although the letter writer the magazine was referring to experienced the hoggish behavior on Woodward Avenue, it wouldn't be too far a stretch to imagine the ame discourteous driving took place on the

Nick Nichols, formerly of Waterford, became a full-time farmer after buying a 33-acre farm on Dixie Highway.

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Fast 24 "In Dixie's Land I'll take my The word Dixie comes from money. In New Orleans, where there was a sizable French popul

lation, \$10 notes had the English word "ten" on one side and the French word for "10." "dix"

on the other. The money became popularly known as Dixies. According to Webster's New World Dictionary, the term Dixie as a synonym for the southern states became common from the song "Dixie's Land" written in 1859 by Daniel D. Emmett. Ironically, Dixie was originally the name of an African

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Can you imagine that?

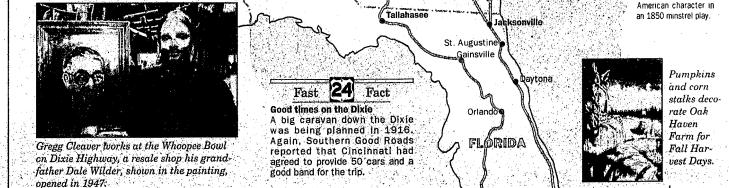
Following the lines of what had been a 12-inch American Indian path for centuries, Dixie Highway was the first legally authorized road in the area. As a dirt road, it was completed from Detroit to Pontiac in 1825 and extended to Flint during the 1830s.

It was later used as a stagecoach road by settlers before being planked or lined with boards --- then graveled, then payed in the 1920s.

By 1924, Dixie was a paved twolane highway, Tindall told me, adding that it went through its first widening in the late 1920s, when a large stand of beautiful maple trees, which had grown to nearly 50 feet in height, was removed near Waterford Hill.

Tindall remembered those maples with tears in his eyes. You would have thought he had danced with them as well.

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the traffic with Local businesses flow

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER stauber@oe.homecomm.net

Dixie Highway is to North Oakland County as Woodward Avenue is to South Oakland County.

Like Woodward Avenue, which runs from the base of the Detroit River north through several communities, Dixie Highway also runs north, but through several states from Florida through Michigan... Also like Woodward, the Dixie is a

fascinating collection of businesses, shops and services, from the elite to

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the funky. New ones are continuously opening while older ones are enjoying the improving business climate up and down the highway.

Take a look at Schram Auto and Truck Parts in Waterford, at Waterford Hill Florist in Independence Township and at Springfield Inn in Springfield Township to see what this means

Schram Auto and Truck Parts

When Harold Schram began the business at 2549 Dixie Highway in.

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1946, that area of Waterford Township was farm land.

"The road was paved, but it was definitely a rural setting," said grandson Tom Schram, who runs the business with his brother, Bob. His other brother, Ken, is in charge of their Lansing location.

Schram Sr. chose the location after working for Pontiac Motors for a few years. He began buying cars for scrap content but found people kept coming to buy auto parts.

^{nl} "After a while, my grandfather decided it was time to start a business selling auto parts," his grandson recalled. His father, Harold Schrom Jr , also ran the business for many years Since Schram Auto and Truck

Parts opened at its Dixie Highway location, many of the original neighboring businesses have closed. Schram said there's been a shift in business along that portion of Dixie Highway.

"It actually went downhill maybe

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cable to telephone poles. A sign of progress and technology.

Just down the road a cross marked the spot where a tragedy no doubt occurred. "In memory of Eric Adam Decker," it said, A painted pumpkin and flowers decorated the spot.

A little farther yet, and nearly to Groveland Township, two piles of trees burned unattended on a newly cleared lot. A stray spark could have started the nearby woods on fire. But not to worry — the Grovenand ship Fire Department was with-- the Groveland Town-

Farming on the Dixie

Nick and Pam Nichols are operating in reverse. The couple left Waterford 15 years ago to live on Oak Haven Farm in Groveland Township.

Nick Nichols had been a building contractor and Pam Nichols still works for the U.S. Postal Service. But Nichols became more interested in farming and disenchanted with building.

We moved out here so we could have more horses," Nick Nichols said.

He's talking while a class of 3year-olds from Crosshill Community Preschool in Davisburg picks pumpkins. He tells them to hurry because his Belgium work horses, Dick and Doc, don't like to stand still for more than 10 minutes. Nichols bought them a few weeks ago from an Amish man and he guesses they are used to working in the fields with only a few short breaks.

Nichols started out with an appaloosa horse and his love of the animals motivated him to buy more and more. While his wife kept her "real" job, as he says, he tried to be a farmer. It was difficult at first.

"Being a city slicker, I thought plant it (corn) and in a few weeks you can pick it," Nichols said.

He soon learned otherwise. The more he learned the more he planted and pretty soon he had corn, tomatoes, peppers and pumpkins. In the late 1980s came the idea to have Fall Harvest Days. If a customer bought a pumpkin or a gourd, he or she could go on a hayride.

"We had a little girl who came every Saturday and Sunday, and she would buy a gourd just to get

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a ride," he said.

That's when he thought there might be some money in hayrides. Now school groups and the general public fill the 33-acre farm in the fall. Nichols said it's his favorite time of the year ecause he gets to share his farm with so many people. "We like the kids coming out,"

he said. Oakie the yellow lab loves it,

too. He lounges in the hay and laps up all the pats from little hands "He thinks this farm was made

for him," Nichols said.

The Nichols plan to open Grandma's Ice Cream Parlor and Country Store at some point. They are working on renovating a house on the property for that purpose

But don't expect to see a much more intensive use than that at Oak Haven.

"The farmers are all putting in a crop of condos and shopping centers," Nichols said. "And that's the last crop they'll ever plant.'

Whopee on the Dixie

Signage is definitely not a problem for the Whopee Bowl. A huge orange sign tells drivers that they are going past the ultimate garage sale.

Gregg Cleaver can quote every price in the place his great-grandfather Dale Wilder started

Wilder was a printer but had a dream of building a water park at the sight. Unfortunately, a cold spring is right where he wanted to put his park. Anyone with any sense, evidently, would not want to plunge into the icy water.

So he started a bait and tackle shop instead. One day a man came in and wanted to pawn a watch. Wilder, who died in 1981, took him up on it and now the Whopee Bowl has everything from window screens to movie posters to nuts and bolts.

Cleaver said they buy closeouts from companies and regular peoples' junk. They can usually ell it. His grandmother, Donna Marlowe, owns the business now, but he and his uncle, Larry Marlowe, run the place.

Although business is still pretty good, times are changing, Cleaver said.



"It's getting toward the end of the era," he said.

He talks lovingly of his greatgrandfather, whose photo looks over the store from a painting done by a former employee Cleaver admits, however, that his ancestor had some unusual ideas. For example, Wilder built, the home Cleaver lives in next to Whopee Bowl and he the installed grass over it. Cleaver remembers mowing it. When it started leaking, they got rid of the grass, cutting down on Cleaver's yard work. The Whopee Bowl has many

loyal customers, Cleaver said. Karl Sprague of Springfield Township was looking around the store. He's been shopping there since he was a kid in the 1950s

"If you can't find it anywhere else, you can find it here," he said. "The older fellow, he would dicker for a price.

He likes the unusual array of merchandise like a buffalo head and a set of horns from a Texas

longhorn bull that boast they are the longest of their kind east of the Mississippi River. Sprague has had his eye on them for a long time. Cleaver said they are not for sale.

What is for sale? How about a Halloween mask depicting President Clinton humorously perched on a mannequin's fishnet-stockinged leg.

Home on the Dixie

Elaine Thompson drove past her Dixie Highway house every day for nearly 30 years without noticing the stately 1912 struc-

ture. Thompson raised four children in Pontiac and drove to her job at General Motors down Dixie Highway to Williams Lake Road each day. It wasn't until a couple of years ago that the house came her attention. Now retired, Thompson was looking for a place and her daughter pointed it out to her. Thompson said she needed a large home for all her furniture

"When I saw the windows. I knew it was the house I'd been looking for," she said. "This is God's blessing. It's a dream come

true.' Thompson's dream home is in a rare, older neighborhood that is right on Dixie at the corner of Omira in Waterford, She says she's heard that the man who built her home constructed it first and then lived there while

he supervised the construction of neighboring homes. Her house is far enough from the street so that the heavy traffic doesn't bother her. Thompson takes loving care of her house. She's slowly making the home

her own, going room by room to make things just right. The windows that sold her on

the house are in their original wood casings in the front room.

They look out onto the Dixie. The care she takes with her home was evident from the moment vou drive up. Spraying box elder bugs near the driveway to no avail, Thompson welcomed two people into her immaculate home. She said the black and red insects are driving her crazy.

Her small kitchen opens into a formal dining room. The table is set for company. Her comfy living room boasts a fireplace and a modern couch with lots of pillows. Upstairs, each bedroom has its own personality, including one with a zebra theme.

Thompson says she loves company — especially her grandchil-dren. She has all kinds of ideas for her home, too,

"I like older homes. They have more character."

It seems Thompson and her home are suited for each other.







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Nice view: Elaine Thompson of Water ford Township fell in love

with the windows that look out onto Dixie Highway in her home of two years. She has don'e a lot of remódeling in the 1912 home, but kept the original

wood window

casings.



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seven to 10 years ago. But it's really starting to have a rebound. We like what's coming in business-wise around us. It's getting better by the day," he added

Schram Sr. opened his business with two employees and himself. It's grown to 30 employees in a 57,000-square-foot one-story building on more than six acres. The business is computerized, which gives it access to inventories of more than 2,000 businesses nationwide

Because most of Schram's business is with mechanics and body shops, it's never been affected by the ups and downs of Dixie Highway. "Seventy-five percent of our business is wholesale," he explained.

Waterford Hill Florist

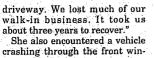
The same can't be said for Waterford Hill Florist at 5992 Dixie Highway in Independence Township. It has experienced business woes and good times due to its location on Dixie High-

The florist with the fieldstone building was constructed in 1932. Theresa Petherbridge of Clarkston is starting her 18th year as its owner. She purchased the business from the founders, Ethel and Edward Craft.

The Crafts raised four children in the house, which is now the main showroom.

Petherbridge experienced sev-eral rough years business-wise when the Michigan Department of Transportation lowered Dixie Highway north of Waterford Hills Florist and also added extra lanes.

"We almost closed down dur ing that time," she recalled. "It took six months for us to get a



ow of her business. Yet Petherbridge admits that she couldn't have kept the business open if it were located in a strip mall instead of on the high-

way. "There is an advantage to being right on Dixie Highway," she said.

She's put her business through many changes. These include transforming the house into the showroom, adding an extra greenhouse between the fieldstone building and the former house and no longer growing flowers.

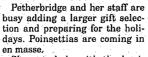
"We've really had to persevere. I work a minimum of 58 hours a week. It's all about being accessible and giving clients an excel-lent product," she said.

Customers know if they can't reach her at the store, they can get her at home. Sometimes hat's necessary when there's been a death and they need flowers immediately.

"There hasn't been a Christmas where I haven't gotten a call from someone who needed flowers for a funeral," she said.

While people can stop in and get fresh flowers, Waterford Hill Florist also caters to supplying arrangements for weddings, spe cial occasions, even helping out school groups. They supply arrangements for Florist Transworld Delivery, Teleflora and American Florist Associa-

tion. "We also make silk arrangements. These aren't the kind that come out of the box," she said.



She gets help with the business from her husband, Robert, and her children, Sandy Burton of Clarkston and James Petherbridge of Dearborn.

Springfield Inn

Another business that's going through a transformation due to the Dixie is the Springfield Inn at 10197 Dixie Highway. The bar with its big-screen TV and several smaller ones is known for its hamburgers and nachos and daily specials.

It wants to change its image more to a family-oriented restaurant with shorter hours in order to draw business from the increased number of homes being constructed in Davisburg and Springfield Township.

The place was built as a restaurant in the early 1940s, according to Mark Tillman, owner and operator with Jay Kasparek. Kasparek bought the business in 1990. Tillman joined him in 1994.

At one time, it was Palmer's Road House, known for its fine dining. It became Four Seasons for most of the late 1960s-70s, moved down the street and in about 1978-79, became the

Springfield Inn. "It's an Up North-type of bar famous for our burgers," said Kasparek, who's quick to point out the trophy at the bar testifying to the goodness of its burgers

"We had a customer fly our hurgers to Texas for a contest for the best burgers, and we won, he said proudly.

But with 112 homes soon to be constructed in a new subdivision across Dixie Highway, the Springfield Inn owners have new plans for their establishment.

We're going to expand the kitchen, probably expand the dining room starting this spring and make some cosmetic changes," Kasparek said. "We're going to downgrade the bar in order to become known more as a restaurant with a bar."

Kasparek said being on Dixie Highway is definitely a plus for the business.

"We get quite a lot of golfers and sports league teams coming in. They like our big-screen television and our location," said Kasparek. "Also, we get a lot of business from the Renaissance Festival and customers driving down from Gland Blanc and Flint. If we were on another road, we wouldn't get the exposure we have now Viva la Dixie!





Family business: Tom Schram, who runs Schram Auto and Truck Parts with his brother, Bob, poses alongside Dixie Highway, where the business has been located since 1946.

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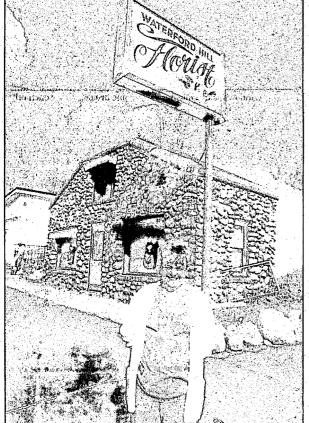
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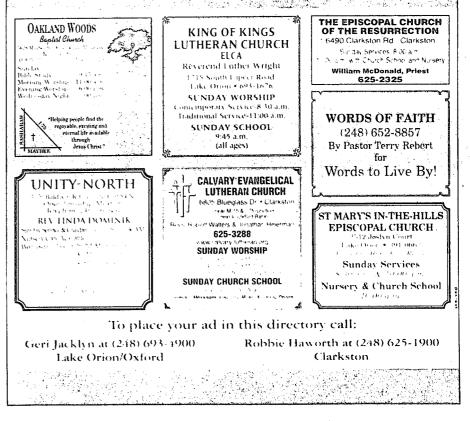


STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL History on the Dixie: Theresa Petherbridge (above)

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stands outside her fieldstone building at Waterford Hill Florist. Gifts of many types (right) can be found in the Waterford Hill Florist show room.





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WEDNESDAY, DEC.

ROCKETTES

10:30 a.m., Independence Township Senior Center, Clarkston. Cost: \$59 residents/\$62 non-residents. Don't miss the new dazzling 1999 Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the world famous Rockettes. Trip includes: the matinee show, motorcoach. and fine luncheon dining at Second City in the theater district. The buffet will feature Caesar salad, Grilled chicken breast with tarragon sauce, seared salmon over lentils, a medley of vegetables, wild rice pilaf, penne pasta with red sauce and more. For information, call 625-8231.

KID'S HOLIDAY SHIRT

1-2:00 p.m., Springfield Town-ship Parks & Recreation, 495 Broadway, Davisburg. Parent's can bring their toddlers ages 2-4 to create their very own holiday shirt. Please bring your own shirt. Supplies will be provided, Cost: \$5 per child.

THURSDAY, DEC. 2

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5 - 8 p.m., Oakland Technical Center-NW Campus, 8211 Big Lake Road, Clarkston. The staff and students from Oakland Technical Center-NW Campus will be holding a Holiday Open House. The community is invited to visit center programs. There will be culinary delights for sale and a floral sale for all your holiday needs. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 922-5846.

SATURDAY, DEC. 4 ANNUAL OPTIMIST/LIBRARY

HOLIDAY PARTY 10:30 p.m.-Noon or 2-3:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. A fabulous puppet presentation, the folk tale of Thumbelina, will be performed by puppet profes-sional Greg Lester's Puppet Adventures. Lights, sound and a BIG stage make this a memorable event. A book for each child, refreshments and a visitor from the North Pole complete the festivities. Open to ages: 3-11. Cost: FREE, tickets available at the Library, must have a ticket to attend.

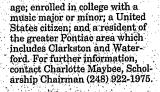
SATURDAY, DEC. 11

SANTA, SNACKS AND SECRET WISHES

10 a.m.-12 p.m., Hart Communi-ty Center. Santa will be visiting Springfield Township. Parents bring your children of all ages, along with their Christmas lists, to see Santa and get their pic tures taken with the jolly fellow. Cost: \$6 per child for Springfield Township residents and \$9 per child for non-residents. Bring the whole family for snacks, refreshments and a fun and joyous holiday party to get you in the spirit.

MONDAY, DEC. 20

ANNUAL AUDITIONS FOR DORA DAWSON SCHOLARSHIPS 9:30 a.m., Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road, Waterford. Applicants must be 17 - 25 years of



EVERY MONDAY

BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 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 with no previous camping experience required.

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS EXCHANGE The membership is of high cal-iber professionals that have a common client base. The purpos of the group is to develop relationships among the members, not prospect them in order to assist each other with referrals to their clients and customers. Weekly meetings. Call Michael (248) 608-1866 if you are interested in possible membership.

EVERY TUESDAY SERENDIPITY BIRLE STUDY

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

EVERY 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY MORNING MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRE-

SCHOOLERS) 9:30 a.m. St. Trinity Lutheran

Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Clarkston. For further information contact Nancy Schutt (248) 922-9460.

ASSOCIATES -STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: A WOMAN'S

licensed instructor. Students must be 18 and older. Cost: \$30/month for weekly classes Call (248) 559-2094 to register.

1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

PEDS PLUS IBD SUPPORT GROUP 7-9 p.m., Beaumont Royal Oak Administration Building. This group is sponsored by Crohns and Colitis Foundation of America and Michigan Chapter will begin meeting January 5th. All pediatric patients to college age plus siblings and parents are welcome. For more information call (248) 625-8621 or 737-0900.

3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY LYME

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

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

10 a.m.-1 p.m., North Oakland Co-op Preschool, 5300 Maybee Road. Bring your children to see the school and meet the teacher. Spaces available for the fall in 3year-old and 4-year-old preschool classes. For information call Ellen at (248) 623-6250.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

TOPS. (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)

6:15-7 p.m. Weigh-in: Meeting to follow until 8 p.m. Free Methodist Church Clarkston. \$20 registration yearly fee/\$4 dues per month. For further information contact Lucille Evans 673-9568 or Kay Vandermeer 625-9135.

7-8:30 p.m. Clarkston Christian Association, corner of Sashabaw and Maybee roads. New Clarkmembers. International club promotes communication and leadership skills. For more information and to RSVP contact Barry Gair (248) 877-6271 or Ann Blizzard (248) 393-1820 or visit club

www.geocities.com/Paris/Salon/7

9:50-10:30 a.m., King of Kings Lutheran Church, 1715 South Lapeer Road, Lake Orion, An adult Bible Study will be offered. For more information call, (248)

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TUESDAYS, NOV. 30 AND DEC. 7 BASEMENT REMODELING SEMINAR

6:30-9:30 p.m. Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Rd., Clarkston, Clarkston Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer a 9-hour basement remodeling seminar. The seminar is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling. The instructor will explain the many facets of basement remodeling including planning, meeting building codes, insurance, permits, estimating, materials as well as the basics of home construction. The instructor will also discuss working with subcontractors, finishing techniques and tying into existing plumbing, electrical and heating systems. The seminar costs \$90 plus a textbook fee of \$8. Pre-registration with pay-ment required no later than Friday, Nov. 19 to Clarkston Community Education. For further

SATURDAY, NOV. 27

information, call (248) 674-0993.

NATURE CLUB - "FRIENDS OF FEATHERS" - MINI CLASS

10:30 a.m.-noon. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, 625-6473. Join the nature center's new club for ages 8-12. Each meeting includes indoor/outdoor nature activities. Develop a nature log and earn a nature patch. Snack included. \$4/member/meeting. Pay in advance to register.

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Oakland vet plans reunion of World War II Navy crew

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER tsmith@oe.hon

here's no real reason why, for 14 consecutive years, the surviving members of George Kern's U.S. Navy crew get together.

Except perhaps to party, said the 75-year-old Kern, a Farmington resident who is organizing this month's Florida reunion of the U.S. Navy Landing Craft Infantry Gunboat 450.

"It's just a little get-together," Kern said, puffing on a cigarette in his kitchen last week. "I think the women look forward to it more than we do. We have a good time at these (the reunions) every year.

But more-telling answers are found with just a little bit of questioning. The ranks of the LCIG-450 dwindle each year. Nobody knows how long they'll be able to travel from all over the country to enjoy camaraderie, trade war stories and just have a merry celebration.

"There aren't too many of us left," said Kern, who will travel

Zoological

Society has

volunteer

jobs open

Volunteer positions are available at the Detroit Zoo, the Belle Isle Zoo and the Belle Isle Aquarium. As the Detroit Zoological Society's volunteer program grows, volunteers continue to make an impact, said

Zoological Institute Director

In 1998, more than 200 new volunteers were added to the program, bringing today's total to over 800 active volunteers. However,

there's still a need for help.

"Our volunteers have made an enormous impact here and we appreciate their efforts," Kagan said.

We hope that they take

with them a feeling of fulfillment from their hard

Belle Isle volunteers

assist the staff at the Belle Isle Zoo and Aquarium. Tasks include administra-

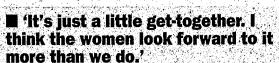
tive duties as well as planning and running special

work and experiences. Volunteers have a choice

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events.

Ron Kagan.



George Kern veteran LCIG 450

with his wife, Betty, to Ft. Myers, Fla., for the Nov. 18-21 reunion.

Kern mentioned that the crew loses someone every year. The captain of the LCIG-450, Wally Brady, died this summer: Brady began the tradition of holding annual reunions all over the United States, including Texas and Maine. The first reunion was in 1986.

"The one next year was sup-posed to be in Wisconsin, hosted by the captain," Kern said. "But he died. So we don't know where we're going to be yet.

Then, Kern shook his head and grinned. "We've been thinking of buying a half-gallon of Scotch and the last one alive can drink it

Among highlights for this year's party-goers will be a bar-becue at the home of the Kerns' oldest daughter, Cathy Witt, an

alumna of Our Lady of Sorrows. All six of the Kern's children attended Sorrows. Several sightseeing trips and restaurant junkets also are planned.

About 20 members of the crew of what Kern described as the heaviest armed ship of its size in the Pacific will be in Florida. Originally there were 12 members on the crew, and "then we added 40 or 45 when it became a gunboat."

"Some of the guys who joined after I left were officers," Kern said with a slight tone of sarcasm in his gravely voice. "And they still think they're officers."

For the Ft. Myers shindig, many LCIG-450 survivors will bring their wives along, and other family members might make the trip.

"Maybe it (the reunion) is something that's boring to you,"



Model citizen: Farmington's George Kern holds a replica model of the Landing Craft Infantry Gunboat 450.

said Kern. "But to us, it's great. And you have people from all walks of life."

They went on to work in facto-ries and offices. But all apparently have something special in common.

"It's kind of a special club," he

said. "It's hard to get into, of course. You can't get into it now.

Kern served in that so-called club from 1942 until February 1946, making stops at "every island in the Pacific.

That experience made lifelong friends for those who served on

the gunboat. But other than that, "I wouldn't want to do it again."

We can't do what we used to, said Kern, who in 1966 founded Kern Industries Inc., a Novibased tool and die company. "But the stories do get a little better every year.'

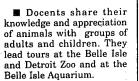


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Gallery Guides work with the Zoo staff to greet and educate visitors in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. They assist visitors with information in the butterfly and hummingbird garden, the art gallery, the exhibit hall and the multimedia interactive kiosks.

Staff Aides assist staff at the Detroit Zoological Society and the Detroit Zoological Institute by performing essential administrative tasks.

Special Events Volunteers help setup and greet guests at special event activities. There are several events to choose from, all equally fun and exciting!

Volunteer Gardeners at the Detroit Zoo produce some of the area's gardens. Talented volunteer gardeners develop and maintain garden plots throughout the 125-acre zoo park during the warmer months.

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BORN-AGAIN This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM, 56-62. Ad#.5144

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Romantic SWF, 60, 5'2", 118lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, travel, 5'2", the theater, long walks and more, would like to meet a trustworthy SWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Ad#.5555

IS IT FATE? hello to this personable SWCF, 38, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, jazz music and traveling. Her heart is set on sharing a long-term relationship with a responsible, handsome SWM, 36-47. Ad#.9455

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A GOOD MAN Shy, nice-looking DWC dad, 37, 6', with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, is looking to share movies, family activities and a lasting friendship with an inde-pendent, petite SWCF, 30-45. Ad#.6683

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COMMON BOND

This outgoing SWM, 26, 5'10", 170lbs., who enjoys martial arts, movies and more, is interested in meeting a SF, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1580

HAVE YOU SEEN ... My best friend? This shy SWCM, 28, 5'11", 160lbs., who enjoys boating, working out and the outdoors, is seek ing a SCF, 20-35, who shares similar interests. Ad# 2727

LISTEN TO ME Outdoor activities and bowling are interests of this friendly, outgoing, educated SBPM, 36 He is looking to meet a sincere, loving, tall, attractive SBF, beautiful inside and outwith a great smile, side. Ad#.8989

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DOWN-TO-EARTH He's a friendly Catholic DWP dad of two, 46, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair, green eyes, and glasses, a smoker, who enjoys bowling, golfing, movies, and much more. He is seeking a SWF, 35-47, for special. one-on-one. а romantic relationship Ad#.6569

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This friendly SWF, 37, 5'9", with black hair and brown with black nair and brown eyes, who enjoys gardening, dining out and traveling, is looking for a SM, 35-45, to spend quality time with. Ad# 1361

A SIMPLE REQUEST

Make a new friend by calling this DWC mom, 40, 5'8", who's looking for someone to share her interests with. If you're an outgoing SWCM, 35-45, who enjoys walking, camping, bicycling and watching movies, then you could be a perfect match for each other, Ad#,8191

STILL SEARCHING

Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7', with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys pho-tography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SWCM, 60-69, who loves the Lord. Ad#.4444

FOCUS HERE

She is a friendly, attractive SWF, 52, 5'7", 125lbs., with auburn hair and hazel eyes, whose interests include hiking, biking and boating. She's looking for a handsome, intel-ligent SWM, 52-62, who lives life to the fullest. Ad#.6262

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She's a never-married SBF, 33, 5'9",", N/S, non-drinker, who is looking for a sweet, sin-cere SWM, over 34. Ad#.1980

HERE SHE IS ...

This caring DWCF, 51, 5'1", is a lady who enjoys church activities, her work, and would like to meet a similar SWCM, 49-62. Ad#.1665

IS IT YOU?

This friendly SBF, 39, 5'6", who enjoys movies, dining out, theater and travel, is hoping to meet a loving, family-oriented SM, 33-50, who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor. Ad#.4581

HEAVEN SENT

This friendly SWF, 47, 5'9", whose interests include gardening, travel, taking walks in the park and camping, is look-ing to meet an honest, gentle SWM, 35-50, who likes chil-dren. Ad#.6561

TIME TO GET TOGETHER

Her dream is sharing a romantic, long-term relation-ship with an outgoing, sincere, handsome, SWM, 40-55 who enjoys biking, taking walks, music, and dancing. Be sure to let this very lovely, quite charming SWF, 43, know you're interested ! Ad#.9915

Fun-loving DWCF, 47, 5'5" who enjoys sports, the out-doors and gardening, is seek-ing a sincere, dependable SWCM, 43-51, for compan-ionship. Ad#.4488

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Hardworking, Catholic DWF, 48, 5'3", who enjoys walking, movies and going to church, is looking for a compatible ass looking for a compatible, car-ing, Catholic WWWM, 48-52, without children at home, for friendship first. Ad#,3907

LET'S CUDDLE

Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2" 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic, Italian SWM, 51-61. Ad#.1992

A RARE FIND

Sincere, compassionate SWF, 58, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, Bible studies. traveling, movies, long walks. and more, is looking for a car-ing, compassionate SWM. 54-62. Ad#.7141

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Outgoing, attractive SWM, 33, 5'6", 140lbs, with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys walks, good conversation, fishing, and more, is looking for an ambitious SWF, 24-36, who shares similar interests. for friendship first. Ad#.6321

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Here's a friendly SWM, 48, 5'7", who likes quiet evenings at home, trying new things and traveling. He's seeking a SWF, under 52, to share life and interests with. Ad#,4374

JOYS OF LIFE He's a friendly SWPM, 58,

6'3", who enjoys renovating houses, dining out and more. He is in search of a caring, sincere SWF, 45-55, who shares his type of lifestyle. Ad#.1939

SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME Shy and reserved, this nevermarried. college educated SBPCM, 36, 5.5°, 150lbs. 5'5°, is ISO a never-married 5'5" is ISO a never-married SCF, 25-39, with no children, who loves the Lord, to have a great time. Ad#.4949

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Never-married SWPM, 37, with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys the theater, auto shows and music, is seeking a kind, caring SWF, for possible rela-tionship. Ad#.1260

has a good sense of humor. Ad# 1514

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Delightful, handsome Catholic DWP dad of one. 38, 6'4". 215lbs., who enjoys boating, family activities, baseball, music, movies and travel, is seeking a similar Catholic SWF, 30-40, height/weight proportionate. Ad#.4324

HIGH MORAL STANDARDS Athletic, Catholic SWM, 24, 6'3", 250lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who plays a variety of sports and coaches Little League, is seeking a romantic. Catholic SWF, 21-30, who likes movies, quiet evenings, dining out and more Ad#,5150

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Outgoing, friendly caring honest DWCM, 59, 6, 195lbs with brown hair and green eyes, is ISO a siender-to-medium-built SWCF, 55-65, to get to know. Ad#.6211

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Exemptions for seniors possible as phone bills rise

BY PAT MURPHY STAFF WRITER pmurphy@oe.homecc

Telephone users facing hardship because of the 57-cent surcharge approved

by the Oakland Board of Commissioner recently will likely have two options for avoiding the higher bills expected early next year.

The first is the "Lifeline Telephone Assis-tance Program" already avail-able through Ameritech. (See related box).

The second is a county resolution that would exempt phone users 62 or whose older, income meets certain require-The ments.

exemption was initially rejected, but subsequently reintroduced and referred to committee.

zens.

"I think it (the exemption) has a good chance," said Commis-sioner Tim Melton (D-Auburn Hills), who sponsored the resolution.

Low income residents - especially senior citizens — were a major concern at last week's regular county board meeting when commissioners approved the surcharge that will cost users about \$7 annually.

"I'm a retiree on disability. said Robert Smith of Southfield. "And the surcharge will be a bur-

den for some people. Smith was one of a handful of people to object to the surcharge during a public hearing preceding the vote. Others voiced varying criticism:

Philip Ross, Bloomfield a Bioomfield Township busi-nessman, called Ameritech's the surcharge Lifeline an unfair tax.

Greg Dira-sian, a West Bloomfield resi-The Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program available through Ameritech is designed to help lowdent who is also vice chair of the income familles, including. Libertarian Party of Oakthose already receiving aid . through the Family Indeland County, insisted the term "surpendence Agency. The program also helps charge" was a customers whose income is at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level. misnomer. The charge is really and low-income senior citia tax, Dirasian said, should have . Information is available at (800) 621-8650 for English, and (800) 910-1030 in Spanish, been submitted to voters for approval.

Bill Mc-Master, an anti-

tax bulldog from Birmingham, said imposing the tax is "fraud," perpetuated by county commissioners who should have put the issue to a vote.

Others, however, insisted the 911 surcharge is a legitimate means of funding a needed public service.

"I was initially opposed to the 911 surcharge," commissioner Kay Schmid (R-Novi) said at the Republican caucus preceding the meeting, "But after much soul searching (and talking with law enforcement officials), I believe it's good for the county.

The 911 surcharge has been under consideration for almost



three years.

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Commissioner Lawrence A. Obrecht (R-Lake Orion) was among those who said there had been ample discussion on the surcharge and alternatives. "We've beaten this to death," he said in caucus. "We should vote now and move forward."

Seniors considered

Prior to approval of the surcharge, commissioners defeated an amendment, proposed by commissioner Melton, to exempt citizens 62 or older with incomes less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

That amendment was defeated 13 to 12, but the discussion centered on means, rather than the end. Most commissioners agree seniors on limited income should get some consideration.

Some commissioners voted

Officials: Better county 911 needed

BY PAT MURPHY STAFF WRITER pmurphy@oe.l

m.net Once implemented, the 911 upgrade approved by Oakland County commissioners will give the county a top-of-the line communication system, according to advocates who have been promoting the system for almost three years.

That 911 program will be very different than the existing system that critics say is inade-quate for a modern urban community.

For one thing, the upgraded 911 system will enable police and fire departments to commu-nicate with units from other communities helping them out, That was not the case earlier this year when emergency units responded to a huge fire at Orchard Lake and Grand River, said William Dwyer, police chief of Farmington Hills one of about two dozen police officials who supported the surcharge. 1

The fire required response from more than one department, Dwyer said. But the antiquated 911 systems did not allow units from those departments to communicate directly with each other.

against giving seniors a break on

the 911 surcharge on the advice

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sel, who insisted the board does

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That hampered efforts, Dwyer said, "and it could have been dangerous."

A similar situation occurred in 1997, when various police departments responded to a shooting at the Ford plant in Wixom, Dwyer said

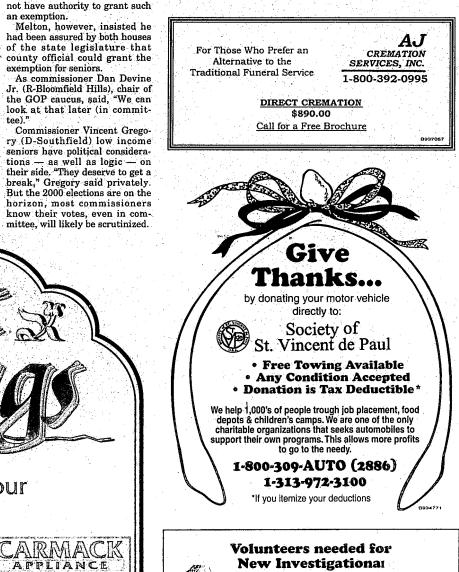
It also happens during high speed chases, he said, as sus-pects drive through different jurisdictions eluding police.

Under the upgraded 911 sys-tem, dispatchers will be able to determine the location of 911 calls made from cellular phones, something they can't do now.

The upgraded 911 system will also be linked with CLEMIS (Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information Sys-tem), for which Oakland has already received a \$17.1 million federal grant. CLEMIS, will enable police to

use in-car computers to transmit photos, fingerprints and other data to other units.

The relation between the 911 upgrade and CLEMIS is compli-cated, said commissioner Sue Ann Douglas (R-Rochester). But in tandem, they will provide residents with a reliable emergency response system," she





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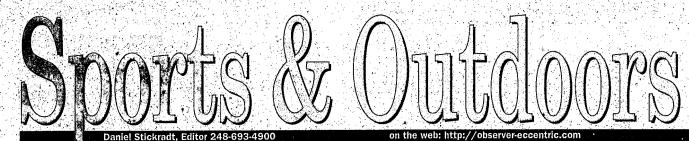
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DANIEL STICKRADT

Never-give-up attitude carried Wolves to first semifinal berth

n 1999, Clarkston had everything a team needed in order to pose a threat to win the Division I state football championship.

The Wolves, which boasted nearly 70 varsity players, had a potent running attack, a heady quarterback with a quality arm, a dominating offensive line, a stingy defensive front, a better-than average special teams unit, and a very knowledgeable and talented coaching staff.

Clarkston had everything going for them, except for a little bit of luck on the day the Wolves needed it most. With the chance of advancing to the

With the chance of advancing to the title game for the first time in school history, Clarkston couldn't get the lucky bounce to go their way as they fell prey to Utica Eisenhower, 14-9, on Saturday under gloomy skies at Port Huron's Memorial Stadium. The loss ended the Wolves' fine 11-2

The loss ended the Wolves' ine 11-2 campaign — one game short of their championship goals — but the great memories this group provided to all of the Clarkston faithful will never end.

"This is a great group of young men," said Clarkston head coach Kurt Richardson on Saturday. "They gave it their all."

Indeed, the Wolves did give it their all. During the waning seconds against lke, junior quarterback Ryan Kaul couldn't find a receiver in the end zone for winning pass as he was tripped up from behind around the line of scrimmage as time ran out. But that last-second play or the loss

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End of the road

Turnovers costly as Clarkston falls to Eisenhower in Division I semifinals

Clarkston was the favorite entering Saturday's Division I state semifinals in Port Huron. But unranked and unheralded Utica Eisenhower forced the Wolves into seven turnovers and escaped with a 14-9 victory.

BY DANIEL STICKRADT SPORTS EDITOR dstickradt@or homecomm.r

Clarkston's bread and butter all season long turned out Saturday to be the Wolves' killer poison:

After averaging around one turnover and less than three penalties a game in their previous 12 starts, the Wolves turned the ball over seven times to Utica Eisenhower and were whistled for six penalties for 56 yards as they fell 14-9 to the Eagles in the Division I semifinals at Port Huron Memorial Field.

The win moved Eisenhower (11-2), which was making its third semifinal appearance in 11 years, into Saturday's 1 p.m. Division I state final at the Pontiac Silverdome against Walled Lake Western. Clarkston, a first-time Final 4 representative, finished its best season in school history at 11-2.

"Turnover and penalties. That's what killed us today," said a mystified Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson. "We've been so good all year long not turning the ball over and not making stupid penalties. But it sure caught up to us today."

Clarkston coughed up the ball on its first play from scrimmage to set the tone, as Eisenhower turned that mishap into a 3-play, 34-yard scoring drive that ended when junior running back John Digiorgio rambled around left for an 11-yard score. Junior Mike Grazwalski followed with the PAT for a 7-0 Ike lead.

The Wolves fumbled again on their second possession, but after junior Ryan Kaul intercepted Eagles junior quarterback Bryan Gnyp three play later, Clarkstor put together a 15-play, 64-yard drive that resulted in a 14-yard TD pass from Kaul to senior Andy North on 4th-and-eight with 1:32 left in the first quarter.

Senior Rocky Lund followed with the successful point-after-attempt to tie the score at 7-7, but that was one a few hopeful rays of light the Wolves would receive on this gloomy afternoon.

Clarkston turned the ball over on their first three possessions of the second quarter — one fumble and two interceptions — the last which Eisenhower turned into seven points as junior Nick Jozefiak scored on a 12-yard run with 9:31 left before halftime.

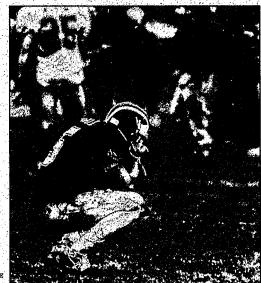
Twice in the first half and four times total, Clarkston was inside Ike's 50, but couldn't convert. & "We had our chances, we just coughed the ball up to many times," said Richard-

"We had our chances, we just coughed the ball up to many times," said Richardson. "Eisenhower's quickness on defense was great. They forced us to rush and make some bad decisions. But our defense was right there as well. We shut them down after a shaky start."

Clarkston did not allow Eisenhower to score over the final 33:31 of the game. In fact, the Wolves forced Eagles junior Todd Moore to punt on five occasions and did not

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Down and out: Clarkston junior quarterback Ryan Kaul (top) kneels in disap pointment following Saturday's 14-9 loss to Eisenhower. Earlier in the game, Ryan Briceland (below) makes a diving effort to stop Eisenhower's Nick Jozefiak.



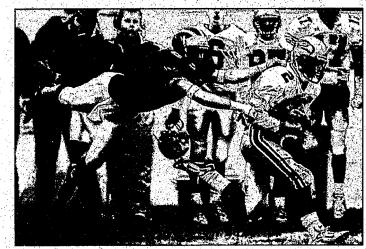
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BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

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There's a three-time state champion. There's a four-time state qualifier. And in between is enough talent to make any coach proud.

Rochester Adams junior Katie Boyles and Oxford senior Karen LeRoy headline the 1999 Eccentric All-Area Girls Cross Country squad after stellar performances this past season. In addition, the other girls who made the team, are performances, league championships and outstanding seasons behind them. Following is a look at the members named to the first team, as selected by a panel of area coaches **KATIE BOYLES. Rochester Adams:** Boyles. who won the state meet in each of her first two seasons, won everything in sight her junior year despite running with a big target on her back. Everyone she ran against was gunning for her and Boyles made the most of the competition. She won the Oakland Activities Association Division I title, was the Oakland County and regional champion, and won her second straight state champi-onship with a time of 17:55. Boyles saved her best for last, hanging back until the time was right at the state meet, then blowing past the competition to set herself up to become perhaps the first fourtime state champion in state history.

"She had a very good season," Oxford coach Ray Sutherland said. "She steadily improved, and she had some of her best races at the end of the year. Karen is a very strong, confident runner and usually has a good finish. Mentally, she's very tough." **SHANNON STANLEY, Rochester Adams:** Running behind an outstanding runner like Boyles, youngsters are bound to learn a lot, and Stanley apparently soaked up the lessons in her first varsity season. The freshman was fifth at the league meet, ninth at the Oakland County meet, fifth in regionals and 27th with a finishing time of SKI & SNOWBOARD SPECIALISTS

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"Katie found this year to be tough," Rochester Adams coach Budd Cicciarell's said. "It gets heated when you try to repeat as a junior, and I think she found it tough. It's not the Super Bowl or anything, but there was a lot of pressure."

"She's a come-from-behind runner," Cicciarelli went on. "She likes to see what the competition is doing and then make her move. You have to have confidence you can make that move."

KAREN LEROY, Oxford: LeRoy did something she hadn't yet done in her career — win Oxford's own invitational — but other than that it was a "deja vs" kind of season for the outstanding Wildcats senior. LeRoy won her second straight Flint Metro League championship, was second to Boyles at the county meet, and finished third in the regional, qualifying her for the state meet for the fourth straight season. And for the fourth straight season, she improved her state meet position, coming in 10th with a time of 18:49.

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19:18 in her first appearance at the state meet. And all that from a girl who wasn't initially going to run.

"She wasn't going to come out, but a couple of teammates convinced her," Cicciarelli said. "She came in, didn't even know quite what to do and started beating kids. She's not as strong as (Boyles). Shannon is tiny, but she's a feisty kid."

ANDREA MORELAND, Rochester Adams: Moreland, who debuted with a solid season as a freshman, had an even better year as a sophomore, taking nearly 30 seconds off her time while earning a berth in the state meet. Moreland was sixth at the OAA I meet, 14th in the Oakland County meet, and sixth at the regional. She finished 60th at the state meet. Pretty good results for a second-year runner Cicciarelli figures to be a four-year performer.

"You're not going to get a bad race from her very often," Cicciarelli said. "She's always going to run a good race. She was good as a freshman and was better as a sophomore. Her real test will come as a junior."

COURTNEY MEEKER, Rochester: Meeker started her season with her best time, an 18:45 at the Spartan Invitational, and continued to put together an excellent sophomore season. The youngster finished second to Boyles at the OAA I meet, was fourth in the Oakland County meet and second at regional. After missing all of the week prior to the state meet due to a death in the family, Meeker came on to run a respectable time anyway. She was also an Academic All-State selection.

"She's a very hard worker, very competitive," Falcons coach Larry Adams said. "That rubs off on everyone else. She and (teammate Leah Christian) made our team better. I don't remember a team that worked any harder than this team."

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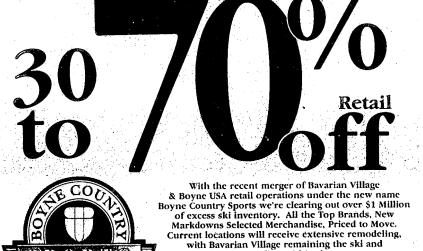
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allow Ike to pose a threat in the red zone during the second half.

But Eisenhower ended two potential Clarkston scoring drives in the final, two minutes to hold on to the victory.

With Clarkston threatening with a first down on the Ike 32-yard line, Eisenhower senior defensive back Mark Lacombe picked off Kaul in the end zone with 1:17 to play following senior Chris Messano's tipped pass. And after Eisenhower - which fumbled but barely recovered its own bad snap with 1:32 left — allowed a conservative safety

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Wolves' spectacular season as this group

Clarkston began the season as the Oak-

and Activities Association Division I

favorites, and the Wolves delivered with a 4-1 record to win the crown. And to

refresh everyone's memory just how tough that accomplishment was — the

entire six-team division, which also boast-

ed Lake Orion, Troy, Troy Athens, Rochester and Rochester Adams, quali-

Never before in state history had one conference sent all of its members to the

state football play-offs, Clarkston, which was ranked through-

out the first-half of the season until a 21-

14 loss to Troy, also won district and regional crowns — the first in school his-

And their regional final victory over

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Macomb Dakota, which lasted nearly 3 hours and 20 minutes and reached a

game against Eisenhower.

Shield and a start

- en route to their state semifinal

fied for the Division I state play-offs

of young gentlemen are truly champions.

with 29 seconds left, the Eagles stuffed Clarkston's final hopes as senior linebacker John Tynan tackled Kaul near the line of scrimmage with four seconds left while Kaul was looking to unleash a desperation toss into the end zone.

"We were hoping that (Kaul) could get something into the end zone on that last play, but what are you going to do," said Richardson. "They marked us tight on that last play and Kaul couldn't get anything off in time.

"Before the safety, I really

Michigan history.

record books as it goes down as one of the

longest play-off games ever played in

Eisenhower to the final seconds before the

Eagles were able knock Clarkston off the

senior running back Chris Mitchell broke

lose to set single-season school records for

both total vardage and most carries, and

led the Wolves to well over 20 points a

contest despite a brutal schedule. All season long, Kaul was consistent in

the air; going to seniors Steve Shornack

These guys refused to quit and it took

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thought that we would score and send it into overtime. We still had a shot until the very end."

Kaul finished 17 of 29 passing for 127 yards and two intercep-tions for Clarkston. Senior running back Chris Mitchell bowed out with a 26-carry, 80-yard performance, and seniors Bubba Clement and Jon Robinson both had eight tackles apiece for the Wolves, which mustered 20 first downs compared to seven by the Eagles.

Eisenhower was limited to just 74 yards rushing and 28 yards passing.

Wolves melt down West Bloomfield, 6-0

Clarkston has been labeled as one of the favorites in the Oakland Activities Association boys. ice hockey race. On Saturday, Wolves took the first step in liv-

ing up to those expectations. Behind four first-period tallies Clarkston opened up the 1999-2000 campaign with a 6-0 triumph over league rival West Bloomfield at Lakeland Arena in White Lake Township. Senior forward Jason Stoecker

converted a pass from freshman defensemen Ron Knoebel with 8:33 left in the first period for shots en route to the shutout.

assists, while seniors Bill Kalush and Anthony Facione each scored one goal and junior Stephen Janowlak contributed a goal and an assist for Clarkston. Myles Purdy, Derek Hool and Jeremy Gabriel each collected an assists, while senior goaltender

the eventual game-winner, lowed by a goal sophomore Adam Postal less than a minute later. Postal finished with two goals torlead Clarkston (1-0-0, 1-0-0). Stocker added a goal and two

Steve Badger stopped 10 Lakers

NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS BRIEFS

Reporting scores

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the wire, and in their game against Dakota, the Wolves battled back from a 28-14 fourth-quarter deficit. They had skill, talent, drive determination, guts and

lent season.

to Troy and Dakota. At the beginning of the season, Richardson felt he had enough talent and balance Clement, Robinson, senior Jeremy Williams and the rest of Clarkston's to challenge for the league and advance defense played well all season and in the far into the state tournament. And the loss to Ike. Despite seven turnovers by the Wolves' offense — five coming in the Wolves lived up to those lofty expecta-Behind a dominating offensive line, first half - Clarkston was able to keep the Eagles off the board for the final 34:29 which was anchored by the senior four-some of Bubba Clement, Jon Robinson, of the 48-minute affair. Eric Bauer and Brent Schermerhorn,

team," said Richardson. "This team

and Andy North on a regular basis, and senior Rocky Lund was reliable at kicker. But Clarkston's defense really told the story. With all of the hype pointed towards Clarkston's physical and large

offensive line, this defensive contingent molded into a stingy unit, only allowing over 20 points on two separate occasions

is that there were no superstars on this played like a team and fought hard as a team.

"Sure, we have guys that will be able to play at the (collegiate) level," he contin-ued. "Bubba Clement, Jon Robinson —

some of these guys will go on to the next level, there's no doubt in that. But they

There was no doubt that these Wolves vere a team that had one common goal:

In their two losses, they went down to

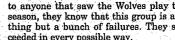
to anyone that saw the Wolves play this season, they know that this group is anything but a bunch of failures. They suc-

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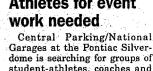
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courage. On Saturday against Utica Eisenhower, lady luck was not on Clarkston's side as they could not convert inside the red zone on a handful of occasions, and, thus, did not reach the championship game this weekend at the Pontiac Silverdome. But



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everything in sight when the put all of their runners into th races, and came close to winnin meets where they didn't. Adam won the Oakland Activities Asso ciation Division I title with a 5dual-meet record, and won th Oakland County meet before fin ishing second at the state meet.

Even when their best runner were held out, the Highlander proved to be contenders. For instance, at the Oxford Invitational competing without Boyles, the Highlanders placed

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Chelsea Gottshall

Rochester Adams

LEIGHA CHRISTIAN Rochester: Christian, a sopho more, ran a 19:04 at the Ambrose Invitational and put together a very solid season for the Falcons. She was fourth at the league meet, fifth at Oakland County (right behind Meeker) and fourth at the regional. She was also a state qualifier and an Academic All-State choice. She was ill and didn't have the kind of state meet she was capable of, but that didn't mar what was an excellent sea son

"I felt bad for her the week of the state meet," Adams said. "(Christian) really stepped up and improved this year. She went to 19-flat consistently in the big meets. She trained well this summer and she's just a great kid.'

LAURA LARIVEE, Troy: For a soccer player, this Colt junior turned in a pretty solid season Larivee, who with her twin sis ter Dana came out for her first season of cross country, turned in a solid performance. Accord-ing to coach Kevin Spencer, Laura displayed leadership qualities and a knack for the sport in her first season. It showed in the results, as well. Laura finished eighth at the league meet and sixth in the Oakland County meet before turning in her best



Shannon Stanley Rochester Adams

bon copy of her sister.

NICOLE FISCHER, Clarkston: Only a mysterious health incident at the regional meet kept Fischer, Clarkston's top runner, from qualifying for the state meet. Fischer, a senior, passed out before finishing the race at the regional meet, but that did nothing to diminish her accomplishment the rest of the season. She set a personal record at the OAA I meet with a 19:15 finish, good enough for third in the league. She ran a 20:09 and

Budd Cicciarelli Rochester Adams coach your sister act, the Corsairs had one in 1999. Coughlin, a sophomore, turned in a 19:36 at the state meet last month, the thirdfastest time in Mott history. The fastest? A 19:09 at the state meet a year ago, turned in by Coughlin's sister, Amy. Cough lin who was third in the OAA (19:44), 18th at the county meet and 17th at the regional, fin-ished 37th at the state meet. Coughlin, a 4.0 student, was also an Academic All-State selection. "It was a very successful sea-

success, enjoyed more of it thi season. The Highlanders wo

second.

coaches.

"(Cicciarelli) has got to know his stuff, because year after year he's got these competitive teams," Troy coach Kevin Spencer said. knowledgeable about the sport, and he knows everything about

Kettering wins rubber match with Rochester

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE STAFF WRITER dwhite@oe.homecomm.net

Whatever it was that the Rochester girls basketball team did to gain a split with Waterford Kettering during the regular season didn't work Monday night in Olass A regional semifinal play as the Captains cruised to a 60-45 victory at Port Huron Northern.

With the win, Kettering (23-2) was scheduled to play Oxford (23-0) in the regional championship game Wednesday night.

"Lower scoring," Rochester coach Tom Hawes said of the difference. "The last two times we were in the low 40s. This time, they got the game going a little bit and scored a lot more on the transition.

"Their low post players are really great athletes and really ate us up inside this time," Hawes went on "That, and their depth, obviously, had a lot to do with it.

Kettering junior guard Andrea Hillsey, playing a defensive role in Monday's win, hassled Rochester's allstate candidate Paige Harris all night, causing problems for the Falcons on offense.

"They made Paige work so hard out there tonight," Hawes said. "Still, (junior forward) Sara (Potts) and Paige had 31 of our 45 points.'

Kettering coach Scott Woodhull agreed saying, "Andrea is very good defensively. She didn't give Paige much and Paige still played very well and got some good shots (finishing with 17 points)

"You're not going to get by Andrea very often unless you're very, very fast. She's so focused on stopping the dribble and she did a nice job.

Although Hillsey made Harris earn her points, Woodhull did admit that the Captains do lack some of Hillsey's contributions on offense when given a specific defensive assignment

"I think we lose some, yes," admitted Woodhull. "Hey! It's tiring when you're chasing a dang good player around all game

Hillsey said that either role is fine with her as long as the outcome of the game is the one that she and her teammates came for.

"We have a lot of people that can score on our team, so sometimes it's nice to step down a little bit and play a

different role," she said. "I think that I played more this game because, after awhile, I was kind of losing it.

Without Hillsey's crowd-igniting 3pointers much of a factor — she made only one in the game — other offensive herces stepped up for the Captains. In particular, senior guard Haley Slade, who made three treys in the first quarter and finished with 12 points.

"We got some big shots from other players," Woodhull said, "Haley hit those threes in the first quarter and that kind of set the tone for us.

Holding a 22-21 lead with less than five minutes remaining in the second quarter, Kettering posted an 11-2 run over the remaining 4:15 of the half to post a 33-23 lead at halftime

"That was huge," Woodhull said, "I

think that put them back on their heels and really put them in a jam."

The Falcons managed to pull to within three points of the lead early in the fourth guarter at 45-42, but a second run by Kettering, this time a 15-3 surge, sealed Rochester's fate.

"I told the girls in the time out, 'Okay, now let's not let them get a big run,^m Hawes said. "Of course, they came right out and had a big run.

Hillsey finished with nine points and junior forward Devon Hillstrom led the Captains with 19, most from in the paint.

Potts led Rochester with 17 points, 13 of which came in the second half, and Harris finished with 14 in the final game of her stellar four-year high school career.



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p.m. Friday): No lead will be comfortable one. The Eaglets bring in one of the more explosive offensive units as witnessed by last week's 39-point outburst against Harper Creek, highlighted by a 98-yard TD hook-up between Jermaine Gonzales and Maurice Searight. The Sailors appear to be no slouches either as Bruce **Osterhaven and Kris Holstege** were a two-man wrecking crew in the semifinal win over Menominee. The only wrecking here will be done by the Eaglets as they claim the

Utica Eisenhower at Silverdome (1 p.m. Saturday): Forget Harrison. Forget Rockford. The best public school football program runs out of Walled Lake Western. The Warriors will win their second state title in the last four years by pounding a feisty Eisenhower squad that has made the most of its opportunities. With QB Chris Payton orchestrating and RB Cody Cargill punishing, Mike Zdeb ski remains an undefeated

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Detroit Country Day vs. **Muskegon Orchard View** at Silverdome (5 p.m. Saturday): Two months ago, Country Day might have been the last team expected in the Division 5 final. Well, what a difference two months make and what a difference fielding a healthy squad makes. Jeremy Battier and Ashton Aikens are just two key components who have overcome injuries to give the Yellow Jackets a healthy shot at the title. A complete team effort will be just enough to sting another

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

DUCK

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

ELK

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

RABBIT

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ARCHERY

LIVONIA RANGE

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located

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on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more informa-

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

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

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in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020

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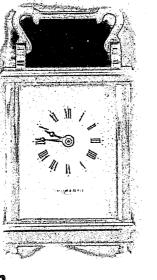
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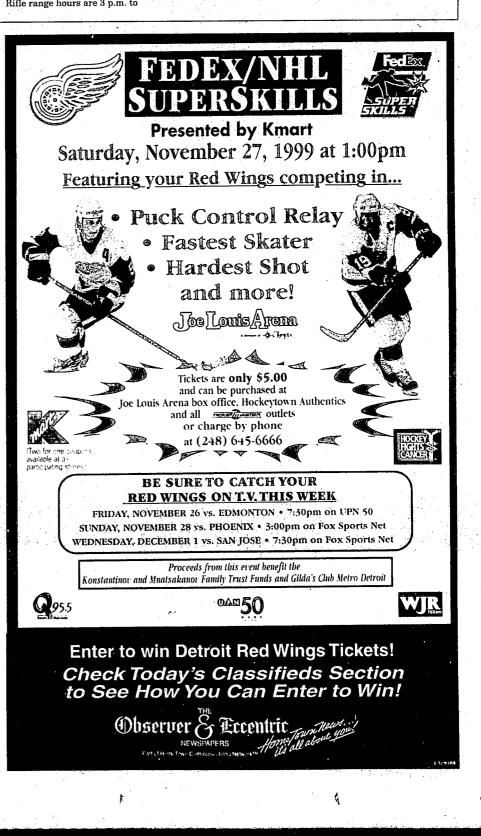
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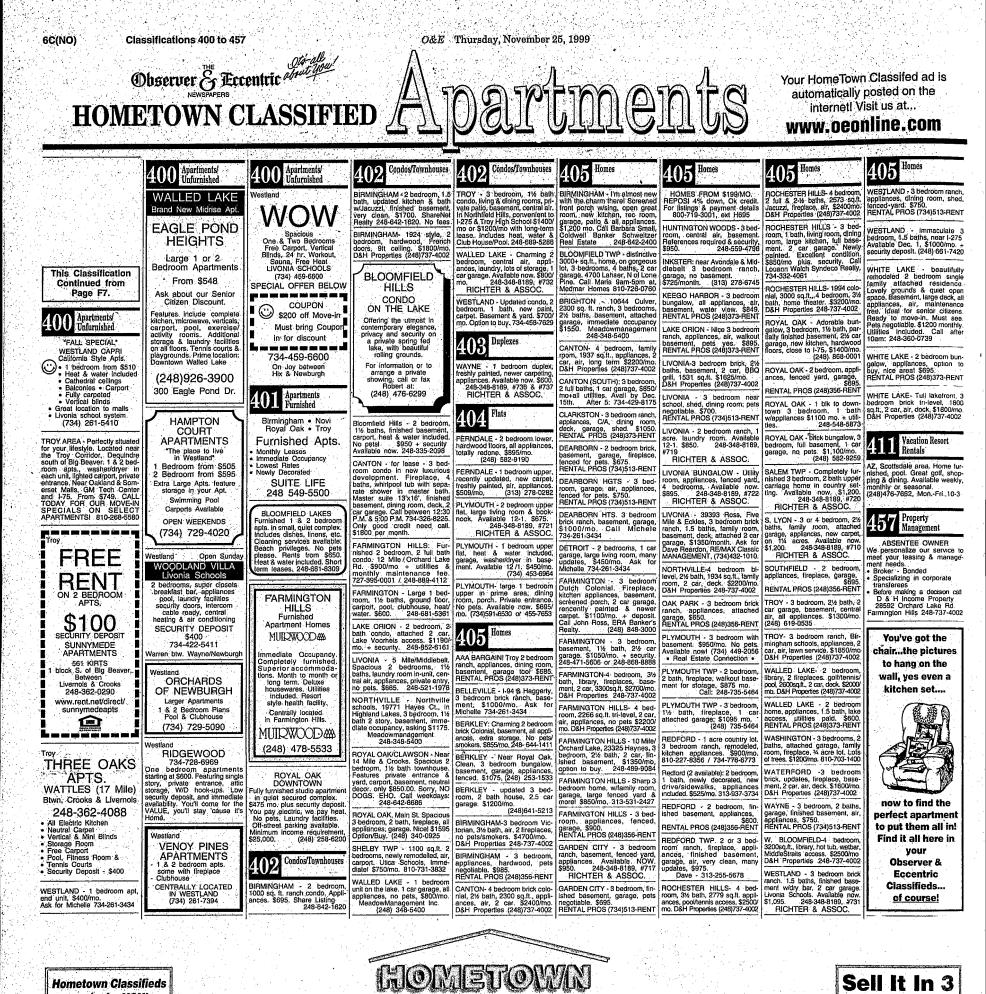
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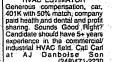
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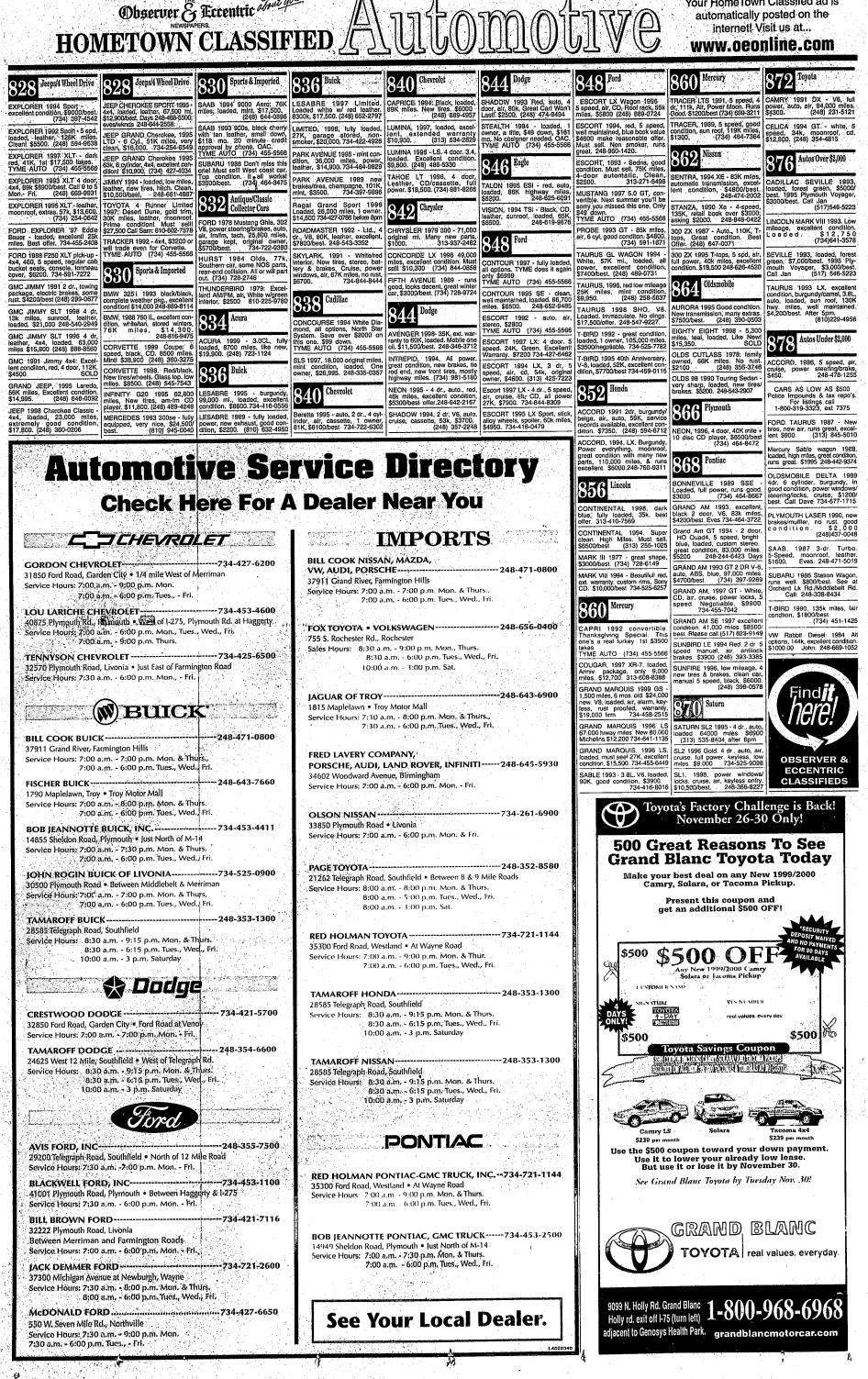
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Get comfortable with gardening books



MARTY FIGLEY

A big, soft couch is the perfect place to curl up with a good gardening book. Here are some suggestions:

In "The Cottage Garden" (\$13.95, DK Living Series), authors Christopher Lloyd and Richard Bird give a history of these gardens and

describe many flowering plants, herbs, fruits and vegetables, relate how they were used and at what time of year when at their peak.

All the details that make a garden a cottage garden – such as gates, hedges, pathways and furnishings – are addressed.

All kinds of plants that were used then and are still available are described with exceptional photos and are further defined by their season of bloom or harvest time. Seasonal tasks and bounty uses are a bonus

If annuals aren't "your thing," perhaps "Discovering Annuals," Graham Rice (\$34.95, Timber Press), will change your mind.

Rice explains that there are spring as well as winter annuals, depending on when the seed is sown. "Annual" is a term that covers most temporary plants:

Rice gently encourages the use of these flowers and suggests wonderful, unusual combinations – such as white cosmos, salvia and lime green nicotiana or the bright yellow of calendula interplanted with the soft blue of borage and its white form.

There are certain things, such as temperature and light, that affect the success of seed sowing, and the author shares his thoughts and expertise on this as well as propagation, planting out and how to care for them in the garden.

"Lavender," Ellen Spector Platt (\$19.95, Stackpole Books), is one of the most complete books on the subject I have seen.





Comfort zone: Curl up with some of these good gardening books.

Platt shares the history of this wellloved plant and details many species and varieties. She explains and illustrates with photographs the many ways lavender can be used in the garden, from borders to hanging planters, and which plants are suitable companions.

Platt shares growing techniques, harvesting and how to use it in crafts and cooking. A list of lavender sources is thoughtfully included.

"Green Gifts," Gill Dickinson (\$19.95, Fulcrum), presents innovative ideas about how to "package" these items.

Appropriate presentations for each season of the year and for birthdays, get well wishes, anniversaries, etc. fill this colorful book. From gift tags to painted pots to wreaths, Dickinson provides the information necessary to enhance all green gifts. She also includes "care" suggestions to accompany the plants.

This is more than a craft book. It will give both the "giver" and "getter" pleasure.

Also by Fulcrum, "Garden Design Workbook" (\$21.95); the basics to plan your own garden. The message: Enjoy the process as much as your garden.

Pages give ample room on which to record your personal garden information, such as the location, soil type, pH, light, special considerations and list of plants. The accompanying graph page allows you to draw your own sketches and plans. A pocket in the front will hold receipts and photographs.

"William Bartram Travels" (\$14.95, Peregrine Smith Inc.) is a fascinating account of the four-year journey William, an American naturalist, began in 1773. He traveled through the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida and some territories to the west, a total 2,400 miles.

His poetical descriptions and detailed accounts and observations of the land are as interesting today as they were when they were written. In addition, the descriptions of the American Indians, settlers, traders and the way they lived are most interesting. William collected many plants and also studied and observed the wildlife

The print is small so the book will take some time to read, but it will be worth the effort.

William was influenced by his father, John, who in 1731 established the first botanical garden in America, near Philadelphia

Richard Kolath has yet another book on the subject, "Wreaths: Creative Ideas for the Year Round" (\$14, Houghton Mifflin), that will inspire wreath designers to try new things.

Kolath shares the fundamentals of wreath crafting, using many different bases such as straw and wire, and dry or fresh materials to baby's blocks to embellish them. He includes some unusual places to use the wreaths.

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.

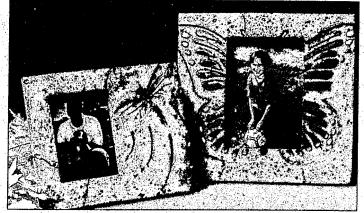






Gallery gifts

Artful merchandise: These handcrafted pillows by Muriel Jacobs of Bloomfield Hills and ornaments by Claudia Tann are among the gifts of art for sale in the Gallery Shop at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road in Birmingham. The sale is on through Dec. 30, with a series of special holiday sale days now to Dec. 11. The BBAC also offers five special weeking and weekend art sales: small works, now to Dec. 30; Jewelry, Nov. 26-28; glass, Nov. 26-28; fiber, Dec. 2-4; and pottery, Dec. 9-11. Call (248) 644-0866.



Get the picture

Natural look: Capture your favorite memories in the beauty of nature by displaying photos in these stone-like frames accented with colorful creatures from the earth. Pictured here are the 4-by-6-inch dragonfly and 5-by-7-inch butterfly frames, available for \$29.98 and \$34.98 respectively at English Gardens. One of the five stores is at 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield (call (248) 851-7506). Call (800) 335-GROW to find the nearest English Gardens.

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Furnishing fun

Toy story: Flicker the Dragon, the pet of the Kids Castle play areas at Art Van Furniture stores, is now available as a 7-inch tall plush beanie doll for \$6 and a 3-inch three-dimensional magnet for \$1.25. A model of an Art Van Navistar delivery truck is offered for \$16. The model, manufactured by Ertl, has die cast metal construction with a molded plastic trailer. Its free rolling wheels and opening rear doors make it fun for children, and its authentic design makes it desirable to collectors. The doll, magnet and truck are available at all Art Van stores, along with apparel and novelty items with Art Van's logo (prices range from \$6 for a traveler mug to \$299 for a wool/leather jacket).

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Take temperature of your refrigerator



I hear and read statistics which say something like 30 million Americans suffer from food poisoning every year, with some dying as a result. The average person suffers this malady six or seven times a year and thinks they have the

JOE GAGNON

flu. Purchased food can be outdated and near spoilage when you buy it. Stronger regulations are needed in the food industry. It goes on and on and most of you have seen what I'm talking about. This column is not designed to ruin your Thanksgiving day dinner or the leftovers which are enjoyed for days after. Its purpose is to give you some facts which can increase your consumption of common sense.

Today's refrigerator will give you storage temperatures which are in the

range of 40 degrees and sometimes a little higher. Years ago when you gathered at your parents home for dinner and the leftovers were placed in the refrigerator, the temperature was colder. It was common back then to have temperatures in the refrigerator at just over 32 degrees.

The difference between then and now gave you the ability to store foods and know that they would keep safe for a few extra days. Today's higher temperature range in refrigerators must and should bring caution into your food storage plans. In my house, anything saved must be thrown away after a three-day period.

Wait a minute, my dear reader. Do you have doubts about what I've just written? If so here's what I wish you would do. Buy a good probe style thermometer and submerse it in a pickle jar or something else that has been in the refrigerator section for the past 12 hours. If your refrigerator is less than 10 years old, I would like you to send me the temperature you recorded.

In the weeks following these types of

holiday periods, the service industry receives a lot of service calls pertaining to odors in refrigerators. Most result in expenditures of dollars by consumers who didn't have to. A small amount of mold the size of the end of your baby finger is enough to give you a smell that will drive you out of the kitchen. It happened in our house, and not until I found the mold underneath the back section of the crisper drawer did the smell disappear.

Do you know that the refrigerator section gets its cold temperature from the freezer section. A fan motor circulates the cold into the refrigerator and when the refrigerator cold control senses enough, it shuts off the air flow.

The circulation is always affected by how you put packages in the freezer compartment. Leave some room for air movement in the freezer side and don't jam it full of loose plastic bags. Another way of getting maximum temperatures throughout both sections is to make sure you have a 3/4 full freezer section. I use

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plastic jugs filled with water to always make sure that my freezer section is 3/4 full.

Now for the most important tip that I can give you during this Thanksgiving period:

Let me direct you to the underside of your refrigerator. The condenser section must be kept as clean as possible, and that means getting a condenser brush and vacuum cleaner working together.

If it's all plugged up with lint, dust and animal hair, the temperatures will never get to where they are supposed to be. The compressor will operate at extremely high temperature conditions and your energy consumption can double because of it. Clean it and you add years of life to the product. 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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Meadow Brook holiday walk has Fren



Sweet dreams: A dellcate five-piece tea set, produced in 1844 by the renowned royal Sevres porcelain manufactory, a green silk and velvet outfit by Paul Poiret, one of the most important, designers of the time, and other decorative and seasonal items are

beautifully displayed in Matilda Wilson's bedroom, Staff photos by John Stormzand.



BY MARY KLEMIC At Home Editor mklemic@ce.homecomm.net

The 1999 Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall puts a French accent on the celebration of the season. This year's walk, the 29th annual, takes place Friday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Dec. 5, and is titled "The French Collection." It presents works of fine and decorative art by French artists and makers.

The items, from Meadow Brook collections, are displayed among holiday decorations throughout the elegant mansion on the Oakland University campus.

The objects date from around 1670 to 1929. Some of them are by people who were on the cutting edge of their work, some reflect society of the time. They include an Aubusson rug, a drawing by Louis Icart, a candelabrum by Baccarat.

'All media are represented – porcelain, painting, sculpture, textiles, glass, furniture, said Lisa Baylis Ashby, executive director.

The 80,000-square-foot, 110-room Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester was the home of OU founders Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of automobile pioneer John Dodge, and her second husband, Alfred Wilson. It was built between 1926 and 1929.

After John Dodge died, Matilda took their three children to Nice. The family stayed in France – making weekend trips to Switzerland, Spain and Italy – for about two years in the 1920s, during which time Matilda began collecting the items. cover

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Among the furniture is an 1875 chair with a porcelain plaque, a small, exquisite ornament on the furnishing. Other delicate art work in ceramics can be seen in the five-piece tea set and miniature boxes with portraits, from 1844 and 1880 respectively. The tea set was produced by the renowned royal Sevres porcelain manufactory.

Glass pieces include a vase with plum branches by Emile Gallé from 1900, deer and elephant miniatures and a dish by Rène Lalique from 1920, and a dish by Sabino from 1925.

The vase is an example of the Art Nouveau style. The raised plums on its surface are cameo glass. Gallé introduced this technique, in which a glass layer is encased in one or more layers of different

hues. These would be cut back to reveal a decoration in relief in one color against a contrasting color. The Lalique dish features women's figures that are partly molded. Each conveys a different personality as well as varying coloration.

"He was the master, a great experimenter," Ashby said. "He was the influence on hundreds of glass artists." Sabino's glass works seem to have flames contained within.

Two women's outfits by Paul Poiret, one of the most important designers of the time, are displayed – a green silk and velvet ensemble from 1922 and a black coat with brocade trim from 1923.

- "He was really much more important than Coco Chanel," Ashby said;
- The border on the sumptious dress features a pattern suggesting Art Deco. The coat has dramatic flair with a mandarin collar and long, thin, red leather strips extending from the brocade.

Children's outfits exhibited aren't ordinary play clothes. There are costumes from Callot Soeurs from 1923, including a dress of gold and silver lamé and turquoise and carnelian beads ("extremely rare materials," Ashby said).

A Limoges child's tea set, from 1929, features a design of playful cats.

Hours

Hours for "The French Collection," Knole Cottage (where Santa will greet visitors) and the Meadow Brook Hall Gift Shop will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Special evening hours for the holiday walk only are scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, when it will be open until 8 p.m. On those two nights, OU students, staff, faculty and alumni association members may bring family members for the OU admission price of \$6 (ID will be required).

Holiday walk admission is \$12 for adults, \$9 for adults in groups of 20 or more with advance reservations, \$6 for age 12 and under, free for age 2 and under, and \$6 for OU students, staff and faculty with ID. Knole Cottage admission is \$1 for adults and children.

Group lunches may be scheduled for 20 to 48 people in any one group. The charge is \$25 and includes lunch, four, tax and gratuity.

Holiday gala dinners will take place Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 2-4, including valet parking, tour, candlelight dinner, afterglow and music. Advance reservations are required. Hors d'oeuvres reception is 6:30 p.m. and dinner 8 p.m. Black tie preferred. Cost is \$175 patron, \$250 benefactor.

Meadow Brook Hall is off Adams, south of Walton. Call (248) 370-3140.

All proceeds from the holiday walk go to the preservation and educational programming of Meadow Brook fall.



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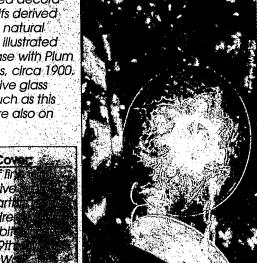
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Home is comfortable with style

BY MARY KLEMIC At Home Editor mklemic@ce.homecomm.net

hen Ray Vuia renovated his Franklin condo, he wanted it to be comfortable. "I wanted it (so) you just wanted to come in and sit down," said Vuia, of Kennedy & Co. Interiors in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The serenely elegant condo, built in 1972, is comfortable in many ways. It's inviting to visitors. It feels right in place in its quiet setting, with picture windows framing beautiful scenes of trees and the Franklin River. Its furnishings and designs harmonize contemporary style and antiques.

The residence is one of six featured on a home tour 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. The tour is among the events on Franklin Village Holly Day, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 4.

Home tour tickets are \$10. They are available at The Village Barn, Market Basket, Yanke Designs Innovative Jewelers and the Franklin Village Library, all on Franklin Road.

Vuia has lived in the condo for 2-1/2 years. He initially intended to renovate one room, but the project snowballed.

New flooring and windows were installed. In the master bath, the tub was torn out and a large shower replaced the small one. The kitchen had been lemon yellow, lime green and orange; now it features the softer earth shades found throughout the residence. Gray carpeting covers black granite floors. A room is dressed in suede fabric wallpaper. Maple, deep sage, brown and black are some of the shades that set a tranquil tone in concert with the breathtaking high ceilings and large rooms.

From the foyer, you can look through a large picture window onto an outdoor view that seems miles away from a city. This window is part of the sumptuous living room, which features a clean, geometric balance of lines of the window and plush furniture. A fireplace is off to one side.

The kitchen contains cherry wood cabinets and a granite sink. A table at one end of the room has a glass



Old and new: (Leff, The furnishings in Ray Vuja's condo harmonize contemporary style and antiques. (Right) The inviting living room faces a picture window that frames a scenic view. Staff photos by Jim Jagdfeld



Decorative table: A student at the Center for Creative Studies created this glass top table with a metallic, sculpture-type base.

top and a metallic, sculpture-type base. It was made by a student at Center for Creative Studies. The grains of panels on the dining room table form a subtle artistic accent.

The powder room sink was installed in a chest Vuia bought. A large rectangular mirror with ornate top is on the wall over the sink; a smaller, colorful framed art work on another wall is a counterpoint.

Features of other homes on the tour include a fireplace designed for indoor barbecues; a kitchen with a curved wall of ceiling-to-floor windows; and 6-inch moldings, paneled doors, stone fireplace and oak floors. Also on the tour are a house built in 1851 and one that was originally a chicken coop converted into a cottage

Other Holly Day events and features are ice sculptures at The Slade House, The Mercy Mimes, local high school carolers, horse-drawn carriage rides, dulcimers, an open house at the fire station, refreshments, raffles, menorah and tree lighting ceremonies, and children's activities - including a Hanukkah dreidel game, a visit from Santa and a craft program.

The Salvation Army Band will perform during the tree lighting. The organization is the beneficiary of a bake sale and the Light Up a Life sweater drive. Drop box locations for the drive are throughout the village shops, church, library and fire station.



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This Thanksgiving, be thankful for the unspoiled spirit of the holiday. Take time to count your blessings. Relish your family tradition whether your celebration is big or small.

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 con-



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Let family gobble up a traditional bird



JOHNSTON

Heading for a tryptophan-turkey trance? Come Thursday most of us will, as most of us gobble-up (excuse the pun) the standard big bird fare. I always laugh when I think of that Seinfeld episode when Jerry

(along with George and Elaine) wants to play with a girlfriend's vintage (unplayed-with) toy collection – they wind up feeding her turkey to get her to fall asleep.

According to the information from the home economists at the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line – "A 160 pound adult would have to eat more than 21 ounces of cooked turkey to have any effect" (there is actually more tryptophan in milk!) You can't go by me, I never know if it's the turkey that puts me into a tired-glaze by mid evening, or the fact that I have been preparing for the holiday meal around the clock for the previous four days.

Must we have turkey for Thanksgiv-

ing? Of course not - but if we are, I say forget all the trendy turkey tricks (grilled or deep-fried birdies) and bake your bird, good old fashioned oven style. What is the perpetual need to recreate the wheel? I love food trends but this has gone too far. Why would we need to deep-fry a turkey? And believe me, even with my very fancy 4-burner barbecue, the only reason I'd have for grilling a turkey, would be that my oven wasn't functional.

While most basic cook books have a timetable of cooking poultry to 180-185 degrees, you may wind up with a rather dry, bird unless you take that temperature in the thigh of the turkey. Most people stick an oven-safe thermometer in the breast and forget about it until it is time to check final doneness. Breast meat takes less time to cook than the thighs. While it is essential to cook your turkey until the juices run clear, nothing is more disappointing than a dry bird that has taken up most of the oven for many hours. Check that thigh temperature!

Some Turkey Tips:

When registering a temp for your

turkey, it's best to check both thighs!

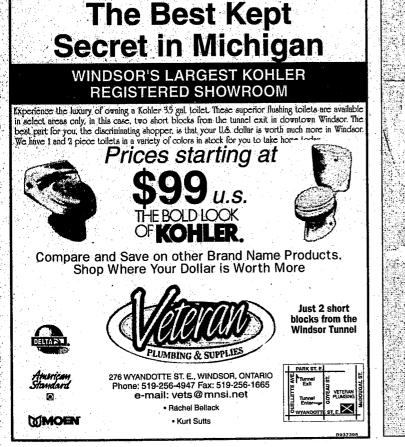
■ Invest in a good thermometer. If using an instant read type, remember to remove it from the bird before replacing it in the oven. Instant reads may need adjusting after a while to get an accurate reading. They can be adjusted by turning the small calibration nut at the back of the dial. ■ Larger turkeys should be roasted at lower temperatures (325-350 degrees F for the really big birds)

■ You can cook smaller turkeys (up to 14 pounders) at 375-400 degrees F. oven with no problem.

Basting a turkey still seems to give

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it the best flavor as well as deglazing the roasting pan and giving the turkey skin great color.

Rotate the pan while cooking the turkey to help it cook evenly.

A brined bird is hot this season! Brining will keep it moist and flavorful. This is easier to do with smaller turkeys. Variations on brine may be made by varying the spices and herbs you still need to use liquid (about 2 1/2 gallons of cold water). You must always have the bird submerged in the liquid.

Brining should be done in refrigeration or in a well insulated and fully iced thermal ice chest (make sure it is cold at all times!). Brine your turkey for 12-24 hours, then rinse well and pat dry before cooking.

Keep in mind if using a brining method your pan drippings may be a bit salty. Check before adding any more salt to your gravy!

Baste your bird using only the top portion of the pan drippings (It contains more fat to help brown and flavor the skin). Have a standard plastic bulbbaster on hand - a ladle doesn't cut it." If using a frozen turkey, defrost your bird well in advance. Thursday morning is not going to give you a bird for Thanksgiving dinner. Plan ahead and defrost your bird in the refrigerator 2-3 days ahead. Do not defrost on the kitchen counter!! Check with the turkey hot lines for specific advice.

Whatever size pan chosen for roasting your turkey, make sure that most of the turkey is above the sides of the pan. This insures even browning and even temperatures while cooking. One year I had to use a huge wok inside my oven for cooking an absolutely enormous bird. It wouldn't fit into anything else. I did keep it above the sides!

Let your turkey sit for 20 to 30 minutes before carving (the temperature does continue to go up a few degrees while sitting).

Pink meat isn't always a sign that the meat is uncooked. Check out the web site for USDA Meat and Poultry Hot Line (listed below). They have a whole article about it.

BRINE RECIPE

You can cut this recipe in half, double or triple it depending on the size of your turkey. 21/2 gallons cold water. 2 cups kosher salt 1 cup sugar 3 bay leaves, shredded

1 bunch fresh thyme, or 4 table-

spoons dried leaves 3 sprigs fresh rosemary or 1 teaspoon dried leaves

1 whole head of garlic, cloves separated and peeled

6 cardamom pods, smashed

4 allspice berries, smashed

6 whole peppercorns

1-inch piece of fresh ginger root, peeled and sliced

Place cold water in a large pot that can accommodate the turkey and amount of liquid you will be using. Add remaining brining ingredients and stir until the salt and sugar has dissolved. Place the turkey into the brine and refrigerate for 12 -24 hours. If the turkey floats to the top of the pan and is uncovered, use any type of weight to keep it completely submerged in the brine – a plate will usually do the trick.

Remove turkey from brine, rinse and drain well. Pat dry. Roast as you would a normal turkey using your favorite format butter on the skin, etc ...

Great contacts for turkey information (each has well trained staff to answer all of your questions):

Butterball Turkey Talk-Line: (800) 323-4848. Professional home economists (about 48 of them) there to answer turkey-cooking questions, al the way through Dec. 23. Nov. 1-24 weekdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Central Standard Time). 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. the weekend of Nov. 20-21. Thanksgiving day 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 26 to Dec. 23 weekdays 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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National Turkey Federation: (800) 235-7206 Dial O for operator and they will direct your call. They also have an Internet address: www. turkeyfed.org

International Food Safety Council: (800) 266-5762 for a free copy of their "Recipe for Safe Food Preparation" brochure.

USDA Meat and Poultry Hot Line: (800) 535-4555. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (Eastern Standard Time). Internet address: www. fsis.usda.gov

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Celebrate the season at the Holiday Victorian Tea 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Senior Center, within the Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. The program, "December Brides," is a Victorian wedding gown fashion show presented by Pamela Yockey, who collects and restores wedding gowns dated from 1800 to 1910. A floral fantasy by Hearts & Roses Florist, seasonal music, fragrant greenery and finger sandwiches and desserts catered by Mrs. Maddox Cake Shop will offer a lovely way to while away a December afternoon. Tickets, limited to 300, are available at the Senior Center now to Nov. 30 for \$8 (nonrefundable). No tickets will be available the day of the event. The tea is sponsored by the Senior Division and Brighton Gardens Assisted Living by Marriott: Call (248) 473-1800.

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

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(248) 851-5533.

■ Help create a special Christmas for needy children by donating a new, unwrapped toy (no toy guns or breakable toys) to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program. Donations may be made at all Art Van Furniture stores now through Thursday, Dec. 16. The toys will be delivered to local youngsters Christmas Day.

■ Scandinavian holiday decorations and crafts are featured until Christmas at Galerie de Boicourt, on the second floor of the Merrillwood Collection at 251 E. Merrill in Birmingham. The items include Jobs' handprinted textiles, Bengt Lindberg's wrought-iron works, and a great multi-ethnic variety of books on arts and crafts, interiors and related subjects. Call (248) 723-5680.

■ Festival of Trees continues to Sunday, Nov. 28, at Cobo Center in Detroit. The event, an annual fund-raiser for Children's Hospital of Michigan, features a public display of more than 100 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. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 for children;

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advance tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$2 for children (ages 2-12). Events planned for this year include a Teddy Bear Brunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday (tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for ages 2-12); and a Swing Party 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday (tickets are \$25). Call (313) 745-0178.

■ Events at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, include a holiday sale 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 26 to Dec. 3 (the UM art and exhibit museums will add their wares to the offerings Dec. 3), and a handspinners holiday fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27. Call (734) 998-7061.

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The Children and Family Education Program at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, has something for every member of the family. Offerings include a winter holidays workshop for all ages Saturday, Dec. 4. At this workshop, participants will create ornaments, decorations and cards; storytelling, music and refreshments will be featured. The program also offers workshops for ages 6-12 on Scout badges related to plants and ecology; these have been scheduled every month. January to May (Scout leaders should call for available dates). Call (734) 998-7061.

The third annual Holiday Homes of Historic Ypsilanti Tour will take place 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, including seven residences of unusual architectural styles. Visitors will hear carols, eat homemade cookies and view designer, showcase trees by community members at the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, house. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 tour day. Tickets are available at John Leidy Shop, 601 E. Liberty, and Celtic Gardens, 415 N. Fifth, in Ann-Arbor. Information: (734) 483-4444. Proceeds benefit Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels and historic preservation in Depot Town

■ Master gardener volunteer training classes are scheduled on the County Campus in Waterford 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 4 through April 4; and 6-10 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 6 through April 6. For an information packet and application, send your mailing address to the Michigan State University Extension office by telephone, (248) 858-0887; by fax, (248) 858-0900; by writing 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac MI 48341; or e-mail, oakland@msue.msu.edu

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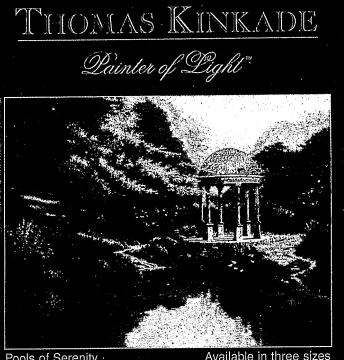


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For this year's gift guide, the Eccentric Newspapers decided to pr sent you with a medley of shopping ideas and, perhaps, point y towards gifts that are the hum this holiday season.

Sometimes shopping can be laborious, but armed with a few good ideas, you might just find yourself with a song in vour heart.

We hope you'll find these pages a feast for the eyes; the gift ideas, music to your ears.

Alice Rhein Special Editor

On the cover: circa 1920 toy upright piano, \$180, Oxford Antique Mall, Oxford; Velvet checker gloves, \$34, Lotus Imports, Royal Oak; Baccarat cello, \$640, Baccarat, Somerset Collection, Troy; Classic Steiff mohair bear, \$300, FAO Schwarz, Somerset Collection, Troy; Memory Block, \$69.95, Bellissima, Rochester; Instant Virtuoso Electronic Violin, \$19.95, WTVS Store of Knowledge, Somerset Collection, Troy; Glass-blown trumpet ornament, \$8.95, Always Christmas, Olde World Canterbury Village, Lake Orion and sterling silver treble and note cuff links, \$155, Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, Troy.



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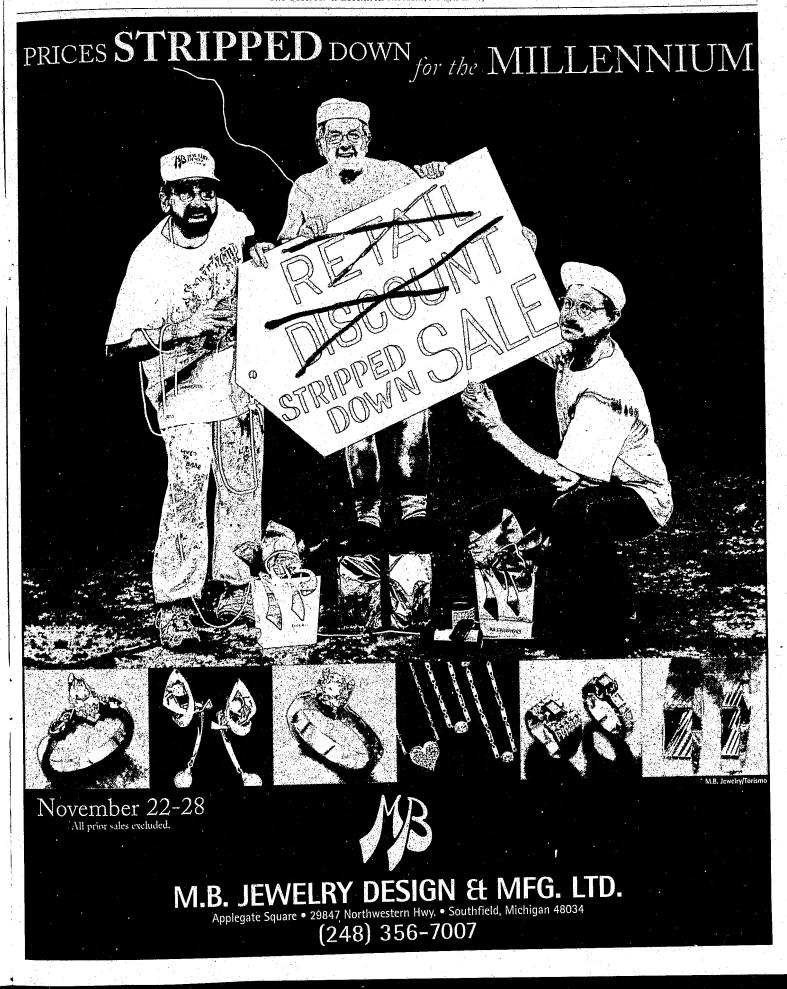
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Dot.com shopping Local retailers net higher sales through web sites

By MARILYNN SAMBRANO SPECIAL WRITER

This holiday season, imagine yourself exploring the French countryside for rare antiques and gifts, You have the full attention of Diana and Ed Throckmorton, two professionals who have acted as guides for such excursions over the past three years - in a manner of speaking.

The Throckmortons take thousands of individuals with them every month on such antique hunts - via their web site. They own L'Esprit, three stores, one in Birmingham and two in Harbor Springs, that specialize in French antiques

"Not only do we purchase items and send them back to Michigan, but we've also created online buying trips," says Diana. "As we find things, we put digital pictures of them, with descriptions and prices, on the Internet, updating our site daily. That way a collector may see just what he or she is looking for, and instruct us to bring the item back with us.'

The process saves them from having to buy everything they find, especially large items, and allows them to offer more antiques to their clients.

"People have told us that they feel as though they're with us; this makes finding the right thing all the more exciting to collectors," says Diana.

The Throckmortons are among the growing number of merchants who have discovered that having a web site is a worthwhile part of their business.

And four million new househholds are expected to windowshop.com in the year 2000.

"We have 1,000 people a week visit our site. Our sales from it are slowly growing. Our site is different from most others in our field because we quote prices outright," says Diana. Some fiveto ten-percent of their sales comes about from online browsers.

Patrick Vargo's Antiquarian Books. featuring first editions, leather-bound and other specialty books, has been in Birmingham for 10 years. Two years ago Vargo opened a web site; he currently averages 50 hits a day. "About 60 percent of my sales are generated by the computer," says Vargo, "and the amount gets larger every year.

On a busy day, Vargo gets inquiries from all over the world. He's shipped books everywhere, including Taiwan, Guam and the Netherlands.

"I've thought about closing my store and relying on the web for all my sales, but I have clients who love to come and see what I have on my shelves. I wouldn't want to take their reading away." says Vargo.

At the other end of the book business size-wise - is Barnes & Noble. While Vargo's site contains 400-500 items. this national mega-store's site contains a wide variety of categories that includes music, software, and magazines.

There's a bargain bin department,

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Beary nice:



The Doll Hospital & Toy Soldier Shop in Berkley has an array of gifts available on its web site. Shown here from the Muffy VanderBear Collection is a limited edition Adirondack Collection. All sold separately from \$9.95 to \$87.95.

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Birmingham artist has a way with wit

BY MARILYNN SAMBRANO SPECIAL WRITER

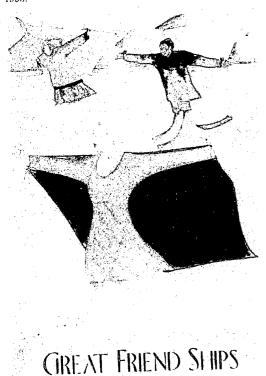
"Felines . . nothing more than felines," a card picturing a delightful cat celebrating "Happy Hanukat!" is just one of the many witty, whimiscal cards Birmingham resident Lori Rodgers' has made as part of her Tomato Target line that includes greeting cards, magnets, pins, bookmarks, T shirts, sweatshirts, canvas bags, pillows, baby items, aprons and bakers hats.

She also has a pin depicting a businesswoman walking with a porpoise that says "Women with a Porpoise."

But that's Rodgers. When you see her "Great Friend Ships" curd, you're really looking at the artist herself ... in triplicate. But that's okay: Rodgers is always working on several projects at any given time.

On the card, three women/sailboats, painted in delicate colors that defy their resolute strength, stand firmly affixed to their boats, with sails tied to their widespread arms. "Great Friend Ships...are something wonderful to think a boat?" is the card's greeting.

Rodgers is fueled by passions and talents that include the welfare of animals; jazz and blue grass music, nature, the inherent strength of women - and a striking sense of humor. She brought along her business when she moved from Alaska to Michigan in 1995.



I saw three ships: Inside it reads, "are something wonderful to think a boat!" Artist Lori Rodgers uses her wit and whimsy to create her line of Tomato Target merchandise.

"There's a reason I got put here, and I think it's to make people feel good."

> Lori Rodgers artist

Rodgers, 47, now plays with words, designing and manufacturing an everwidening catalog of items in her Birmingham home. While most items are screen-printed, some are hand-painted. Rodgers also paints pet portraits for animal-lovers, then prints/paints them on any of the above. Her personal favorite is her rendition of Corky Rodgers, her Corgi. In it, he sits attentively - wearing pink sunglasses.

Her humor is peppered throughout her work. "There's a reason I got put here," Rodgers says, "and I think it's to make people feel good."

A card bearing two hefty musk oxen does just that. "Dance with me. I want my booves about you." says one furry beast to the other. Inside, the card says "That is if it isn't too musk to ox."

Six of Rodgers' designs have each received a LOU'IE International Finalist Awards, given to graphic artists whose work is deemed distinguished. In recognition of outstanding leadership and excellence in her chosen field. Rodgers was also presented with a YWCA/BP Women of Achievement Award in 1992.

Rodgers was always good in the arts," and began to think of it as a career when her brother. Nick, was once ill. "I was in high school then." says Rodgers. "I made him a card - and things just took off from there."

Her, professional experience includes layouts for magazine covers, advertising and marketing campaigns and graphic designs for television production.

Any of her items can be personalized: she also creates logos, cards and more upon request. Her catalog includes a baker's hat that says "Salmon's in the Kitchen," a canvas bag depicting many colorful cats singing.

To receive a Tomato Target catalog or find out about Rodgers' December open houses, call (248) 594-3855, fax (248) 594-3850, or email Tom 8 oh C ar d @ aol.com.

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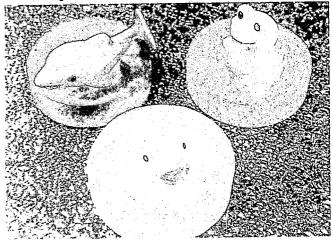
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I can see clearly now...



Heart of glass: Ruby red crystal necklace, \$585, Baccarat, Somerset Collection, Troy.



Rubber ducky, you're the one: Pop-up soaps, \$5.95 each, Crate & Barrel, Somerset Collection, Troy.



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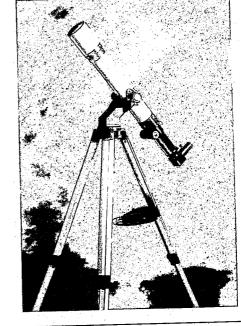
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It's gonna be a bright holiday



Under the sea: Baccarat crystal dolphin, \$280 and dragon, \$315, Baccarat, Somerset Collection, Troy.

I'm looking through you: Bubble glassware, tall glasses, \$2.95, wine glasses, \$3.95, short glasses, \$2.75, Crate & Barrel, Somerset Collection, Troy.



Wish upon a star: Catch a falling star or two with a Meade telescope, \$199, Nature Company, Somerset Collection, Troy.

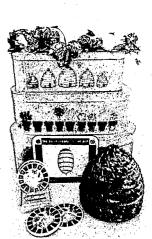




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Let it Bee Bee my baby: Benjamin bee, \$20.95; bee romper, \$22 and Burt's Bees fame Decon Baby Bee "Get-ting Started" kit, \$9.50 at The Green Bee, Royal Oak. vas in H A taste of honey: Classic Pooh bank, \$19 and Puppet Pals, \$15 at Village Hidden Treasures, Farmington; Welcome sign, \$14.95, bee and bee skep pins, \$3 each at From bee to you: Peek-a-boo pack stationery includes 8 cards with glassine envelopes, \$12; Deb's Crafts, Farmington bee journal, \$15.50 and Teddy bear bee, \$30 and bee chocolate, 65ϕ at the Candy Bouquet, Farmington. at The Green Bee, Royal Oak.



Skep and stone: Bee skep, \$56; Taland mouse pad, \$10; Coasterstone set, \$30, and stackable band boxes, \$92, at Harris Street Interiors and Folk Art Gallery, Rochester.



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and even a paradoxical one: it offers instructions about how one may sell books to this giant bookstore.

The Doll Hospital & Toy Soldier Shop, founded in Berkley 51 years ago by Kay Parish, is still operated by eight members of her family. Sara Parish, manager of information technology, says "we're working very hard to expand our web site. It's the future of retail. We can reach a global market. While we've been getting a lot of orders, those purchases account for less than two percent of our sales.

The site has been up and running since November 1998, and while the store stocks 25,000 items, so far, the web site features only 4,000

"The customers online tell us they're happy with our service; some of them don't have access to a store like ours. We also do different promotions, such as 'Supporting Our Kids' Schools,' where 10 to 12 percent of the money made from purchases during a specific time are donated to certain schools that are signed up then," says Parish.

Another Michigan enterprise, Michigania, has stores in Birmingham and Lansing. As its name suggests, the stores, run by Jan and David T. Hayhow, offer a variety of products that are either made in or are about the state.

"We opened our business in 1988," says Jan, "and are into our third year on the web. During the first year, we got many hits but very few buys. But the online business, while less than two per cent of our total, has increased dramatically. We believe that 'misplaced Michiganians,' those residents who no longer live here, like the site.'

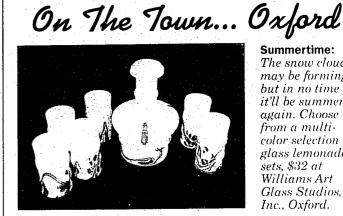
The web site division manager for Restorations Hardware, Jonathan Plotzker, describes his chain's experience of being online for purchasing since August 16 as "wacky and wonderful.

The store at Somerset North is one of 85 in the United States and Canada. "We offer 500 items for sale online now, and hope to have 700 by year's end. More than 3,000 people visit our site daily It's in the realm of possibilities that our web sales may some day overtake our catalog sales.

Some well-known businesses like the Gap started selling online after having run a trial "information only" web site. According to executive vice president of Gap marketing, Michael McCadden, 'the holidays are stressful enough, [so] shopping shouldn't be. With Gap online stores, we've made it as easy as possihle

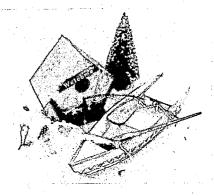
Customers can register on the web to get e-mail reminders of upcoming holidays and birthdays. The Gap also makes credit transactions more secure by having credit card information encrypted.

Troy's retail store J. Crew reports that its online business is much like its catalog one. "We will take returns that are purchased online," says the store's manager. "It's the wave of the future."



Fishin' and hoping: Hook a great gift for the fishing folk on your list. Fishing birdhouse, \$19.50, rowboat with oars, \$14.99, fishing hat ornament, \$7.50, net ornament, \$2.85 and fishing pole ornament, \$3.75 at the Cross-eyed Cow, Oxford.

Summertime: The snow clouds may be forming, but in no time it'll be summer again, Choose from a multicolor selection of glass lemonade sets, \$32 at Williams Art Glass Studios, Inc., Oxford.





ART FAIRS & Shows

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Weekends of special holiday sales start ing Thanksgiving weekend. The "Small Works" fine art sale runs through Thursday, December 30 in the DeSalle Community Gallery with more than 200 works priced under \$300. The jewelry sale and glass sale is Friday to Sunday. Nov. 26 to 28. The fiber sale is Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 2 to 4 and the pottery sale is Thursday to Saturday. Dec. 9 to 11. Hours are Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. in December, 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866

BRIGHTON GARDEN CLUB

10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sat., Dec. 11. The 18th annual "Old-Fashioned Christmas Store." a juried arts and crafts show. Maltby Middle School, 4740 Bauer Road at Brighton Road, Brighton, Admission, \$2 adults and children 12 and older from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$1 from 2 to 4 p.m.

DETROIT WINTER GALLERY CRAWL

The 15th annual gallery tour, showcasing more than 35 galleries in Detroit, is on Friday, December 3 from 5 to 10 p.m. Purchase a tour button for \$10, select a route and hop aboard the shuttle. For more information call (248) 443-6238.



Oh Christmas tree: On the Meadow Brook Hall Holiday Walk, visitors can view rooms beautifully decorated for the holidays. Shown here is Matilda Dodge Wilson's bedroom.

PEWABIC POTTERY

The Earthy Treasures Annual Holiday Invitational is through December 31 at Pewabic Pottery, 10125 East Jefferson. Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

PLUM PUDDING SHOW

Features 50 well-known exhibitors who display an eclectic, upscale collection of gifts and accessories for the home and garden, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, December 1 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, December 2 at the Community

House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham. (248) 644 5832. POTTERS MARKET

The 24th annual show is 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fri., Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat., Dec. 4 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun., Dec. 5. Features functional, decorative and whimisical stoneware, porcelain, raku and jewelry. The Potters Market, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights (south of 13 Mile, west of John R), (248) 544-4974.

EVENTS

BELLE ISLE NEW YEAR'S EVE RUN The 30th annual family fun run/walk & Y2K 2K run/walk into the millennium, Friday, December 31. Events begin at 5 p.m. with the children's 1 Mile run/walk From 6-10 p.m. is an alcohol-free teen party which is free to race entrants; \$15 for non-entrants. Race entry fees are \$12 \$26 depending on age and races entered. Race entry includes a longsleeve windbreaker, awards, foods and beverages. For more information call (313) 886 5560.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Wreath-making workshops for children age 7 and older on Saturday. December 11 and storytelling fest with make-andtake crafts on Saturday. December 18 from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Children's Museum, 67 E. Kirby, Detroit. Events require reservations at (313) 873-8100.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

A special exhibit entitled "Classic Toys of the 20th Century," is included in the annual Traditions of the Season from November 26 to January 2. Also on-dis play is a three story holiday tree with more than 2.000 ornaments, a ginger bread town with 32 buildings; and six toy trains with 75 cars winding through 500 feet of track, tollipop trees and gumdrop gardens.Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Closed Thank sgiving and Christmas: Admission \$12,50 for aduits, \$11.50 for seriors over 62: \$7 50 for kids 5-12, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 271 1620.

HOLIDAY DANCE SPECTACULAR

The Eisenhower Dance Ensemble's annual seasonal celebration of dance for the entire family is full of visual and musical delights. 8 p.m., Saturday, December 11 and 2 p.m., Sunday, December 12 at the Lake Orion Performing Arts Center, For information call (248) 362-9329.

MEADOW BROOK HALL HOLIDAY WALK

The annual walk runs from November 26 to December 5. Featured this year is the French Collection with works of fine and decorative art by French artists from the collections of Meadow Brook Hall. Public hours for the French Collection. Knole Cottage (Santa's House) and the Meadow Brook Hall Gift Shop will be 10

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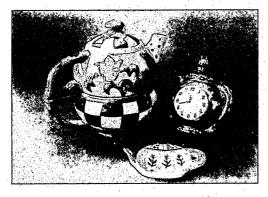
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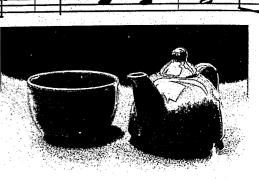
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Tea for Two

Though the coffee craze is still in high steep, many are rediscovering the simple pleasure of a cup of tea



I like tea: (left) all-in-one teapot, \$14.99, Deb's Crafts, Farmington; teabag caddy, \$5, Cross-eyed Cow, Oxford and tea time ornament, \$9.95, Always Christmas, Olde World Canterbury Village, Lake Orion. (right) teacup pillow, \$22, Cross-eyed Cow, Oxford; Angel tea cookie mix, \$7.99, Deb's Crafts, Farmington; Earl Grey cup, saucer and figurine, \$22 and Best Friends Earl Grey tea, \$6 at Village Hidden Treasures, Farmington.



I'm a little teapot: Blue teapot and cup, \$12, Williams Sonoma, Somerset Collection, Troy.





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How Sweet It Is!





Black coffee and bread: Gift baskets packed with crusty bread, fresh-roasted coffee, all-natural jams, olive oil, shortbread cookies dried fruits and other goodies are available at Breadsmith shops located in Bloomfield, Farmington Hills, Rochester and Troy. Shipping available at some locations. Prices vary, the basket shown is less than \$30.

Bananarama: Foil-wrapped milk chocolate banana, pear and apple, \$4.99 each at Candy Bouquet, Farmington; Wildflowers grape oil candle, \$24.99, Deb's Crafts, Farmington; Grapefruit bowl, \$72.95, Bellissima, Rochester; strawberry ornament, \$10.95 and orange ornament, \$8.95, Always Christmas, Olde World Cantebury Village, Lake Orion.



I want candy: Candy kaleidoscope, \$13.20, color and eat chocolate Tshirt, \$7.99, chocolate pencil, \$1.59, chocolate crayon and lipstick, .89¢ each, Candy Bouquet, Farmington; Yomega brain yo-yo, \$13 and holster, \$8.99, available at Village Hidden Treasures. Farmington.



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Dear Santa

Who needs a North Pole address – you've got e-mail

BY ELIZABETH WITTY SPECIAL WRITER

Writing a letter to Santa in care of the North Pole may be an age-old tradition, but now there's a faster way to reach jolly old St. Nick – the Internet.

Sending an e-mail letter to Santa couldn't be simpler, even for children as young as 3 and 4. Most of the Santa Web sites have a form that you or your child can complete on-line. In most cases, information is collected on your, child's name, sex, age, e-mail address and, of course, what he or she wants for Christmas.

Some sites also collect information on a child's friends, siblings, grandparents or pets to make the letter even more personal. Many of the forms have space for children to write a personal message to Santa.

The advántage of writing to Santa via the Internet is the quick response. Many sites respond within 24 hours of receiving a child's e-mail letter, which means that even if you wait until the last minute, your child will still get a reply from St. Nick before the holidays are over and forgotten. Some sites offer a variety of letters and let you select the one you like the best.

Dozens of Web sites now offer letters

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Many of the same sites that offer e-mail letters also offer traditional letters signed by Santa himself.

from Santa: most of which are personalized for your child. Some of the sites charge a nominal fee for an e-mail letter from Santa, but many are free. Those that do charge a fee often donate the money they collect to a charitable organization.

Here is a partial list of some of the Web sites that offer letters to and from Santa. You can also use your Internet search engine to locate other sites, using the keywords "letters to santa."

- www.emailsanta.com
- http://post_mistress.thepostoffice.
- com/ • www.north-pole.co.uk
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- www.santa.com
- www.santa-claus.com
- www.santa-holidays.com/kidz.
- html
- http://outer-limit.net/ christmas.html
- www.4santa.com

Of course, if your child prefers to receive a traditional letter from Santa (via snail mail), that is still an option. Many of the same sites that offer e-mail letters also offer traditional letters signed by Santa himself.

If you have a card or letter that you would like postmarked from the North Pole, the U.S. Post Office is continuing its tradition of offering a special North Pole postmark this holiday season. There is no charge for this service and customers are asked to do the following:

• Address and apply postage stamps to the envelopes you want postmarked at the North Pole.

• Insert the stamped and addressed cards into a large, durable envelope.

• Include a note requesting that the cards receive the North Pole postmark.

• Mail to North Pole Cancellations, U.S. Postal Service, 5400 Mail Trail, Fairbanks, AK 99709-9998.

As with all mail during the holidays, the Post Office suggests mailing early. All cards postmarked with the North Pole cancellation will enter the normal mail stream in Fairbanks. Once the cards are postmarked, they cannot be returned to the sender. The Observer & Eccentric/THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1999

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a.m. to 4 p.m. all days and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30 and Wednesday, Dec 1. Admission to the Holiday Walk is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 3.12. No charge for children under 2. Three gala holiday dinners on Dec. 2, 3 and 4 are also scheduled. Tickets are \$175 per person. \$250 for benefactors. All proceeds from the Holiday Walk are used for the preservation and educational programming of Meadow Brook Hall. Meadow Brook Hall is located at Walton and Adams in Rochester. For more information phone (248) 370-3140.

JINGLE BELL RUN

A fun and festive 5K run/walk to raise funds to benefit the Arthritis Foundation. Michigan Chapter, 10 a.m., Sunday, December 5 in two locations: Downtown Birmingham and Burns Park, Ann Arbor. Children ages 12 and under are invited to participate in the Snowman Shuffle run and walk. Registration fee is \$20 through November 29. The fee at race day is \$27. Fee for the Snowman Shuffle is \$2. Participants receive a longsleeved T-shirt and a chance to win prizes. Call to register at 1-800-968-3030.

MOONLIGHT MADNESS SPREE

The 9th annual Birmingham event is Friday, December 10 from 6-11 p.m. Events will include extended store and restaurant hours, strolling performers and live entertainment. Free parking after 6 p.m. at all city decks and meters. WNIC-FM will be handing out tickets to Wild Lights at the Zoo, and the Santa House at Shain Park will be open from 5-9 p.m.

NOEL NIGHT

A cultural extravaganza Saturday, December 4 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. in Detroit's Cultural Center sponsored by the Children's Museum and produced by



Hang on Snoopy: Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village offers a special exhibit entitled "Classic Toys of the 20th Century" through January 2.

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the University Cultural Center Association. Museums and galleries are open, storytelling in the public library, strolling musicians and a huge singalong on Woodward to cap off the festive evening. For information call (313) 577-5088.

WASSAIL FEAST

The age of Elizabethan England comes to life at the Detroit Institute of Arts for the annual festival. Experience a 16th Century Winter Court complete with dancers, musicians, acrobats and an authentic Wassail feast. December 9, 10, 11, 17 & 18. Ticket \$150; group rate Thursday \$140. Proceeds benefit the DIA operating fund. Call (313) 833-4005.

WILD LIGHTS AT THE ZOO

Many families now consider the zoo lights an annual tradition. More than 400,000 lights and 70 different animal sculptures light up the night. From now until January 2, 5:30-8:30 p.m., enjoy the lights plus ice sculptures and carvings, caroling and crafts for kids. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children 2-12, free for children under 2. Members get \$1 off the price of children and adult admission. Tickets can be pur chased at the door or ordered in advance by calling (248) 541-5717.Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day.

A WINTER'S FANTASY

A black-tie dinner with live and silent

auctions to benefit Variety-The Children's Charity takes place 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26 at Knollwood Country Club in West Bloomfield. Tickets are \$225 per person, \$300 per patron and \$500 per benefactor.For more information phone (248) 644-1700.

CONCERTS

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR

Star of Wonder! International carols and classic gems 8 p.m. on Saturday. December 11 at St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills and 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 12 at St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier at Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.For further information call (313) 882-0118.

PEACE ON EARTH

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra Young People's Concerts celebrates the holidays with dancing Santas and audience sing a-longs. 11 a.m. Saturday, December 18 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave.. Detroit. Children 4-11 will best appreciate the concert. No babes in arms or strollers. For ticket information call the DSO box office at (313) 576 5120. RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Elves and world-famous Radio City Rockettes hit the town for the second year at the Fox Theatre in Detroit November 26 to December 30. Tickets range from \$10-\$55.50. Group tickets are available for 20 or more. For more information call (313) 983 6611.





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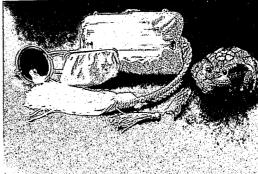
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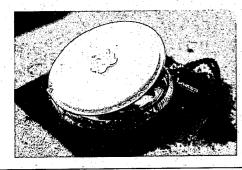
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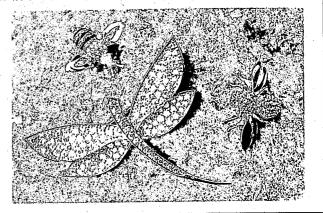


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Golden rules: (left) Judith Leiber gold bag tassle, \$1890, and frog bag, \$3100; (below) St. John striped bee pin, \$65, allgold bee pin, \$95, and dragonfly pin, \$1105, at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, Troy.



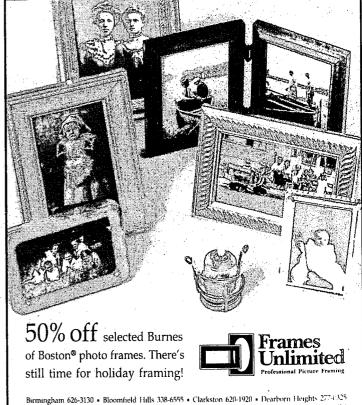
Silver linings: (right) Golden Classic Estee Lauder compact, \$175; (above) Jo Malone products including Tuberose cologne, \$40; lime basil cologne, \$70; grapefruit lotion, \$40; lemon spray, \$65 and lime candle, \$65, at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, Troy.



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WDET "Folks Like Us" host Matt Watroba joins Neil Woodward and Gary Weisenburg of Redford for an evening of folk music at the Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Doors open 7:30 p.m., concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets \$12, call (734) 761-1451.

SATURDAY



Classic American toys are the highlight this year at "Traditions of the Season" through Jan. 2 at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn. The museum and village are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

SUNDAY



Robert Urich and the Merry Murderesses appear in a scene from the Broadway musical Chicago," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. Tickets run \$20 to \$59.50. Call (313) 832-5900.







New musical: Erin Dilly as Bertrande (left to right), John Herrera as Father Dominic and Hugh Panaro as Martin Guerre in a scene from "Martin Guerre."

'GUERRE'S' COMING BE HOME WILL

mances 8 p.m. Tues

day-Saturday, 2 p.m.

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7:30 p.m. Sunday.

WHERE: The Fisher

\$60.50, available at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666.

Theatre, Detroit

TICKETS: \$15 to

BY JULIE YOLLES SPECIAL WRITER

When Erin Dilly was 16, she and

her best friend, Danny Gurwin, went downtown to the Fisher Theatre to see "Les Miserables" for the first time The lights went down, and when

Eponine came on stage, I just cried, 'I want to be her, I want to do this.' That was the "Martin Guerre" first moment in my life WHEN: Opens Wednes day, Dec. 1, and continues through Sunday Dec. 19. Perfor-

when I realized that I wanted to be a profes-sional actor," said Dilly, who grew up in Southfield.

Eleven years later, when Dilly heads downtown again to the Fisher Theatre on Dec. 1, she'll have the best seat in the house. Center stage, in fact. Dilly's coming back home as Bertrande, the female lead of the U.S. premiere of "Martin Guerre," is a lit-

tle mind-blowing for Dilly, she said. As a high schooler at Birmingham Groves, Dilly was like the Energizer Bunny; she just kept on going, and going and going. The self-professed study bug was on the varsity tennis team, the forensics team and an actor.

"I did all the roles that I could

never do professionally," said the 27-year-old actress, who's been performing since graduating from the musical theater program at the University of Michigan.

"I was Dolly in Hello Dolly' when I was 17, which still makes me giggle. I also played Maria in 'West Side Story.' Here I am blonde and blue-

eyed. I was so far away from this Spanish woman but, you know, someone's got to play those parts."

Millionaire theatrical producer Cameron Mackintosh chose Dilly to play the plum part in the pre-Broadway run of "Martin Guerre" after an eight-month search, Knighted "The Wizard of Ahhhs" by Forbes ASAP. Mackintosh has produced more than 300 shows and is best known

for "Cats," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Les Miserables" and "Miss Saigon."

Mackintosh reunites with "Les Miz" and "Saigon" French composing team Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg for "Guerre.'

The "Martin Guerre" casting team



tainment presents "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular" Friday, Nov. 26, through Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Tickets run \$10-\$55.50 and are available at the box office and Ticketmaster outlets, (248) 645-6666. For more information call (313) 983-6611.

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HOLIDAY TRADITION

Subtle changes keep 'A Christmas Carol' fresh and fun

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER stauber@oe.homecon

Just as families in southeast Michigan carry on-the tradition of seeing "A Christmas Carol" at Meadow Brook Theatre every year, the tradition of the play is just as strong for many of the story written by Charles Dickens. The actors.

Take Paul Hopper, for instance, A familiar face in the annual production, he repeats his roles as Bob Cratchet and Fezziwig this season. He once played the role of Young Scrooge. "Not since I lost my

hair," quipped Hopper.

This year, he's giving up a trip to Hawaii with his wife, Barbara Ellis (Coven) and daughter, Nicole Coven, to return to the theater for multiple performances of the

ĥoliday play. "I don't know what I'd do at Christmastime if I

weren't in 'A Christmas Carol,'" said Hopper, who lives in Milford. He has 16 years with the play under his belt. But how do Hopper, the others actors

on stage and those involved backstage keep the production fresh when it has opened to audiences more than 800 times?

Charles Nolte is the author and director of the beloved "A Christmas Carol" script adapted from the original

"A Christmas Carol"

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Dec. 26, Per-

formances 8 p.m. Thursday-Fri-day, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sat-

urday-Sunday, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday. The

exceptions are 8 p.m. Tues-

day, Dec. 21, 8 p.m. Wednes day, Dec. 22, and 2 p.m. Frl-

WHERE: Meadow Brook The

TICKETS: \$26 to \$37, avail-

able at the Meadow Brook box

office (248) 377-3300, and all

Ticketmaster locations, (248)

atre, Oakland University,

day, Dec. 24.

Rochester Hills

645-6666,

1999 production is the 16th using Nolte's script, There were two years when other scripts were used but the theater returned to Nolte's version three seasons ago.

Nolte flies in from his home in Minneapolis for rehearsals and stays through the first week or two of performances. returning throughout the run to look things over. He works hard at keeping the play fresh but tries to do it in subtle ways that don't attract attention.

"I always change the blocking and other things a little according to who is in the cast," said Nolte, who created the title role in the original production of "Billy Bud."

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STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAN

"Many of our actors return to us year after year, but we also get new ones, particularly in the children's roles."

In this year's production, for instance, the actors in the umbrella scene are moving differently from in years past.

Booth Colman, the epitome of Ebenezer Scrooge, has played the role every year but one since 1981.

This isn't a difficult role to keep fresh because the play isn't a straight run," said the actor, who lives in Los Angeles. "We have almost a year off

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tacular: Paul Hopper, (left) as Bob Cratchet and Booth Colman, as Ebenezer Scrooge, in a scene from "A Christmas Carol."

Holiday spec-

from the time it ends in December until we open the next November.

He said much of what keeps the play fresh is the interaction with the other actors on the stage.

"Different actors facilitate a different response," Hopper added. For Mary Benson, who plays Mrs.

Cratchet and Mrs. Fezziwig, performing in "A Christmas Carol" is like com-ing home from her West Virginia residence. She's done the holiday play at

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Meadow Brook for seven years "It's so much fun," she said. "I t to go to a party and dress up in the play every night," She also gets to be the Cratchit mom to the young children, including Tiny Tim.

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Barbara Jenks and her crew of seamstresses are challenged every year to make the more tlian 100 costumes in "A Christ mas Carol" look rich and resplendent or poor and shabby, depending on the character who ars them.

Every year we try to freshen up the look by making a new cos-tume here and there." she said. This year, people are seeing rooge in a new, handmade tail-

I try to create postcard scenes stage," Jenks said, "We try to take care of every detail so it looks picture postcard perfect." Colman's fans can look forward to seeing him in a new movie, "Return to Secret Garden," to be released in the spring

II 'We try to take care of every detail so it looks picture postcard perfect.'

Barbara Jenks Seamstress

of 2000, He plays the role of Dickens (not Charles Dickens) as an older man.

Gregg Bloomfield, managing director of Meadow Brook The-atre, doesn't anticipate a change from Nolte's "A Christmas Carol" to another holiday play any time soon.

"From all the years of reading viewers' comments, we've learned our audiences like to see the same script, the same staging, the same story every year," he said. "It's part of their holiday tradition, just like people who watch 'It's a Wonderful Life' every year.

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continually called Dilly to audition for the show. But she was either on the national tour of "Heauty and the Beast" as Belle, ill with the flu or had just opened off-Broadway.

"It was the morning after opening night of the play, and I was in no shape to audition. But they kept calling me back, and I said 'Oh, OK, I'll go in," Dilly said. "I had slept late, didn't even take a shower, threw on some clęthes, jumped in a cab and got caught in a traffic jam. I had no music with me. I did the audition completely by the seat of my pants."

Dilly was called back.

Here I was, standing there, unshowered, hair sticking up all over the place, no makeup on and 'They wanted to see me again," she laughed.

She was hired five days later. After the audition. Cameron

approached me, extended his hand, hugged me and said Well, we start rehearsals in eight weeks.' I said, 'Oh, my God.' The conductor looked at me and said Remember this day, there are very few moments in your life where Cameron Mackintosh will offer you a job on the spot. It was all so surreal, it really didn't sink in until about two weeks

later." For Mackintosh, "Martin Guerre" has been an eight-year battle. Dissatisfied with the initial version of "Guerre," that opened in London in July 1996; Mackintosh closed down the production after three months. Mackintosh, Boublil and Schon berg started writing a revised version. That version of "Martin Guerre" won the 1997 Olivier Award for best new musical and ran for more than 700 performances at the Prince Edward

Theatre in London's West End before Mackintosh shut it down again for a total overhaul.

Detroit audiences will see the third version, featuring an all-American cast that includes

Dilly. The epic is on a five-stop pre-Broadway tour and will open in New York on April 26, 2000. After its premiere at the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis, "Guerre" comes to Detroit with Dilly Dec. 1 and runs through Dec. 19.

Boublil and Schonberg set out to recreate the legend of Martin Guerre (played by Hugh Panaro). in 1553 Artigat, France. After a loveless marriage to Bertrande (Dilly) and ridicule by the villagers, Guerre leaves the town for a better life. Seven years later, on a battlefield in France, Guerre is presumed dead after his friend Arnaud du Thil (Stephen Buntrock) attempts to

save his life. Arnaud returns to Artigat to bear the tragic news to Bertrande and is mistaken for Guerre by the townsfolk. Through the deception, Arnaud and Bertrande fall in love.

They both actually live the perfect love for a very short time," said Mackintosh.

"The story hasn't changed at all (from the initial version), but what's changed dramatically which is why its been so well received now - is actually we've done it better. We've done it through the eyes of the charac-ters.... We start with a flashback, and we see the story through the central trio's eyes. The visual look is very simple, but a theatrically and terribly exciting look that gets to the heart of the storytelling.

"There's no golden rule to follow to keep you out of trouble when putting on a musical. You

just do what you feel is best for the moment and sometimes that moment takes a lot longer than you really thought it would in the first place." "Cameron Mackintosh has

always been this extraordinary name in the theater. He's almost been this icon that didn't seem like I could ever attach it with the literal person," Dilly said. "But when I met him, he's the most salt-of-the earth, warmest man I've ever met. He's completely accessible, wildly creative with a phenomenal sense of humor. I've never met a man so passionate about a show.'

Mackintosh has more than 50 musicals in production, including "Putting it Together," the Stephen Sondheim review that just opened on Broadway and stars Carol Burnett.

Dilly hoped to catch "Putting it Together" while she was on a

small hiatus from "Guerre' before coming to Detroit. Dilly was temporarily living at Danny Gurwin's apartment. One show she definitely wasn't going to miss was "The Scarlet Pimpernel" on Broadway, with bestfriend Gurwin in the show.

Scrooge),

on a scene

Christmas Carol."

Both had appeared in Nancy Gurwin (Danny's mom) Productions in West Bloomfield and attended the homecoming dances together at Birmingham Groves and Southfield-Lathrup High School.

"I'm thrilled to be able to come to my hometown in a show that I'm so proud of," said Dilly. She will stay for three weeks with her parents, Stewart and Ann Dilly, in the house Erin grew up in. "It's the kind of theater that can change a person's life, and I think that's rare."

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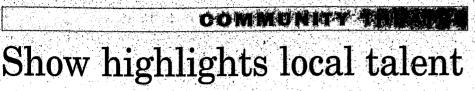


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The Players Guild of Dearborn presents the adult comedy "Don't Dress for Dinner," written by Marc Camoletti, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27, at the Guild playhouse, 21730 Madison, near Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn. Tickets are \$11, all seats are reserved. Senior and student rates are available. To purchase tickets, call (313) 561-TKTS. Visa and MasterCard accepted.

BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

When a husband uses his best friend as an alibi for a weekend with his mistress, trouble ensues when his wife decides to stay at home and renew her affair with the best friend. The best friend, who is hiding both infidelities, then mistakes the caterer for the mistress, setting the stage for subterfuge and silliness.

Kirk Haas, who directed the Guild's comic delight "Moon Over Buffalo" last year, has assembled a talented ensemble worthy of the clever script and capable of delivering it with a crucial combination of talent and breakneck speed.

Joe Donovan of Farmington Hills is clever and acerbic as Bernard, the philandering husband whose plans for a relaxing weekend turn into a chaotic yet hysterically funny romp. Donovan is the master of understatement, and can bring down the house with laughter with a wellaimed look or his physical comedy. He not only caught the seltzer in the pants, he wore the main course of the intended dinner party. Kudos to the costume committee for supplying numerCindy Gonko of Canton ... brings her own flair and energy to the equation, and is an enthusiastic and selfassured addition to the ensemble.

ous changes of clothing. To intensify the comic treat, Joe is paired with his real life wife Kim Donovan, who plays his stage wife Jacqueline. The two make a dynamic duo from a comedy standpoint, and have delighted Guild audiences in the past as the couple in "Move Over Mrs. Markham" and in numerous other roles.

Kim Donovan exudes class and stage presence while keeping a light enough touch to keep the show funny and moving along at a brisk pace. She was able to switch from passionate to sister-ly with the bat of an eye.

Ron Williams of Redford shows he can play the debonair bachelor Robert as well as the troubled teen he portrayed so well in last season's "Blood Brothers." He has the right blend of teddy bear cuddliness and sophisticated conniving to be both convincing and likable.

As he must concoct more lies and convince more people to go along with them, he invokes gales of laughter from the appreciative house. He also deserves a commendation for memorizing an extremely long, funny and complicated speech that attempts to finally catalog every lie, subterfuge and mistaken

identity.

Cindy Gonko of Canton, who plays the cook, is mistaken by Robert as the mistress. She brings her own flair and energy to the equation, and is an enthusiastic and self-assured

addition to the ensemble. Gonko has fun with the role, and is probably the only cast member who eventually understands the entire equation. Her ability to wear a waitress skirt like a strapless designer original gown is a very funny part of the comic romp. Her composure in the face of chaos gives the char-acter the ability to inspire even more laughter.

Maria Kovac of Royal Oak is the perfect mistress, oozing the glamour and sophisticated wit to vhich a man like Bernard would be attracted. She makes her character likable and sympathetic, avoiding the stereotypical flakiness associated with the mistress role and bringing the right mixture of coy charm and naughty poise to the role.

Hank Bennett of Farmington Hills completes the ensemble as George, the cook's understandably confused and indignant husband who stumbles into the mess at the height of the action.

Haas designed a set as worthy of praise as the cast he assembled. Ceiling beams lend a permanence to the nicely decorated farmhouse, which is well-appointed. Costumer Marsha Barnett-Krause dressed the cast with an elegant sophistication and deserves combat pay for the constant costume clean-ups demanded by Bernard's ongoing encounters with spray bottles and errant food.

Story of 'Truth' told at EMI

Eastern Michigan University's Theatre of the Young presents "A Woman Called Truth," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Quirk Theatre, on EMU's Ypsilanti campus. Tickets are \$13.Call the box office at (734) 487-1221 for tickets and information.

"A Woman Called Truth," written by Sandra Fenichel Asher, is a celebration of the life, courage and wit of Sojourner Truth, a woman who was sold as a slave and taken away from her family as a young girl

The story follows her historic fight for freedom and emergence

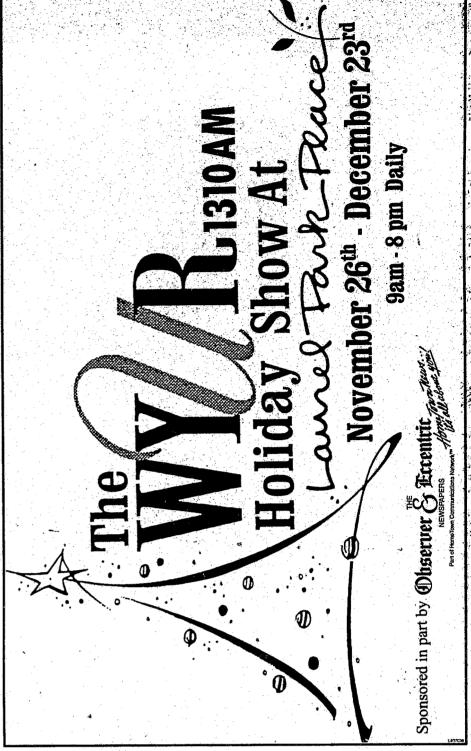
as a respected speaker on the abolition of slavery and importance of women's rights. Truth continued fighting for those causes until her death in 1883 in her Battle Creek home.

Directed by Patricia Moore Zimmer, the play is appropriate for ages 11 and older.





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THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE Forbidden Hollywood," through Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800 FISHER THEATRE

Martin Guerre, opens ≰Wednesday, Dec. 1 through Sunday, Dec. 19, at the theater, Detroit. (248) 645-6666 MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE luf Chicago," the Drop-Dead Broadway Musical continues ucthrough Nov. 28, 8 p.m. Tuesday Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, no performance Thursday, Nov. 25, at the theater 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 832-5900

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church," through Dec. , at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

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

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE

"A Woman Called Truth," 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 and Friday, Dec.3, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday Sunday, Nov. 20-21 and Saturday, Dec. 4, Quirk Theatre, on the Ypsilanti campus. \$8 Thursdays, \$13 Fridays-Saturdays, \$11 Sunday matinee. (734) 487-1221 **UD-MERCY**

"Skylarks,"8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 5. (313) 993-1130 WSU HILLBERRY

"Some Americans Abroad." through Feb. 5, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27; "Merchant of Venice," 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the theater 4743 Cass, ,Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS 'The Women," a comedy by Clare Booth Luce, 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, Nov. 26-27, at the 1theater 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 553-2955

PLANET ANT THEATRE "Sexual Perversity in Chicago," nFriday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Dec. e19, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and nj7 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck, \$10, \$35 season tickets available until Dec. 19. (313) 365-4948 PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD "It's a Wonderful Life," 8 p.m. Saturdays, Nov

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DETROIT PUPPET THEATER The classic Russian tale "The Firebird," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Nov. 27-28, at the theater, 25 E, Grand River, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777 GEMINI

1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, instrument-petting zoo onehalf hour before the shows, at The Ark, at 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 761-1800

MARQUIS THEATRE Jack in the Beanstalk," through Sunday, Jan. 16, at the theater, 135 E. Main. Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

SPECIAL EVENTS AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING

PARADE 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, from Woodward and Mack.

ART TRAIN USA "Artistry of Space" features works from NASA and the National Air and Space Museum, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 4-5 and 11-12, at 1100 N Main Street, Ann Arbor.

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- at Cobo Center, Detroit. Free. 13131 923 7400 HOLIDAY PARADE/SNOW
- CARNIVAL 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4

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7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday,

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Aretha Franklin, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$75-\$200, proceeds to Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-

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WENDELL HARRISON 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, at

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- Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Sweet Lorraine's, 29101 Greenfield, Southfield, (248) 559-5985 RICH K. TRIO 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big
- Fish, 700 Town Center D Dearborn, (313) 336-6350 MATT MICHAELS TRIO
- at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road,
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GARY SCHUNK 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

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9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

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

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The planist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

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WORLD MUSIC

WHO CARES 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27a at Cowley's Old Village Inn. Grand River and Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-

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SUSPECTS 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, also Dell and the Rough Cuts, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, west of I-275, Livonia, \$12, \$10 members. (734) 464-6302 WATERSON: CARTHY

8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, JOSH WHITE, JR.

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8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

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Bill Hildebrandt Friday-Sunday, Nov. 26-28; Bill Shannon, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 2-5, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885 MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

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dren/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

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TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

"To Forgive; Divine," a comedy by Jack Neary, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 26-27, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, between Haggerty and I-275; Livonia. \$10, \$5 Sundays. · (734) 464-6302 VILLAGE PLAYERS OF

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11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at Cobo Center, Detroit, \$10, \$8 ages 2-12, includes admission to Festival of Trees, (313) 745-0178

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Christine Brandes and mezzosoprano Marietta Simpson, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 2-3, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

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With the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27: at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit.\$25-\$75. (313) 576-5111 MERIDIAN 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at

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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

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"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

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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

BUCKCHERRY 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$12. All ages, (313)

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'Dogma' takes cynical, comic look at religion

BY JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

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- Carl Reiner's "Oh God" (1977) gave us George Burns and a Borscht Belt take on the Old Testament. In Kevin Smith's profound and profane comedy-fantasy "Dogma," the Lord is angst singer Alanis Morisette. If you can accept that, the rest of the often clever, quite pro-faith plot may make perfect sense.

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To prevent Armageddon, the Voice of God (Alan Rickman) is dispatched to enlist the aid of a human to save all humankind. They choose an abortion clinic volunteer, Bethany (Linda Fiorentino). No random choice, Bethany is - stand back, now the great, great, great (repeat a few dozen times) ... niece of

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Jesus. It seems that Mary and Joseph did a bit of begetting of their own.

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"Dogma" takes on a lot, and spends a lot of screen time

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Comedy-Fantasy: Matt Damon and Ben Affleck in a scene from director Kevin Smith's latest effort "Dogma."

explaining Catholic doctrines such as plenary indulgence, which is an eternal amnesty of sorts. At the heart of the film, however, is writer/director Smith's assertions that an idea is better than a belief and it doesn't matter what you have faith in as long as you have faith.

For all its controversy, planned or not, "Dogma" is as pro-Bible as it is anti-organized religion. There is a real "Wizard of Oz" sweetness there if you dig far

enough below the sophomoric language and "Lost in Space" effects (a demon from the bowels of the earth is a poop-monster that emerges from a toilet).

Affleck and Damon do the Butch and Sundance routine as well as any contemporary duo could; Rickman and Rock are each hilarious in delivering their very different types of humor. George Carlin as a cardinal is great casting, as it was Carlin's original comedy monologues on his parochial school upbringing that inspired Smith.

Fiorentino as the modern-day Dorothy brings nothing special to the role. And Smith, himself, teams up with Jason Mewes for the fourth time in his films ("Mall Rats," "Clerks" and "Chasing Amy") as hipsters Jay and Silent Bob.

Many of those who flock to this film may find Jay's unceasing foul mouth funny.

It may or may not be a sin, but it has long ago stopped being funny.

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Some husbands put their wives on a pedestal. French filmmaker Luc Besson put (model/actress Milla Jovovich) on the big screen with thousands of extras. A few husbands may think of their wives as a saint. Besson's was cast as one. And then, to believe the tabloids, she left him. Frankly, their off-screen lives may prove more exciting than this latest retelling of Joan of Arc. Before the details, one warning is in order. "The Messenger" is not the film to take your catechism student to. He or she will learn about Joan, all right, but also about the language the English used to describe her. It is very plain English, not how we thought they talked in the pristine 15th century. A groan-ing audience seemed to agree. If you're still interested, "The Messenger" is an ambitious effort that is visually attractive and graphically detailed. Young peasant girl Joan witnesses her tiny French village overrun and her older sister raped and murdered during the bloody Hundred Years' War. A deciding factor in the war was who would control the city of Orleans. Only one thing could save France ... a miracle.



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Soon after, Joan hears voices from the sky and has strange visions. She is, she is told, the chosen one who will restore France and give aid to the Dauphin Charles so that he. might be crowned king. To do

so, she must wear men's clothing, bear arms and lead an army.

Joan convinces Charles (a prissy John Malkovich) and his mother-in-law (Faye Dunaway) of her divinely blessed mission, and indeed wins a series of battles before being betrayed by her own people and burned at the stake as a heretic in 1431.

Besson ("The Fifth Element") presents Joan as a petrified kid, shivering and stammering things like, "I am the drum on which God is beating out his message." She is quick to lose her temper, foolish in battle and lacks confidence. Now all this might well have been true, but something told those soldiers to follow her; the viewer is just not as convinced as they were.

Jovovich in armor is out of her element. As an actress, she's a terrific model. And what's the deal with her hair color? She's a sunny blond to begin with. Somewhere in the middle, after cutting her long locks, she's a redhead. She tells the English troops lined up against her outnumbered forces, "I have a message for your King Henry from God - go home!" Well sorry, but she looks like Opic telling the school bully that his father's the sheriff. Finally, at the burning, she's plainly a brunette.

The battle scenes are well staged, albeit quite graphic (a head is severed, limbs are scattered about), but the troops and their uniforms all look alike. At least you could tell Spartacus

from the Romans. Where "The Messenger" is meaningful is in Joan's prison scenes, where she is confronted by her conscience (a hooded and bearded Dustin Hoffman). Only here is Joan's uncertainty believable, but the fact that her conscience is so much smarter than she is becomes confusing, At one point she says "Get thee behind me, Satan," which only adds to the muddle that is "The Messenger."

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Give it all: Ferndale band heads into local studio



reflective expressions of a group of musicians warm-

ly welcoming me into their domain.

If you haven't already heard of Give, chances are pretty good you've seen these musicians performing in other successful bands over the years. Singer-songwriter Ferris George, bassist Ray Echlin, guitarist Allen Liggett. drummer Scott Spellman and fiddler Jim Flynn have made their way in and around the local music scene, each searching for the perfect combination, the perfect sound. Together, they seem to have found it.

Creating a buzz

Give members are currently working on what will become their first album, and performing regularly in area clubs. Music fans might have caught the band at a Whitney Garden Party, or perform-ing at "Pumpstock" outside the

Stepping into Town Pump in Detroit. It was out $\underline{T} \in \mathbf{m} p \in \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{m} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}$ side the Town Pump that band's moniker adopted meaning. Echlin was approached — in a Detroit alley — by a man who seemed to day night, I heard the intermittent know immediately he was a musician. The man said four profound words in reference to the band and tar, and the quiet, its music: "God is visiting Earth." Give is an acronym for those words. Give formed less than two years ago with George and Echlin at the helm, just an upright bass, lap steel guitar and the sound of George's voice. Additional instruments and musicians were added into the sound which has come to signify the band — a genre Flynn calls

mainstream modern rock (even though the band doesn't really fit any particular mold).

The creative approach

Songs, like the melodic "Up and and "Something Unpre-Down dictable" are carried in the forefront by George's voice, lyrics and acoustics. Flynn's fiddle gives a modest, romantic, and gently pervasive side to the music. Give is far from your typical drum-bass-guitar rock combo. "Ferris writes the lyrics," said Echlin. "He's got the gift of word."

But as far as music goes, the band bounces ideas off one another.

Writing music is a collaborative and somewhat spontaneous effort for Give. "It's more emotional," said George, strumming softly on his guitar. "We just sit in a room and watch the vibe happen" Echlin said the band's songs develop from a simple riff or the initial boom of a bass line. Even if they argue over a song structure, the bandmates agree they are passionate about the music. Echlin said he doesn't always use words to express where he sees the music going.

You can communicate it easier with a guitar," he said. "Often I find myself scatting a drum or Ferris will hum a bassline in my ear. A lot of times these ideas will stick."

Give's song lyrics take on the same sort of life of their own. George admitted that: "Sometimes I don't even know what the theme of the song's going to be... If you trust it, it comes out almost perfect." The true test of the music, according to George, is the emotional impact it expresses. "Is it touching me?" he asks of a song. "If it touches me it must touch someone else." But Flynn insists the real magic

of Give is to be experienced in a live venue. Echlin - who at this point is

providing the appropriate "interview music" on a nearby piano,



adds confidently. "It's always a positive reaction. People come and listen." While you might be moved to dance or sway when Give takes the stage, it's more likely the music will capture your attention and your mind. "Some of the music is kind of

trance-v." Liggett explained. Flynn added of the typical audience: "They get into the zone with us."

What's most eyident about this group of musicians is the passion they share for making music. Liggett said the passion for performing and making music simply something you're born with, something he's always wanted to do. From the first show Give performed as a five-piece, a benefit for a fellow musician at St. Andrews Hall, he said "We all knew it was something special.

Dave Feeny, owner of Tempermill Studio and sound engineer, knows first-hand how the musicians work. "It's an interesting collective," he said of Give.

"Their strengths are their experi-

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ence of being around the block. knowing what it takes to put something together," added Feeny, while working on a song. "Their weakness s their experience of being around the block. It's a double-edged sword. Everyone has a strong opin-

Those strong opinions only serve to make the band's passion for music that much more noticeable.

"The album is going to be a workin-progress," said Liggett. With five songs near completion, Give is compiling material to send out to record companies and radio stations, while completing a full album.

There's no better time for a group of dedicated and talented musicians, like Give to seek the lime light. "Detroit's a real hotbed," said Flynn of the musical talent flooding the metro area. It's only begun to receive recognition as such on an national level.

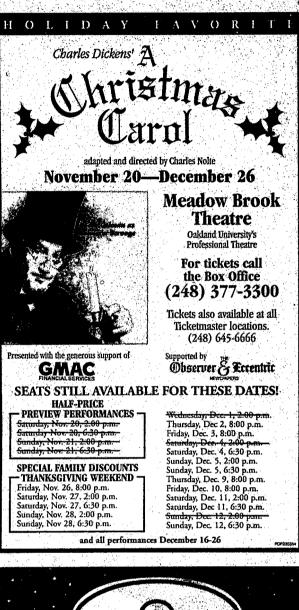
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"We all couldn't believe, when we_{or} first started playing together, how, , well we just jelled," said Liggett.

As for future aspirations, Echlin offered a blanket statement: "Weil just want to share the music with a lot of people, to give the music out."

See Give perform Friday, Nov. 26 at Lill's 21, 2930 Jacob in Hamtramck, Call (313) 875-6555. . 79

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David Mead

The Luxury of Time

RCA Records Since Fat Boy Slim and Len have made smart pop singles hip again, music fans should be primed and ready for David Mead.

On his debut album "The Luxury of Time," the guitarist/composer takes his clever, shrouded lyrics and laces in upstart instrumentation to create thirteen instantly familiar tunes.

Comparisons to Squeeze, Elvis Costello. Beck and even the Beatles are almost unavoidable, yet this is the work of a young artist whose vision is solely-owned and

musical ambitions sustained. With "Touch of Mascara" and "Breathe You In," the engaging tenor redefines ballads as warm

THMF, Richard Corliss

'Sleepy Hollow' is a total Tim Burton experience... his richest, prettiest, weirdest film since 'Batman Returns,' 'Sleepy Hollow' may be late for Halloween, but

and integral chapters in a collection, rather than mere footnotes to the big hits.

But with a fat bass guitar, a retro Wurlitzer, the Havana horns and beguiling lyrics in the "World of a King." Mead proves he can pump out glossy tomes, too.

The familiar themes of love and loss are evident throughout this album with a seemingly endless array of emotional twists and turns. Mead recorded "The Luxury of Time" with Jason Lehning and British producer Peter Collins, whose credits include Brian Setzer, Jewel and the Indigo Girls.

The result is a tight debut effort which hearkens back to classic pop style - not lost in time - but merely luxuriating in its inexhaustibility.

Garth Brooks

In the Life of Chris Gaines Capitol Records

When it was announced that Garth Brooks' latest release would be an alter-ego rock concept album, fans and foes were understandably confused. And when comparisons between his "Chris Gaines" and David Bowie's "Ziggy Stardust" began

circulating, there was no choice but to offer up a bit of skepticism: "You, sir, are no Ziggy Stardust."

Trouble is "Garth Brooks ... In the Life of Chris Gaines" is good. It's not groundbreaking, but it is an ambitious attempt by the man who has sold more albums than any recording artist save the Beatles.

The album is billed as a "presoundtrack" to a movie. Whether Brooks retains the Trent Reznor wig and artsy "soul patch" to play the capricious rock star is still a Paramount secret. Produced by Detroit-area native Don Was, "Gaines" is a carefully crafted, solid production which pulls from many musical genres.

"Main Street," co-written by Trisha Yearwood, draws heavily from Dylan, and "Right Now," which combines a '90s rap with the Youngbloods' classic "Get Together," is the album's most compelling tune.

Though Brooks has the talent to reach beyond the confines of country, his rocker persona takes no unnecessary risks. — REVIEWS BY ALICE RHEIN

Lions/Chicago Bears Football game, which kicks off at 12:40 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 25. The song is featured on Third Eye Blind's latest release "Blue'

which hit stores Nov. 23. Feeling blue? Hip-O Records has the cure. On Nov. 2, the company released "Broken Hearted Soul Essentials," a compilation of R&B hits like Percy Sledge's "When a Man Loves a Woman" and Smokey Robinson's "The Tracks of My Tears." Two volumes are avail-

As if radio stations don't overplay songs like Barenaked Ladies "One Week" and Madonna's "Ray Of Light" too much, a compilation of hits has included this year's most popu-lar songs on "Totally Hits." With names like Kid Rock and Santana, it's radio with rewind and



fast-forward.

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Somewhere between Turkey-induced slumber and football scores there's a space for alternative rock hit-makers Third Eye Blind. The band will debut their new single "Never Let You Go" at half-time on Thanksgiving Day, Look for the band on Fox Television during the Detroit



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If you're too busy to cook, try The Intelligent Chicken

"BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

Pressured for time to eat well? The holidays bring this on! Take-out often becomes a high-fat, high-calorie, high cholesterol solution. Unless you discover The Intelligent Chicken in Farmington Hills.

Perhaps you remember the name. A 1992 graduate of Michi-gan State University with a degree in Hotel & Restaurant Management, owner Todd Rones first opened The Intelligent Chicken in 1993 at Crosswinds Mall, West Bloomfield. When the mall underwent a multi-million dollar renovation, his lease was bought out by the management and he moved on to other entrepreneurial ventures outside the world of restaurants.

Relocation to Northwestern Highway last month allowed Rones to double the size of his eatery and thereby expand dinein and catering capabilities.

While take-out is the specialty, dine-in seating for about 40 is available in comfortable, light, simple surroundings, reflecting the essence of The Intelligent Chicken's food items. Eat-in service is cafeteria style with plastic plates and flatware, in an area well away from the carry-out counter.

Rotisserie chicken is marinated in house-made barbecue sauce, then slow roasted. Its sumptuous natural flavors don't need a sauce, but you can have your choice from among honey mustard, garlic and herb, or Dijon mustard,

Orders of rotisserie chicken serving two or more with side dishes and rolls are intelligently named for the three oldest Detroit high schools, Mumford, Cass Tech, and Central. The Mumford is the most popular, 'only because it serves two to **The Intelligent Chicken**

Where: 32431, Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, between Middlebelt and 14 Mile Road (248)855-4455. Open: Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday until 3 p.m., Sunday 4-8:30 p.m. Monu: Carry-out or deliver and dine-in restaurant featuring natural Ingredient marinated, low-fat char-brolled or rotisserie chloken plus fresh salads, sandwiches, side dishes, and soups. Cost: Average \$5-6 per person without soft drink.

Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Details: All Items carry-out. Two-item kid's menu. Catering and corporate lunches.

three, a popular size," Rones

explains. The Intelligent Chicken specializes in low-fat, great-tasting canola oil based marinated boneless, skinless char-broiled chicken breasts, served with the same three sauces mentioned above. This time, portions for two or. more are named for the three largest suburban high schools, not named after their city: Andover, Lahser, and Harrison. For the same reason as The Mumford, The Andover is the favorite

Chef Andy Brenner also offers salads, sandwiches, side dishes, and two homemade soups, Mom's Chicken Noodle and Grandma's Minestrone, "Mom" is Todd Rones mother Rona and it is her recipe with broad noodles, carrots, celery, parsley, and gener-ous chunks of chicken.

"If you're' chickened out, there's minestrone," Rones quipped,

Not on the regular menu, but running as a special some days is Chicken Chili without beans. With chunky tomatoes, onions, and plenty of pulled chicken, it's a twist on the standard with a light level of spicing. Brenner sometimes makes a batch with beans, so ask. If you crave a burger, the

ostrich is the intelligent chick-

en's other feathered friend. Marinated in a beef marinade, then grilled to sear in great taste, the Big Bird Burger, served on a Kaiser roll, is a way to eat flavorful red meat with less fat and cholesterol.

For chickadees (the kids!), two items including a kiddie side, soft drink or milk, and a surprise are available. Chicken Little Special is a char-broiled half chicken breast. Baked Chicken Nuggets come with honey mustard dipping sauce. Booster chairs are available.

The Intelligent Chicken has Michigan restaurant exclusivity to carry and sell the popular Mucky Duck Mustard, which could, up to now, be found only in specialty grocery stores.

Intelligent Lunch in a Box is a brainy idea for busy executives needing tasty corporate lunches. The Intelligent Chicken is computer savvy and ready for Ecommerce on line at www.food.com. Once logged on, go to Detroit, then the Intelli-

gent Chicken to place an order. Eleanor Heald is a Troy resident who writes about dining, food and wine for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.



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What's Cooking includes listings of new restaurants, special dinners, menu changes, restaurant anniversaries and renovations

🗯 Millennium white wine -If you read about the special millennium white wine Galilee 2000, hailing from the Galilee In Israel, in O&E's AT HOME holiday section on Oct. 21, and have not been able to find it, it's available for about \$10 at Cloverleaf Fine Wines, Applegate Square; Spitzer's Books & Gifts, Eleven Mile Road at Lahser; Borenstein Books & Gifts, 10 Mile Road at Greenfield; and Big Ten Party Store, Ann Arbor. However, any -retail wine shop can order the wine for you from the distributor Regal Wines in Dearborn.

Millennium Celebration - Friday, Dec. 31 at Morels, 30100 Telegraph Road, Bingham

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Ristorante Ciaro — Newly opened, cozy 80-seat Italian. restaurant, 1024 Monroe St., south of Michigan Ave., Dear-

born. House specialty is woodfired, thin crust pizzas baked in a wood burning oven. Homemade pastas, veal and seafood dishes

also available. Open 5-11 p.m. Monday-Saturday for dinner. Call (313) 274-2426 for information



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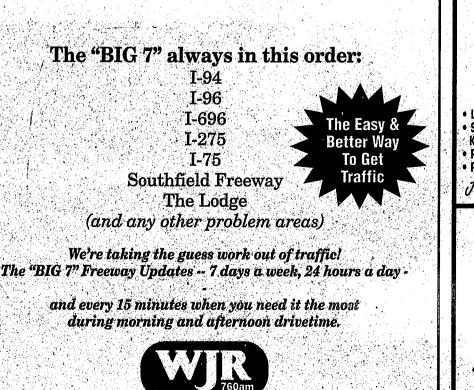




Farms. Cost is \$250 per person, plus tax and gratuity, evening dress suggested, black tie option-Pal. Call (248) 642-1094, Ext. 3 for reservations. Menu features Ahi Tuna Carpaccio, Mainé Lobster Ravioli, Pan-seared Palmetto Squab, slow-roasted prime ten-derloin and Calibaut bittersweet

Chocolate soufflé, Taste of the Arts — An vevening of food, art and classical music 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 138315 Joy Road, between Wayne and Newburgh, Westland. Tick-ets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Call (734) 326-7222 for information, "Taste of the Arts" will feature samplings of food and beverages from more than 20 local businesses. Event benefits the Family Resource Center and the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers,and other local businesses ■ Red Robin — Restaurants in Madison Heights, Novi, and Westland, will be celling mini versions of its maccot "Red" the robin for §1.99 with kid's meals through Dec. 81, or until sup-plies last. The restaurant is selling the "Mini Reds" in honor of its redesigned mascot, making its debut in the restaurants this month. Red Robin will donate \$1 of each Mini Red toy sale to **Canine Companions for Indepen**dence. For more information, visit www.redrobin.com

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the services that are being provided by my condominium associa tion. They won't fix the interior of my unit. Can I withhold my assessment?

Q: I am upset about

Sometimes, it seems like we spend a lot more time striving, gathering and acquiring than counting blessings or saying thank-you. Very few folks succeed on their

own, in business or in their personal lives. Most realize that, too.

Here's a sampling of why Realtors are grateful on this Thanksgiving Eve. Surprisingly - or maybe not - it isn't just about buying and selling.

Glenda Sartorius, six-year veteran, Real Estate One, Westland. "Personally, are my sons – Charles, David and Brian - that's what I'm most thankful for, my wonderful

sons. I'm very thankful for my sons and myself that we're very healthy, happy and established. "From a professional standpoint,

I'm very thankful for the independence being a Realtor affords - to set my own schedule. If I need to be with my family or friends, I'm able to schedule it.

"I'd like to thank, foremost, the good Lord for giving me life on this beautiful planet: And professionally, two people in my office: Tony Camil-leri, one of the hardest-working and best managers I know, and Gail Hodge, a very-established and topproducing Realtor, who, since I've been in the business, I've looked at as being a mentor.'

Howard Genser, 10-year veteran, Century 21 Town & Country, Birmingham.

"Professionally, I have to be thankful for all the wonderful, success that I've achieved and all the wonderful clients I've been able to help – all the wonderful customers who have realized their dreams.

"My health, my family, my wonderful parents, all the wonderful people I work with.

"I would say thank-you to my wife Susan, whom I actually met in real estate, and my son, Benjamin, for putting up with the odd hours and the trials and tribulations of being in real estate.

"T'd also like to thank Bill Frohriep, who hired me in the business, who had confidence in me that I'd be a good real estate agent."

John J. Emerson, 13-year veter-

'First of all, I'm thankful for my right mind. Then I'm thankful for friends. ...

Emma Jackson Advest Realty

III 'I'm very thankful to pick a profession where I have people come to me or go to people and find them a home or help them sell theirs.'

> Judi Wade Max Broock

This has been my life for so long. I'm thankful for meeting all the people I've met. It's been incredible.

Mary K. Gatto RE/MAX Classic

an, Prudential Chamberlain Stiehl, Farmington Hills.

"Professionally, I'm thankful for the loyalty of my customers and the ability to have good health to work the long hours we have to work.

"Personally, I'm thankful for the support of my family – my father, Paul, mother, Joanne – for the moral and ethical seeds that were planted and nurtured. And my brothers and sisters as well - Terry, Paul, Daniel, Kathleen and Maureen.

"I'm certainly thankful to God, just for the gifts to be able to sell and make the right decisions at difficult times.

David Jordan, 15-year veteran, Help-You-Sell of NW Wayne County, Canton.

"From a professional standpoint and this isn't a ploy – are the people I work for: Mario Ferrante and Chuck Gorris.

"Mario and Chuck say you're like family, we'll treat you like that. Brokers talk a good game and say what you want to hear when they get part of your money. But they really live it.

"From a personal standpoint, I'd say thanks to God I've been able to grow inwardly. My source of inner strength ... my consciousness ... has increased

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Realtors tell why they are thankful

during this holiday celebration

"When you make it all about other people, everything returns to you. The other person has to be the focus."

Mary K. Gatto, 23-year veteran, **RE/MAX** Classic, Livonia. "This has been my life for so long. I'm thankful for meeting all the people I've met. It's been incredible. The road is really good. I think people in general out there ... want to get this or that, maybe a million dollars. They forget to enjoy the road.

"I wouldn't trade it. Professionally, it's a nice living.

"Personally, I have two wonderful grown children, Jane and Jill, who aren't in real estate but the medical field. I'm very, very lucky because I still have my folks, Edward and Olga Cetnar.

"I'd say thank-you to my dad. He always encouraged me, loves me. Not to say my mother doesn't. But with my dad, it's a special bond because he was in sales all his life."

Judi Wade, five-year veteran, Max Broock, Rochester.

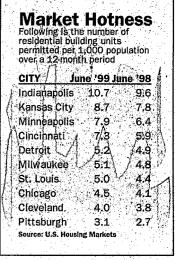
"I'm very thankful to pick a profession where I have people come to me or go to people and find them a home or help them sell theirs. It's really a good feeling. I've had some really good experiences.

"Personally, I've got a beautiful daughter, Misty, stepson, Marc, daughter-in-law, Kristy, and two grandsons, Evan and Jordan. And a super, fantastic husband, Mike. He's more of a friend, partner, I can go to for everything and anything. He coaxed me into going into real estate.'

Emma Jackson, 14-year veteran, Advest Realty, Southfield.

"First of all, I'm thankful for my right mind. Then I'm thankful for friends, the Realtor's association, all the contacts with them. I'm thankful for all the sales I get.

"I'm thankful for church family and personal family. And most thankful to God. He has all the power."



Avoid this pitfall when refinancing

When it comes to your home, I want you to carry a big mortgage. Don't keep the 1 ash in your walls. But, if you get cash from refinancing your mortgage loan, be careful how you use the proceeds, for the IRS may take you to the cleaners if you're not careful. Here's why MULLY

Unlike traditional debt, a home mortgage

is the cheapest money you can borrow, and for most consumers it's the only debt that's tax-deductible. You can probably invest the money you receive when you refinance and earn a higher return. That's why I encourage you to take the cash out of the home and invest it. However, this strategy only makes sense if you can obtain an investment return greater than the after-tax cost of the debt. But make sure you avoid these two investments

Uncle Sam realizes that you get a big tax advantage with your home mortgage. To prevent you from getting a "double benefit," there are two types of investments that you can't buy with the cash you receive from refinancing your mortgage: those that are taxdeferred and those that are tax-free. This means you cannot use your mortgage money to buy tax-deferred annuities or tax-free municipal bonds. The reason: Uncle Sam doesn't want you to eniov a tax deduction on the mortgage and then use the money to invest in securities that let you earn interest or profits that aren't taxable.

But there is a way around it. The key to success with this strategy is your money trail. It's okay to own variable annuities and municipal bonds, even if





A: The condominium act and common law state that you cannot withhold the payment of your assessments because you are unhappy with the ser-

vices or management being provided by your association.

Withholding payment only leads to trouble.

You may have a claim against the association and its board of directors for mismanagement by way of a counterclaim, should action be brought against you.

But you should not, under any circumstances, withhold your assessments or place them in escrow.

There is always confusion about the rights of a co-owner to do so vis-à-vis the rights of the tenant who may, in certain circumstances, be able to withhold rent from the landlord by putting that money in escrow

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Edison under fire

Tell state how well utility responded

The Michigan Public Service Commission will hold public hearings in Rochester, Farmington Hills and Dear-born to solicit public comments on the Detroit Edison Co.'s response to electric outages resulting from the severe storms during this past summer,

Farmington Hills public hearings will begin at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, at the William M. Costick Activities Cen-ter, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Rochester public hearings will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, in the Rochester Board of Education Meeting Room, 501 West University.

Dearborn public hearings will begin at 2 p. m. Monday, Nov. 29, at the Dearborn City Council Chambers, 13615 Michigan Ave.

Specifically, the commission is asking customers to identify how Detroit Edi-son responded to the electric outages caused by the storms, what safety procedures were used by the company to protect the public; and whether there are changes needed to deal with future storm damage. Customers may also identify recurrent electric outage concerns

The commission will also accept com-ments on an MPSC staff report sum-

marizing the staff's findings in its investigation into Detroit Edison's response to these electric outages and ongoing system reliability issues. The staff report recommends that Detroit Edison:

Increase its tree trimming to meet the 4.3 year average trimming cycle target. This would require trimming 23% of the distribution and subtransmission lines each year, which currently equates to 6955 miles of line. Poor performing circuits may require more frequent trimming. The \$42.7 million budgeted for line clearance in 1999 should be spent with future increases depending on system performance.

B Work with Staff to develop reliability performance targets for Commission approval. These targets should include, but not be limited to, frequency of outages and duration of outages and performance criteria for poor performing pockets.

Expand its investigation of areas that have experienced chronic performance problems to include the impact of all storms.

Review its programs for distribu-tion system strengthening, pole top and line maingonance, downed wire reduc-

tion, secondary rewiring and others to demonstrate that activities are adequately funded and implemented in a manner which reduces outages due to equipment failures.

Strengthen its system with new substations, which can reduce loads vulnerable to circuit outages.

Expand its utilization of stormresistant overhead wiring configurations. Such alternatives would improve reliability in areas where optimal tree trimming is not practical or permitted due to land owner objections.

Work with members of the commission's staff to identify levels of distribution capital and O&M spending which optimize system performance and reliability A mechanism should be established to link reliability performance and distribution spending levels to the company's allowed rate of return.

Work with members of the commission's staff to improve the responsiveness of its toll free number and complaint processes.

The staff report will be at: http:// ermisweb. cis. state. mi. us/ mpsc/ A copy of the report may be obtained by calling (517) 241-6070 or (800) 292-9555.

you have a mortgage, provided that you can show that the money you used to buy these investments didn't come directly from your mortgage proceeds. In other words, the money used for these investments must come from your earned income or some other source. Otherwise, you'll lose the tax deduction on your mortgage interest!

Say you have \$100,000 in investments and you want to get a new \$100,000 mortgage and use the money to buy annuities or municipal bonds. You can't do that, so here's what to do instead: sell your investments and use that money to buy the annuities or municipal bonds. Then, when you get the mortgage proceeds, use that \$100,000 to repurchase the investments you've sold. This demonstrates that you didn't use mortgage proceeds to buy the tax-favored investments. And that's imperative.

Note: If you have used mortgage proeeds to buy annuities or municipal bonds, talk with your financial adviser right away

David Mully's company, Mortgage Search Services, surveys lenders and provides updates on mortgage rates for homeowners. His survey and weekly column can be accessed online at www MortgageSurvey. com The survey report appears inside Thursday's **Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.** The company provides consumers with a Mortgage Search Hot line at 1 (877)MTG-SHOP-(684-7467). You can contact Mully at (248) 305-7337 or e-mail dmully@mtgsearch.com

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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 through Dec. 8, at Riley Mid-dle 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 Wayde Koehler, president, at (313) 386-7228.

DISABILITIES SEMINAR

The Troy Chamber of Commerce presents a workshop on

the Americans with Disabilities Act in the workplace 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the SOC Credit Union Building, 4555 Investment Drive at Crooks, Troy

Cost is \$10 for Troy chamber members, \$15 for Southeast Michigan Chamber Alliance members. For reservations, call (248) 641-1750.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

The Washtenaw Contractors Association will accept intention to nominate forms for its annual Pyramid Awards (outstanding performance of firms and indiiduals in the construction industry) through Dec. 10 For information, call (734)

662-2570.

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 nonmembers. For reservations, call Joanne at (248) 945-3875.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Michigan National Bank offers a free pocket-sized consumer handbook. House Smarts: For information, call the the Owner's Guide to Making Sense of Home Equity Loans. Phone (800) CALL-MNB for a

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Curious as to what houses are

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law has changed unaware PM Many homeowners

The Homeowner's Protection Act became law on July 29, but the National Association of Exclusive. Buyer Agents (NAEBA) says many homeowners are unaware of it. The new law protects homeowners from overpaying private mortgage insurance (PMI). Michigan already has such a law, but many states do not.

Lenders and investors require that consumers pay private

risks are high

place?

"When choosing a place to live, homebuy-

ers should avoid buying or building a home

in a flood plain," says Richard Roll, presi-

dent of American Homeowners Association.

Always stay away from sites where flood

Although damage assistance for flood

victims is under way, what about getting

homebuyers to avoid floods in the first

FEMA, the Federal Emergency Manage-

ment Agency, publishes maps of flood-

prone areas found in the United States.

(FEMA is the government agency charged

with disaster preparedness, response,

mortgage insurance to protect them against the risk of default on low down nevment home loans. The additional payment for PMI that is included in monthly mortgage payments usually is not required after the owner achieves an equity stake in home of 20 percent or more. The new law applies to home

loans taken out after July 28, 1999. It automatically cancels PMI for homeowners whose pay-

ments are current and who are still paying for PMI when their equity hits 22 percent. It also allows homeowners to initiate procedures to terminate PMI at a 20-percent equity stake even if bought their home before they July 28th. It is the consumers obligation, however, to prove 20 percent equity.

NAEBA members nationwide are dedicated to promoting the rights of and representing the

best interests of the buyer in every real estate transaction. Founded in 1995 to educate the public about exclusive buyer agency, NAEBA is an independent alliance of exclusive buyer agents throughout North America whose real estate companies do not take seller property listings and who work to preserve the right of consumers to be fully represented when purchasing real estate

Under the new PMI law, exactly how value is established is determined by individual lenders. The requirements and procedures must be disclosed at the time the home loan requiring PMI is initiated. Before the Homeowners Protection Act. was passed into law, lenders were not required to tell people when they were eligible to stop paying the insurance premium. Many did

ers made PMI payments for years longer than necessary NAEBA points out that, typical-ly, PMI adds \$75 or more per

PMI before the federal legisla tion. NAEBA urges Michigan residents to check with local authorities to see if the new PMI law has preempted state regula-

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director of interior design, which involves overall management of

design staff and marketing leader for all interiors projects. She joined the firm in 1993. Stewart, a Troy resident,

received a master's degree in architecture from Arizona State University and a bachelor's degree in environmental design from Texas A&M University.

She's a member of national, state and local American Institute of Architects chapters, **International Facility Managers** Association and National Association of Corporate Real Estate Executives.

Gary Worthy becomes director of Midwest design, which involves management of staff assignments, quality reviews and recruitment.

He has a master's degree in architecture and a master's degree in urban design from Harvard University and a bache lor's degree in landscand tecture from Michigan State.

recovery and mitigation.)

Check the water level before you buy

Under most sales disclosure forms, the listing agent is required to check with the seller and inform you if the home has ever been flooded, or is located on a flood plain.

Most people don't understand the definition of a 100-year flood zone. It doesn't mean that a flood will occur every 100 years. It means that the chance of a major flood occurring in any year is 1 percent.

But ask the people who live in some 100year flood zones, and they'll tell you that their homes have been flooded two or even three years in a row

The bottom line is predicting the fre-

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quency or severity of flooding anywhere is not exactly easy.

But checking the flood maps is a place to start. If the home was built prior to the 1960s when detailed maps first became available, the deed or other home records may not contain accurate flood informa-

tion You can protect yourself as a homebuyer by double-checking the flood plain maps ourself, available at city or county real estate or emergency management offices.

If you're a homebuyer, and you apply for a federally secured loan on a home located in the flood plain, lenders must require you to purchase flood insurance.

If you already live in a flood plain, make sure your flood insurance is paid and up-to-date. You should be able to get the information by contacting your city or county planning department, local emergency manager or local flood plain administrator.

For more information on any aspect of buying or selling a home, go to www. ahame. com, the Web site for American meowners Association.

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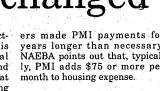


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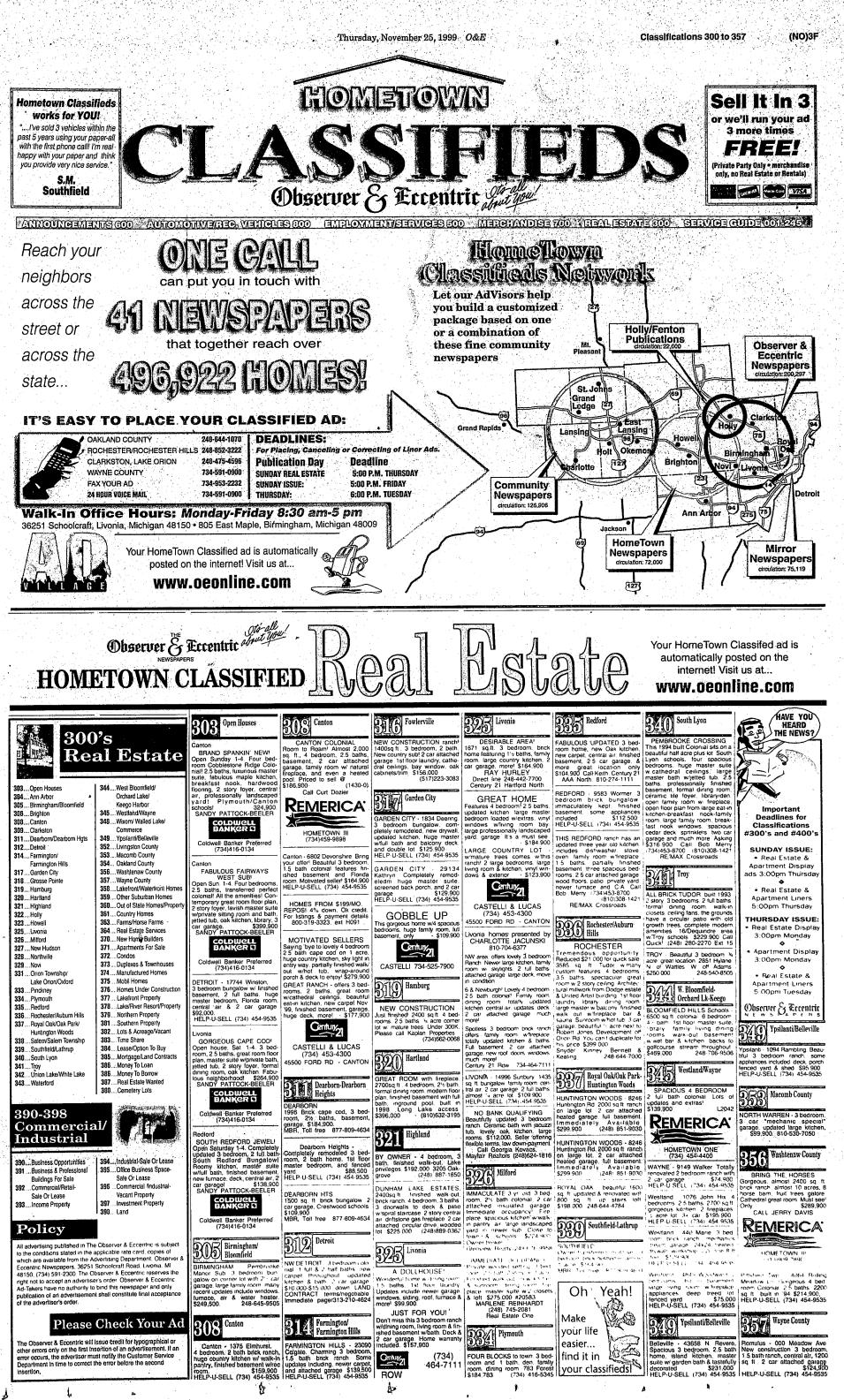
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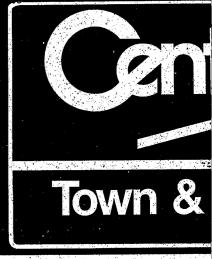
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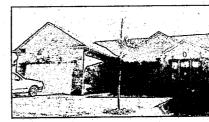
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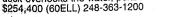
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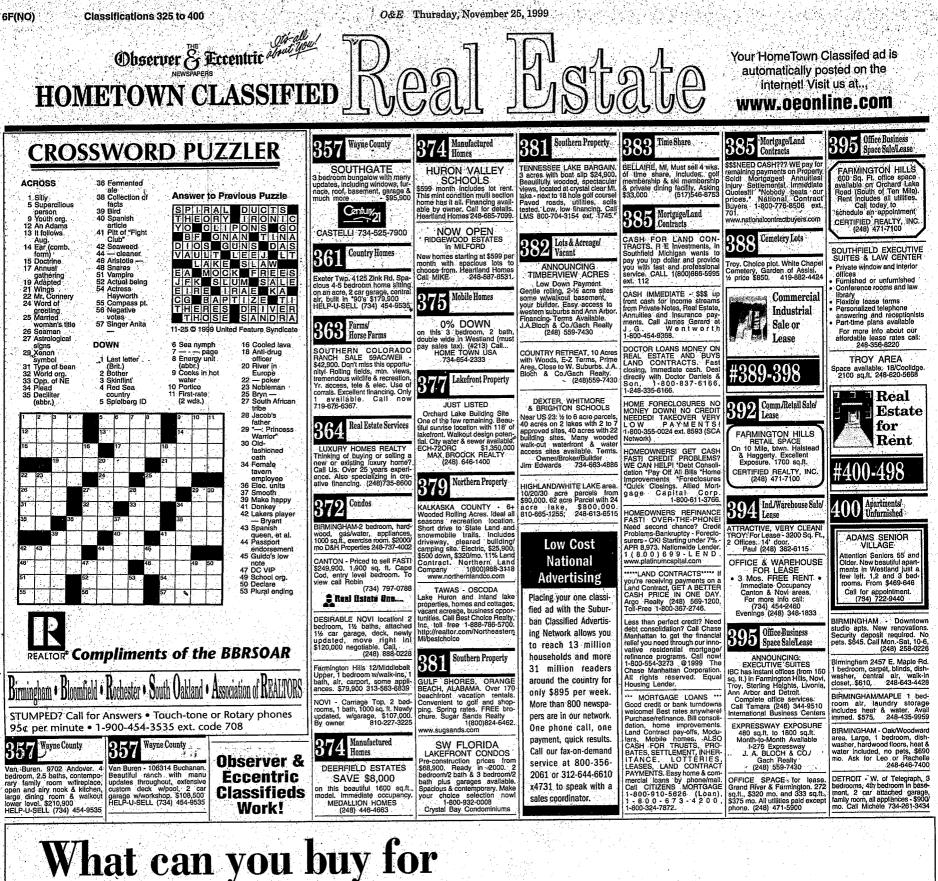


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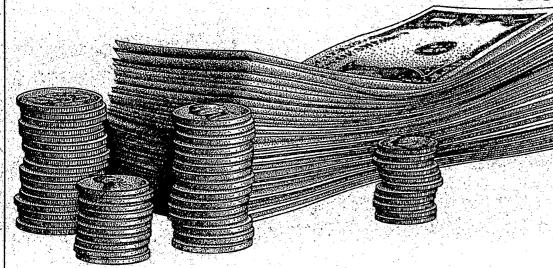
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