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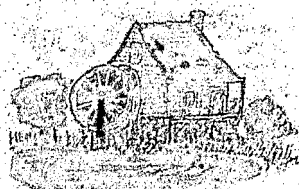
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AROUND



THE MILL POND

Y2k precautions

There will be no sleeping late for Clarkston Community Schools building administrators or their designees on Jan. 1. Superintendent Al Roberts asked all of them to visit their building that day or the next to make sure there aren't any Y2k glitches. The district also isn't taking chances with its old telephone systems. Instead of wondering whether they'll work after Dec. 31, it's getting cellular phones for every school just in case. Now let's hope the cellular phones work!

Hail to the bus drivers

Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Al Roberts reported to the board Monday that he rode on different school buses the other day. "We don't pay our bus drivers enough," he said. "They work really hard!"

Bells, not bullets

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce has been getting several requests about where people can buy bells to ring in the new year.

It isn't uncommon for people to fire guns to celebrate the new year. Evidently a person or group is hoping to encourage people to ring bells instead, but they have to know where to buy them.

So if anyone knows where to find bells for sale, call the Chamber at 625-8055.



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Asbestos removal is in the works



■ Asbestos hasn't been an environmental concern in the Clarkston Community School District since the 1980s. But the district is having any remaining products containing asbestos removed from the older school buildings.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Clarkston Community Schools is on its way to becoming an asbestos-free district.

Asbestos abatement — or removal — is going on in four of the older school

buildings in the district. These include Sashabaw Middle School and Pine Knob, Bailey Lake and Andersonville elementary schools, all built between the mid-50s to 1964.

The remaining asbestos has been no threat to the students, staff and parents, according to Craig Kahler, director of business services for the school

district.

The asbestos is the type that's contained and no danger to anyone, he explained.

It's being removed now due to major renovations to the four school buildings.

"We will have extensive air monitoring and environmental testing after the abatement is complete to make sure the environment is completely safe in these buildings," Kahler added.

Kahler described asbestos as a fibrous material used in insulation or as a fire retardant. It made its way into

a variety of materials until the Environmental Protection Agency determined it was a carcinogen.

When this was discovered, the school district underwent an abatement of friable asbestos—the kind that can become airborne if it's disturbed.

The other kind—the asbestos in building materials—was left because it isn't a threat.

The school board approved a bid of \$37,200 for asbestos abatement work by Dependence Environmental Co. for

Please see ASBESTOS, A4



Professionals: The Nutcracker Prince Michel Faigaux and the Sugar Plum Fairy Daniela Sodero from the Alberta Ballet grace the Clarkston High School stage.

'Nutcracker Ballet'

Clarkston High hosts holiday hit

Weave the magic of a live dance performance with the enchanting melodies of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Ballet" score and the spirit of the holiday season and you'll have an experience that will carry through long into the new year.

That's what happened when the Lakes Area Civic Ballet presented four performances of "The Nutcracker" for the first time at the Clarkston High School Auditorium.

Students got their first taste of seeing live ballet at two day-time performances for school groups. Nearly every seat in the high school auditorium was filled for the public shows Friday and Saturday evenings.

Many of the ballet dancers are from the Clarkston and Waterford areas. Clarkston resident Terri Newman is its founding director. Ballet mistress is Clarkston resident Christine Bove. Two stars from the Alberta Ballet in Canada, Michel Faigaux and Daniela Sodero, performed the roles of the Prince and Sugar Plum Fairy.



Jumping Jack: Elizabeth Hay jumps out of the box.



Leading ballerina: Megan Jakel of Waterford dances in 'The Nutcracker.'



At the party: Stephanie Lang (far left), who plays Fritz, and Katie Tuson (second from left) are from Clarkston.



Daddy and daughter: Todd Moss and his daughter, Allison, share the stage for 'The Nutcracker.' Both are from Clarkston.

Former post master dies at 95

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Friends and family were saddened Tuesday by the death of Elizabeth H. Ronk, known for her caring attitude and community involvement.

Ronk, 95, lived in Clarkston for 90 years but had been living at the retirement community Canterbury on the Lake in Waterford Township for the past five years.

Ronk was a lifetime member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church and a teacher at Bailey Lake School for three years. After that she was Postmistress of the Clarkston Post Office for 36 years. She also was a member of the Clarkston/Waterford Business and Professional Women. She retired from the post office in 1970.

Barb Thomson of Clarkston knew Ronk for 48 years.

"Clarkston was a little smaller then," Thomson said. "I would go down (to the post office) daily, and I would see her. We just became good friends."

Thomson said Ronk's warm personality made the post office less like a government building and more like a gathering spot.

"She was beloved in this community."

With her mothering manner, Ronk was easy to befriend, said former co-worker and friend, Connie Keeley of Clarkston.

She was a nurturing person, said Keeley, who knew Ronk for 52 years.

"If you were sick, she worried about you," she said.

Keeley worked at the post office part time from 1957-67 and full time from 1967-86.

"She was a super person, very thoughtful," she said, adding she was a good boss who let her employees do their jobs.

One of Ronk's sons, Frank "Tink" Ronk, said everyone did indeed love his mother.

"It was her way. She was so good to people," said Ronk, a former Independence Township supervisor and fire chief. "She was a great lady."

His father died when his brother, John, was just 15 months old and before he was born. Elizabeth Ronk never remarried.

After her retirement, she learned to golf and bowl, he said.

Ronk was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald; two sisters, Mary Kathryn Oakes and Lucille Brandt; and daughter-in-law, Arline. She is survived by two sons, John and Frank "Tink" (Mary), all of Clarkston. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren and her brother, Lessiter (Polly) Hammond of Texas.

Funeral services were held Thursday, and interment is at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Clarkston United Methodist Church and Canterbury on the Lake.



Elizabeth H. Ronk

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3 arraigned on break-in charges

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Three Clarkston-area men were arraigned Tuesday on multiple charges of breaking and entering stemming from incidents that occurred over a two-month period in the Clarkston area, according to Detective David Hendrick.

The men are Terry Lee Berlin, 25, of Springfield Township; Chester Edward Baldiga, 17, of Independence Township; and Jason Michael Hill, 19, of Davisburg.

Hendrick is an officer with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Independence Township substation.

Berlin and Baldiga were arraigned on one count each of larceny to a motor vehicle,

breaking and entering a vehicle with damages to the vehicle, breaking and entering a building with intent and home invasion first-degree.

Berlin was also charged with five additional counts of breaking and entering a building with intent.

A not-guilty charge was entered on their behalf before Judge Gerald McNally in 52-2 District Court (Independence). They were unable to post bond set at \$10,000 per count, cash or surety.

Hill was arraigned on five counts of breaking and entering of a business before McNally in 52-2 District Court. Bond also was set at \$10,000 per count. He stood mute at his arraignment. A not-guilty plea was entered on his behalf. His preliminary hear-

ing date was set for 11 a.m. Dec. 23.

Hill also was unable to post bond. He's being held in Oakland County Jail.

Berlin and Baldiga faced additional charges at an arraignment Dec. 9 in 52-2 District Court. They were charged with one count each of home invasion first degree and two counts each of breaking and entering a building with intent. Bond was set at \$25,000 cash or surety for each charge. A not-guilty charge was entered on their behalf. Berlin and Baldiga were unable to post bond.

Berlin and Baldiga were already being held in Oakland County Jail following an arraignment Nov. 25 on one count each of breaking and entering a commercial business

in connection with the breaking and entering of a Subway restaurant at 6469 Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. Bond was set at \$100,000 by Magistrate Judith Holtz for each suspect.

The preliminary hearing for Berlin and Baldiga on last month's charges was waived at the district court level. The case has been moved to Oakland County Circuit Court where they face a pre-trial hearing before Judge Rudy Nichols at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 4.

If the men are found guilty on the felony charges, they can be sentenced up to 20 years for home invasions, 10 years for breaking and entering businesses and five years for breaking into vehicles.

READER REFERENCE

Clarkston school events
Dec. 20: CHS varsity hockey—6 p.m. West Bloomfield Skating Rink.

Dec. 22: CHS freshmen basketball—4 p.m. De La Salle High School.

Dec. 29: CHS varsity basketball—4 p.m. Cobo Hall.

All Clarkston Community schools are closed Dec. 20

through Jan. 2. Students return to school on Monday, Jan. 3.

Independence Township Library
Dec. 22: Bedtime Storytime at 7 p.m.

Independence Township Recreation
Sign-up for indoor co-ed volleyball begins Jan. 3. League runs

Wednesdays starting Jan. 26. Sign-up for spring soccer also begins Jan. 3 for boys and girls ages 4-14.

Independence Township Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday: Barbecue chicken sandwich

Tuesday: Cube steak with mushrooms

Wednesday: Spaghetti with meatballs

Thursday: Margie's soup and sandwich

Friday: Closed

Holiday closures
Independence Township offices: Closed Dec. 24, 27 and 31.

Springfield Township offices: Closed Dec. 24, 27 and 31.

City of the Village of Clarkston: Closed Dec. 24, 27 and 31.

Independence Township General Information

Township Hall — 625-5111, supervisor ext. 208, clerk ext. 202, taxes ext. 211
Library — 625-2212
Parks and Recreation — 625-8223

Department of Public Works — 625-8222

Senior center — 625-8231

Police, non-emergency — 858-4911

Fire, non-emergency — 625-1924

Springfield Township General Information

Township Hall — 625-4802

Library — 625-0595

Parks and Recreation at Hart Community Center — 634-0412

Police, non-emergency — 858-4950

Fire, non-emergency — 634-6766

City of the Village of Clarkston General Information

City Hall — 625-1559

Library — Residents use Independence Township

Parks and Recreation — Residents use Independence Township

Department of Public Works — 625-1265

Police, non-emergency — 625-0088

Fire, non-emergency — 625-1924

CLARIFICATION

A story in the Dec. 16 edition of the Clarkston Eccentric should have said that Mary Tebo bought the Davis-

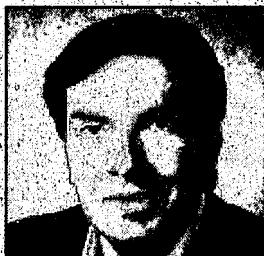
burg Candle Factory from Barbara Johns and Pam Ruggerello.

Ask the Orthodontist

Q. How can I tell if I am going to a good dentist?
—M. Fox

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3. Is the office neat and clean?
4. Has he/she been helping you keep your teeth in good health?
5. Does someone in the office spend time teaching proper oral hygiene, including flossing?
6. Does your dentist know your medical history?



Ron Iacobelli, D.D.S., M.S.

7. Do you have a number to call in case of emergencies?
 8. Does your dentist consider the health and wellbeing of your whole mouth, including proper teeth alignment, appearance, health of gums and soft tissues?
- While no one is perfect, you should be able to answer yes to at least 6 of these 8 questions.

Dr. Ron Iacobelli, founder and director of Orthodontic Specialists, has offices in Clarkston, Commerce, West Bloomfield, Grand Blanc, Lapeer and Sterling Heights. Graduating first in his class from University of Michigan Dental School, Dr. Iacobelli teaches courses in orthodontics to dentists. Direct questions to him at Orthodontic Specialists, www.orthospec.com or call the offices below.

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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

December 9, 1999

SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M. by Supervisor Walls.
PUBLIC COMMENT: Tom Weiler inquired on status of Dixie Hwy. Corridor study.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved minutes for November 3, 1999 Special Meeting and November 11, 1999 Regular Meeting as submitted
- Accepted November reports: Building Dept., Fire, Litigation, Treasurer, Ordinance Officer
- Authorized payment of bills
- Authorized purchase of Air Pack mask updates for \$2,096.00
- Approved appointments to Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Board of Directors
- Designate The Clarkston Eccentric and Oakland Press as 2000 legal publications
- Established Township Board meeting dates as 2nd Thursday of month at 7:30 pm
- Received letter from Mary Tebo regarding alleged township encroachment on Candle Factory property. Referred to township attorney for report at January meeting
- Received petition pertaining to alleged dangerous building for referral and investigation, and report back to Township Board
- Received communications

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Group Life Insurance Policy Proposals: tabled to January meeting
2. Zoning Ordinance amendment, Section 18.07: authorized Clerk to publish for Second Reading
3. Civic Center: Authorized retaining Carlisle/Wortman Associates for site plan completion; and Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick for septic system design

NEW BUSINESS:

1. East Holly Mobil Car Wash: approved site plan
2. Approved year-end budget amendments and transfers
3. Authorized agreement for accounting, budget & financial consulting services
4. Authorized participation in Gypsy Moth 2000 Program
5. Selected roads for 2000 graveling program
6. Established Year 2000 salaries/wages for elected officials, staff, part-time positions and election workers
7. Authorized collection of summer school taxes and authorized Treasurer to negotiate collection agreements and report at February meeting.

Civic Center Property Purchase: convened to Closed Session; reconvened to Open Session:

- Reaffirmed November 3 Township Board action and authorized Supervisor and Township Attorney to negotiate with property owners through December 31, 1999.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Received comment from resident regarding speed limit on portion of Davisburg Road.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:07 p.m.

NANCY STOLLE, Clerk

Published December 10, 1999

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Pat's helper: Pat Kelley stacks toys for Lighthouse clients to choose from.

Lighthouse donors, volunteers help to make holidays shine

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More than 160 families will have a splendid Christmas, thanks to the efforts of the community and Lighthouse Emergency Services, Clarkston branch.

ary Ann Emick, Lighthouse volunteer coordinator, says a picture of the efforts of many people to get new and clothing and enough for a hearty holiday dinner into the hands of families otherwise wouldn't have

had much for Christmas.

"We stopped taking our regular donations about six weeks ago so we could concentrate on our Christmas donations," she said.

This meant asking for donations of new toys and clothing for adults, children, and seniors.

The list of those who contributed is so extensive and includes so many people, businesses and organizations, that she's going to thank everyone publicly in a letter to the editor for local newspapers to print.

"We are so grateful to every-

one," she said.

Weeks ago volunteers began separating donations into age-appropriate groups as soon as they arrived at the Lighthouse building on Maybee Road. But Tuesday, Changing Places Movers in Waterford Township moved almost everything for them to St. Daniel Church in Clarkston. Church members also brought several items over in vans and helped with the unloading.

"About 75 volunteers organized the toys and clothes for our clients," Emick said.

Wednesday and Thursday were shopping days for the heads of 162 families who are pre-approved clients of Lighthouse.

They roamed through the tables selecting one or two large gifts, two medium and two small gifts and two books for every child, stocking stuffers and clothing. They also took home boxes and wrapping paper provided so everything will look pretty for Christmas plus a turkey, two grocery bags of food and 10 pounds of potatoes.

No money exchanged hands. All of this was provided free.

"We had thousands of dollars in items ready for the picking — just as much in a stock room and under the tables as there were on the tables."

Lighthouse also assisted with the "adoptions" of 100 families and getting gifts and food for 107 seniors and people with disabilities.

All in all, more than 1,100 received gifts and food from Lighthouse for the holidays.

In addition to donations from so many people and places, Emick credits the Inside Outside Market in Orion Township for 40 poinsettia plants and contributions from Coldwell Banker to the senior program; the Waterford Harley Owners Group for arranging for Lighthouse to receive donations from the Toys for Tots program and to the Merchant of Vino Whole Foods Market in Rochester for its donations.



Susan Lee folds pants

Independence agenda includes discussion of golf course project

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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After causing cross words and an abbreviated meeting Dec. 7, the Clarkston Creek Golf Course plan is on Tuesday's Independence Township board agenda once again.

This time, Supervisor Dale Stuart said he expects to receive public and board comments on the plan and then carry on further discussions among board members in closed session.

Township trustee Neil Wallace wanted the item removed from the Dec. 7 agenda because he wanted more information. The board was to consider adopting the complex proposal in concept.

The proposal is for the township to buy the golf course while allowing developer Joe Locricchio to build 121 townhomes on two of the golf holes. Those holes would be relocated to the driving range area. Also, the township would give up a 14-acre piece of property on Sashabaw Road. Locricchio has an option to buy an adjacent 19-acre parcel owned by another citizen. Retail and office space and a family restaurant would go into that

At the Dec. 7 meeting trustee Neil Wallace, township Clerk Joan McCrary and trustee Jeff McGee voted to take the item off while Supervisor Dale Stuart, Treasurer Jim Wenger and trustee Larry Rosso wanted to keep it on.

area. Locricchio has offered to sell the golf course property to the township, but manage it and give proceeds to the township. That revenue was to cover any loans taken out by the township to pay for the golf course. However, Wallace and other trustees still have questions they want answers to before anything — even in concept — goes any further.

At the Dec. 7 meeting Wallace, township Clerk Joan McCrary and trustee Jeff McGee voted to take the item off while Supervisor Dale Stuart, Treasurer Jim Wenger and trustee Larry Rosso wanted to keep it on. Dan Travis

is still ill and was absent from the meeting.

The group was at a stalemate about approving what went on the agenda and in frustration, Stuart called for adjournment.

Wallace had said he wanted current appraisals of all the properties in question as well as an independent facility study of the golf course. He also wanted more details about how the township would finance the purchase of the golf course. As of Wednesday, he had received no further information.

Trustee Jeff McGee thought more of the discussion regarding the project should be done in closed session because not to could mean compromising negotiating points.

Stuart said he thinks board members have enough information to make a decision about the concept of the plan. To acquire the information Wallace wants would cost money, he said. He doesn't think that is a wise use of funds if the board isn't even interested in Locricchio's plan in concept.

Tuesday's meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Independence Township Library.

ON THE AGENDA

**Independence Township
Township Board
Township Library
6495 Clarkston Rd.
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21**

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Opening Statements and Correspondence
- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Approval of Purchase Orders
- Approval of Accounts Payable
- Check Run
- Public Forum
- Public Hearing
- 1) Norlight Telecommunications, Inc.
- Unfinished Business
- 1) CenturyTel Right-of-Way Permit Application
- 2) Elected Officials Salary Compensation Committee Dis-

- cussion
- 3) Review of Capital Projects
- 4) Second Reading and Adoption of a Rezoning Request from R-2 to R-1B, Parcel 08-30-140-011 & 012, Dixie Highway and Pine Ridge Drive.
- 5) Second Reading and Adoption of Michigan Vehicle Code Ordinance-OUIL Increase Penalty Amendment.
- 6) Second Reading and Adoption of Michigan Vehicle Code Ordinance-DWLS Increase Penalty Amendment.
- New Business
- 1) Consideration of Clarkston Creek Concept
- 2) Bid Award of GenSets-D.P.W.
- 3) Bid Award of Playground Equipment-Parks and Recreation
- 4) Request for One-Day Liquor License-Everest Academy
- 5) Resolution Opposing Spe-

- cial Tax Break for Public Utilities
- 6) Permission to Purchase Police Department Equipment
- 7) Permission to Purchase Copier-Fire Department
- 8) Permission to Sell Used Fire Apparatus
- 9) Approval of CAYA Board of Directors
- 10) Employee of the Quarter
- 11) 2000 Township Board Meeting Schedule
- 12) Reclassification-Building Department
- 13) Adoption-1999 National Electrical Code
- Closed Session-Property Purchase

Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

POLICE NEWS

Following are some incidents reported to police and agencies in Independence, Springfield townships and Village of Clark-

Independence Police Accident from vehicle

Dec. 15, a 19-year-old man drove his vehicle eastbound Clarkston Road, striking trees and brush. He swerved to avoid hitting the center line. The man wasn't hurt, but the car was damaged.

Accident—with force

Dec. 15, owners of a 1985 Century discovered it was stolen from their driveway in 100 block of Scenic Pines. The police contacted the Independence Township Substation to report they located the car on a Pontiac street. Its engine column and right front were damaged. The right side window was shattered and the windshield couldn't be turned.

Dec. 15, someone tried to

break into an ATM machine at the Clark Gas Station, 4951 Sashabaw Road. The safe was secure, but the locking mechanism on the machine was bent. The exterior overhead light was smashed. The phone line was cut into the booth, the fuse panel box door was open and all electrical plugs were pulled from the sockets. The access door to the computer was open.

Robbery—strong arm

On Dec. 13, a subject robbed the Clark Gas Station at 2238 Dixie Highway. The employee, a 21-year-old Clarkston woman, said the subject robbed her as she was closing up the station. The suspect approached her and asked for a package of cigarettes. She told him the station was closed so she couldn't sell him anything, according to the police report. The woman told police he said, "I don't want to hurt you. I want your money and cigarettes." She told police she gave the subject cash from the instant lottery tickets and three containers of lottery tickets. She then grabbed the portable alarm, ran into the bathroom, locked herself in and set off the alarm. Police sent out a K-9 officer and

dog from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department to track down the suspect. That was unsuccessful. The case remains open.

Springfield Police

Medical—collapsed building

On Dec. 15, a 31-year-old Taylor man was trapped in a building under construction at Shepherd Hollow Golf Course on Big Lake Road. He wasn't hurt. The accident occurred, according to the police report, after the wind caught a roof truss and caused it to roll into other trusses already up. The trusses rolled over, causing the building walls to collapse outward. The man was freed by coworkers before police and the fire department arrived on the scene.

Clarkston Police
No reports.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to nine calls Dec. 13-15. These included six medical calls, two personal-injury calls and one wire down call.

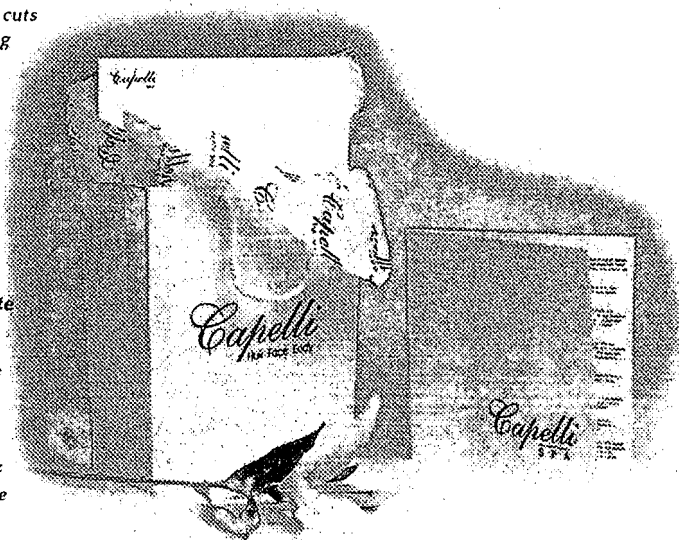
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Fund-raising begins for indoor riding arena at 4-H Fairgrounds

By SALLY SLAUGHTER
STAFF WRITER
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It's no fun having a horse show canceled because of a downpour. It's equally as aggravating to haul an animal to a neighboring county a couple of times a week to practice paces.

To keep local children in the saddle as much as possible, the Oakland County 4-H Horse Council is trying to raise \$200,000 to build a covered horse arena at Springfield Oaks County Park.

The county has already given permission to add the ring to the two already there, Horse Council President Bryon Quinlin said. The Horse Council has representatives from Oakland County's nine 4-H horse clubs. At least 125 county children participate, but the arena would be open to

the public.

"There is nothing to keep these kids out of the weather," Quinlin said.

Other important groups, the arenas serve include participants in the handicapped riders program and the horse camp given for clients from Oakland County Community Mental Health. Beyond just mere comfort in bad weather, some of the handicapped riders have sensitivity to sun, Quinlin said. A covered area would protect them even in nice weather.

Horse shows at Springfield Oaks are normally open events, which means many more than 125 children participate, he said. Often there are children and adults taking part.

"It's a busy place in the summer," he said.

The most urgent need, though, is a place for the children to

practice during the winter. Although they do ride in the winter now, an indoor arena would offer more flexibility on really bad days.

Holli Day also is a member of the Horse Council. Her daughter is a member of the Young Riders Drill Team. The youths practice with their horses doing patterns and different paces. Last spring they traveled to a large horse event in Kentucky and entertained. But preparing was a challenge. Day, an owner of Mr. B's in Independence Township, said she often took her daughter and the horse to a friend's ring in another county.

"I thought to myself, this is ridiculous. We have a lot of money, a lot of horses and some great kids (in Oakland County). We seem to have everything else for the kids, why not this?" Day said.

Day is a licensed builder and oversees new construction of restaurants in her job. She is getting bids and supervising construction once it starts. Plans have been drawn up and it's nothing fancy, she said.

The fund-raising campaign just started. Quinlin said about \$5,000 has been raised so far. Day is asking the business community and anyone else who wishes to donate toward the project. People can call Mr. B's at 625-4600 for more information. To make a tax-deductible donation, residents can call Cooperative Extension Youth Agent Tom Schneider at 858-0889.

A Valentine's Day dance is the first major fund-raiser planned, Day said. Tickets are \$50 per person, Quinlin said he hopes to have the \$200,000 raised by the end of the summer. Construction will begin after that.

Pets rescued from fire at Heather Lakes home

No one was home and all the pets were rescued when a home in Heather Lakes Estates burned Thursday morning.

Orion Township Fire Chief Jeff Key said a neighbor called in the fire at 10:57 a.m. Dec. 16, not knowing exactly what was on fire. Subsequent callers identified the house on Valleyview.

No one was home but "There was a veritable menagerie" of house pets, Key said. "A bird went home with a deputy; fish went to the neighbors."

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Key said the fire was confined to the second floor central area of the house, though the kitchen below was damaged by falling debris. There is also water damage, so the family will be forced to move out for the holidays.

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from Independence and Orion townships, along with firefighting personnel, were called in to supplement volunteers from all three Orion Township fire stations. Conditions were cold and windy.

"If that's all we have to deal with this holiday, that'll be fine with me," Key said.

ON THE AGENDA

Charter Township of Springfield Planning commission Tentative Business Meeting Monday, December 20

Agenda
Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.
Opening Comments
Minutes: November 3, 1999-
Workshop November 15, 1999-

Business
Approval of Agenda
Public Comment: Items Not on Agenda

Public Hearing:
1) Amendment to Master Plan for Planned Use Category-NW Corner of Dixie Hwy & Davisburg

2) Amendment to Master Plan for Planned Use Category and Rezoning of 7.5 acres of Springfield Twp property from RC (Resource-Conservation) to PL (Public Land).

Unfinished Business:
1) Amendment to Master Plan for Planned Use Category-NW Corner of Dixie Hwy & Davisburg
2) Amendment to Master Plan

for Planned Use Category and Rezoning of 7.5 acres of Springfield Twp property from RC to PL

3) Kingston Point resubmission of Site Plan
4) Forest Hills-resubmission of PUD

New Business:
1) Hidden Ridge Concept Review

Other Business:
1) Election of Officers
2) ZBA Volunteer
3) Planning Commission Procedures

Communications and Reports:
Master Plan/Vision Fair
Future Meeting: January 5, 2000 Workshop Meeting January 17, 2000 Business Meeting Adjournment

The Mission of the Springfield Township Planning Commission is to guide and promote the efficient, coordinated development of the Township in a manner that will best promote the health, safety and welfare of its people.

ACHIEVERS

Adrienne M. Trager

Adrienne M. Trager, daughter of Aaron Z. and Victoria D. Trager of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School, was accepted this fall into the Honors Program at Albion College.

Asbestos

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removal of the black mastic floor tile adhesive found at Sashabaw Middle School.

The tiles were safe for people to walk on, according to George White, the district's projects construction coordinator. But once the tiles were removed and the mastic (glue) with asbestos was exposed, it all needed to be removed.

"Workers will be sanding the mastic off the floors so they can install new flooring. That could cause a problem with the asbestos so it's being removed," he explained.

This project will be completed within a few weeks, Kahler said. The elementary school abatement projects will take place during school breaks and finished this summer.

The school district contracts with PTM Consulting Inc., a Dearborn-based company, that helps school districts manage various aspects involved in asbestos removal.

The district uses Michigan Environmental Auditors to check air samples before and after abatement.

PTM Consulting Inc. President Paul Milhizer said normally asbestos is removed according to a specific process under negative air pressure.

Asbestos-containing materials are put into either six-millimeter plastic bags or drums and taken to a land fill marked for asbestos.

Milhizer said right now most of these are out of state.

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M.L. King Breakfast

■ Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus, in association with the OCC College-wide Diversity Committee and the Walled Lake and Waterford School Districts, presents the eighth annual Martin Luther King Breakfast, Friday, Jan. 14.

The event begins at 8:20 a.m. in the campus' Student Center Area. Tickets are \$8.

Special guest speaker is Ismael Ahmed, executive director of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services. Entertainment is by the Waterford Mott High School Choir.

For further information or tickets call (248) 360-3186.

The Highland Lakes Campus is at 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford. Ample free parking is available.

OCC hosts authors

■ Noted author Carla Harryman is the next speaker in Oakland Community College's Writers Live Series, Tuesday, Jan. 18. The program begins at 7 p.m. in the Royal Oak Campus' Jones Johnson Theater. Admission is free. The public is invited.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, novelist Christopher Paul Curtis will speak at the final Writer's Live program of the season at 7 p.m. in the Jones Johnson Theater, followed by a reception and book signing.

The Writers Live Series is sponsored by the Royal Oak Campus Library and the Royal Oak Campus English Department. For information, call (248) 544-5589.

The Royal Oak Campus is at 739 South Washington in downtown Royal Oak. Free parking is available in college parking structures at Washington and Lincoln streets.

Northwest wins bid
for nonstop flights
to Italy from Metro

Northwest Airlines will begin nonstop flights from Detroit to Rome starting April 2, 2000.

The U.S. Department of Transportation issued Northwest a permit Tuesday to operate that flight and a Detroit-Milan, Italy, route. The daily flights will be operated in cooperation with Alitalia Italian Airlines and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines as part of the airlines' proposed tripartite agreement.

The DOT granted anti-trust immunity for a Northwest/Alitalia/KLM alliance on Dec. 3 to allow the three carriers to closely align their routes in the weeks ahead. In addition, the DOT announced Monday that an "Open Skies" agreement had been reached between the United States and Italy.

Effective April 2, Northwest flight 66 will depart Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport daily at 5:30 p.m. and arrive at Rome's Fiumicino International Airport at 8:25 a.m. the following day. Return flight 65 will depart Rome daily at 11 a.m. and arrive in Detroit at 3:10 p.m.

In the Milan market, Northwest flight 64 will depart Metro at 5:25 p.m. and arrive at Milan's Malpensa International Airport at 7:45 p.m. the following day. Return flight 63 will depart Milan at 9:50 a.m. and arrive in Detroit at 1:30 p.m. The Rome and Milan services will operate with Northwest DC-10 aircraft.

Northwest will operate connecting service to and from the Italy flights at Detroit from major markets throughout the Midwest, southwest and western regions of the United States. Northwest operates more than 500 daily departures at Detroit, its largest hub.

Rome and Milan are Alitalia's two primary hubs.

Northwest officials plan to offer service beyond Rome and Milan to major cities in Italy, southern Europe and the Mediterranean, according to Ray Vecchi, Northwest's president of Michigan operations and executive vice president of customer service.

"These convenient schedules will include all the benefits of seamless travel, including issuance of all boarding passes at initial check-in, luggage check (sent) to final destination and convenient flight transfers," Vecchi said.

OCC announces
18 scholarships
for winter term

Oakland Community College has announced 18 scholarship recipients for its winter term. Recipients, listed by campus and hometown, are:

■ **Highland Lakes:** Nancy Bergum, White Lake; James Crane, Milford; Julie Crouse, Berkley; Jennifer Lesnek, Walled Lake; Judith Lipinski, White Lake, and Shannon Smith, Livonia.

■ **Orchard Ridge:** Elaine Chang, Farmington Hills; Dalida Denny, Farmington Hills; Amanda Martens, Farmington Hills, and Antonio Saranilla, Farmington Hills.

■ **Royal Oak/Southfield:** Abduliah H. Assabtani, Southgate; Aleksandr V. Blyakhman, Oak Park; Cynthia S. Feschuk, Ferndale; Nadine Y. Gizak, Royal Oak; Akeeka S. Robinson, Detroit; Kimberly S. Schultz, Royal Oak; Tiffany F. Sims, Southfield, and Kathy L. Troutt, Ferndale.

Pledging allegiance
94 new U.S. citizens sworn in

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER
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Richard MacDonald could hardly contain his happiness. "It's an overworked phrase," he said, "but this really is a land of opportunity."

Moments earlier, MacDonald and 93 others — with friends and relatives watching at the Oakland County Commissioners' Auditorium — took an oath of allegiance to the United States. They were finally citizens.

"I feel exhilarated," MacDonald said Friday. "It's been a long wait, but it's finally over. I'm an American citizen."

MacDonald came to the U.S. from Canada in 1986. He graduated from the Detroit Institute of Technology and is currently a mechanical engineer working at the Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn.

Now a resident of Rochester Hills, he still loves Canada and cherishes his Canadian roots, MacDonald said. "But I'm proud to be an American."

Naturalization process

To become naturalized citizens, MacDonald and the others underwent extensive background checks, including fin-



STAFF PHOTO BY DIONA McLAUGHLIN

Big difference: Richard MacDonald (center) and his wife Nancy, and Myles, 4, check his naturalization papers — proof that he is now a U.S. citizen, after ceremonies at the Oakland County Commissioners' Auditorium.

gerprinting by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. "We also had to take a test," he recalled.

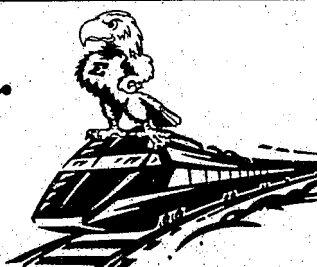
That test was relatively easy, MacDonald remembers, taking about 15 minutes. "But I think it was easy because I spent so much time studying for it."

In his excitement, MacDon-

ald was fairly typical of new naturalized citizens, said Michael A. Saroli, a supervisor with the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the U.S. Department of Justice. "Most are nervous," he said, "many cry, and some even faint. It's a big day for them and their families."

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~ Christmas Eve ~
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6:00... Family Worship
10:30... Festival Worship with Candlelight Communion

~ Christmas Day ~
10:00... Lessons and Carols

~ December 26 ~
10:00... Holy Communion

~ December 31 ~
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Christmas Day Service with Communion 10:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve Service with Communion 7:30 p.m.

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Dec. 22.....Advent Cantata.....7:30 p.m.
Dec. 24.....Christmas Eve, Family Worship.....7:00 p.m.
Dec. 24.....Christmas Eve, Worship/Communion.....9:00 p.m.
Dec. 24.....Christmas Eve, Communion/Candlelight.....11:00 p.m.
Dec. 25.....Christmas Day, Worship/Communion.....10:00 a.m.

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CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 p.m. Children's Service
7:30 p.m. Family Service
11:00 p.m. Candlelight, Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 a.m. Festiva
NEW YEAR'S EVE 7:30 p.m. Servit
JANUARY 6th 7:30 p.m. Epiphany Servit

Christmas is Born



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Christmas Eve Service
6:30 p.m.
Christmas Sunday, Dec. 26th
11:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:
Christmas Service
Sunday, December 19th.....11:00 a.m.
Celebrating Christmas Program
Sunday, December 19th.....6:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service
Friday, December 24th.....8:00 p.m.
Covenant Alliance Church
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Christmas Eve 8:00 P.M.
Candlelight Communion
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Dec. 19 10:00 Sunday Worship
"Simple Christmas" (Cantata) Edgar A. Guest III, Narrator
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m. Family Service 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
Dec. 26 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
Rev. William C. Lange, Preaching

St. James Episcopal Church
355 W. Maple • Birmingham, MI 48009
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Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Creche Procession & Holy Eucharist
(Especially for children, Nursery Care)
10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Christmas Day 10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
December 26 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Rev. Roger Tilden, Rector

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Communion Service: 11:00 pm
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574 South Sheldon Road - Plymouth
Schedule of Services

Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m. The Nativity Story & Holy Eucharist*
A service geared toward children and families
7:00 p.m. Festal Eucharist*
A family service with music offered by Sunshine Music
10:30 p.m. Christmas Concert
11:00 p.m. Festal Eucharist
Music offered by the Parish Choir and Handbell Choir
*Nursery Care available
Christmas Day
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The (Episcopal) Church of the Resurrection
6490 Clarkston Road
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Christmas Eve: (all are welcome)
10:30 - Carols
11:00 - Midnight Mass
Sundays: 8 am & 10 am
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- Christmas Eve -
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11:00.....Communion Service

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30900 Six Mile Rd.
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Chuck Sonquist, Pastor
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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
7:00 pm "Christmas Magic" Pageant
11:00 pm Traditional/Communion
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734-421-8451

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The Rev. Alan W. Brandemuhl, Jr., Deacon
Christmas Worship Services

CHRISTMAS EVE
7:00 p.m. Carols
7:30 p.m. Family Eucharist
(Babysitting Provided)
11:00 p.m. Carols
11:30 p.m. Midnight Mass
CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
DECEMBER 26TH
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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Traditional Christmas Eve Service 7 P.M.
with Carols & Anthems, and the Christmas Story.
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Everyone Welcome! - Nursery care provided at all Services

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(248) 474-3444

Rev. M. Jean Love, Pastor

December 24, 1999 • Candlelight Christmas Eve Service • 7:00 p.m.
December 26, 1999 • Christmas Service • 10:15 a.m.
Christmas Concert • 6:00 p.m.
Mr. Larry Karou, Pianist
December 31, 1999 • New Year's Eve Youth Event • 9-1:00 a.m.
Nursery provided for all services

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Christmas Eve (Three Services)

Special Family Worship Service
(with carols and candlelighting, nursery provided).....6:30 p.m.
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(with carols & holy communion).....8:30 p.m.
Candlelight Worship Service
(with carols & holy communion).....11:00 p.m.
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Pastors:
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Murphy S. Ehlers

Farmington First United Methodist Church
33112 Grand River (1 block east of Farmington Rd.) 474-6573

Christmas Eve Services
4:30 pm Candles & Carols for families
"Yes to God" - message by Rev. Willobee
9:30 pm Handbells play carols
10:00 pm Candlelight & Carols
"Lighten Up" - message by Dr. Large
Nursery Care Provided

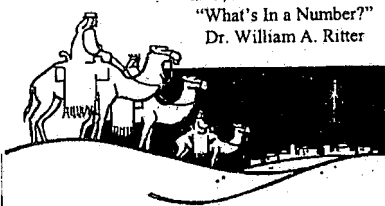
First United Methodist Church
1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham • 646-1200

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 p.m. for Families
with Young Children
5:30 p.m. for Families
with Elementary Children
Nursery Open
7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Lessons and Carols
Holy Communion at 7:00 and 11:00
Nursery Care at 7:00
Meditation by Dr. William A. Ritter
"All This, And Figgy Pudding Too"

Sunday, December 26

8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
"What's In a Number?"
Dr. William A. Ritter



Pastors
William A. Ritter
Matthew J. Hook
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Come Catch the Christmas Spirit
Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Dec. 24

7:00 p.m.

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★ Closing service with individual candles
★ Nursery provided for preschool children

Sunday
Dec. 26
one service
10:00 a.m.
Blessing of
the children
& their toys

9:30 p.m.
★ Adult Choirs
★ Hand Bell Choir
★ Communion
★ Candle Lighting

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First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
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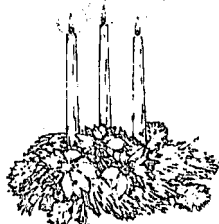
Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Special
"The Greatest Gift Ever Given"
(excellent Nursery provided)
8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
"Choice of the Century"
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10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
"Come... and Behold Him"

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ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN 48307
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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



FAMILY CELEBRATION AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
"The Wonder of It All" - Dr. Hickey
11:00 p.m.

WORSHIP AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Sermon - "Great Get'n Up Morning" - Dr. Hickey

NURSERY AND TODDLER CARE PROVIDED AT ALL SERVICES

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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334
(Between 13 and 14 Mile Roads)

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CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, December 19

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.Worship & Church School.

DRIVE-THROUGH LIVING NATIVITY
Monday, December 20

6:00-9:00 p.m.Church parking lot.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING SERVICES
December 24

5:00 p.m.Family Service
9:00 p.m.Worship Service of Lessons and Carols
11:00 p.m.Worship Service of Lessons Carols and Holy Communion
Nursery care provided at all services

Sunday, December 26

Worship 10:00 a.m.
Church School 10:00 a.m.
(Crib through 4th grade)

Pastors: Carol J. Johns, Jim Braid Diaconal Minister: Margo Dexter
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Rejoice, the Savior is Born



Come Home for Christmas!
Join St. Owen Catholic Church for worship this Christmas season.
6969 Franklin Rd. Bloomfield Hills.
— **Communal Penance** —
Monday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.
— **Christmas Mass Schedule** —
Family Mass.....December 24, 5:00 PM
Evening Mass.....December 24, 10:00 PM
Christmas Day.....9:00 & 11:00 AM



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CHRISTMAS MASSES

Friday, December 24 - 5:00 pm. & Midnight
Saturday, December 25 - 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12 Noon

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Saturday, January 1 - 8:30 am & 10:00 am



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Rev. Richard A. Peretto, Pastor

CHRISTMAS EVE

Dec. 24th - 4:30 *Children's Mass* (All Saints Gym)
4:30 p.m. Mass & 9:15 p.m. Concert
& 10:00 p.m. *Mass* (Church)

CHRISTMAS DAY - Dec. 25th-10:30 *Mass*

SUNDAY - Dec. 26th - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. *Mass*

NEW YEAR'S EVE - Dec. 31st-4:30 p.m. *Mass*

SUNDAY - Jan. 2nd - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. *Mass*

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass
Confessions 10:00 to 11:45 PM
Christmas Morning Mass 9:30 AM
Confessions Prior to Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLY HOUR & MASS

Holy Hour begins at 11:00 PM
followed by Midnight Mass
New Years Day Mass at 9:30 AM
Confessions Prior to Mass

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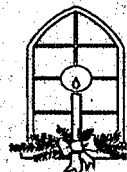
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St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

27475 Five Mile Road ~ Livonia

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Christmas Eve Services

5:00PM Family Service

9:00PM Carols & Candlelight

11:00PM Candlelight Communion

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West Bloomfield, Michigan 48323
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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 P.M., 6:00 P.M., 8:00 P.M., MIDNIGHT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.

RINGING IN THE MILLENNIUM

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 9:00 P.M.

RECEPTION IN SOCIAL HALL

NEW YEAR'S DAY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.

(NO EVENING MASSES)



University Presbyterian Church

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Rochester Hills • 248-375-0400

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

7 p.m. Family Service

10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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David C. Noble, Associate Pastor



26165 FARMINGTON ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48334
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CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM Family Service of Lessons and Carols

8:00 PM Communion Service

10:30 PM Christmas Music

11:00 PM Candlelight Worship Service



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Christmas Liturgy Schedule

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24

3:30 pm Children's Pageant (Church)

4:00 pm Mass with Children (Church)

4:15 pm Mass (Family Center)

6:00 pm Mass (Church)

11:00 pm Pre-Mass Program (Church)

12:00 m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Sat., December 25

9:30 am Mass

11:15 am Mass

1:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 26

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Friday, December 31

4:30 pm

Saturday, January 1

9:30 am & 4:30 pm

Feast of the Epiphany - Sunday, January 2

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm, 5:30 pm



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7:00 to 8:00 PM

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11:00 to 11:45 PM

Candlelight service with traditional Christmas hymns



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Christmas Eve Services

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Dr. William C. Moore, Preaching

3:30* & 5:15 P.M. Family Christmas Celebration

7:30* P.M. A Celebration of Carols and Praise

11:00 P.M. Traditional Candlelight Service

*Nursery for Infant through Pre-Kindergarten

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CHURCH AND MAIN STREET

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

(Special music precedes each service)

3:00 & 5:00 p.m. Family Worship

8:00 & 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols

Candlelight Services

December 26 9:30 a.m. Worship

Christ Church Cranbrook Christmas Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE
Friday, December 24
5 p.m.

The Children's Service with the filling of the Creche. Enjoy a musical prelude with the children's choirs, flute, organ, and carillon beginning at 4:30 p.m.

8 and 11 p.m.

Traditional Christmas Eve Services. Musical preludes with carillon, the Christ Church Choirs, harp, flute, and organ begin at 7:30 & 10:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY
Saturday, December 25
10 a.m.



Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI • 248-644-5210
(one mile west of Woodward off Lone Pine)

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1669 West Maple Road
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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00 P.M. Family Service - Children's Pageant

8:00 P.M. Holy Communion Service

11:00 P.M. Traditional Service

For Unto Us a Child is Born!
Come Be Part of Our Christmas Spirit

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Kirk In The Hills

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Christmas 1999
Sunday, December 19

- 9:00 & 11:00 am morning worship
- Dr. Pritchard preaches on "Century People: 3. Nelson Mandela, Reconciler"
- Childcare and Church School-both services
- 4:00 pm service of Nine Lessons and Carols
- Kirk Chancel Choir and soloists

Friday, December 24

• 4:30 & 6:30 pm Family Services

• Kirk youth choirs & readers

• Live Crib on the lawn - 3 pm

• 9:30 & 11:30 pm. Christmas

Eve worship-carols, prayers,

reading and meditation

Kirk Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 26

• 9:00 & 11:00 am

morning worship

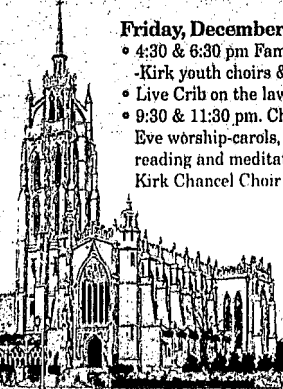
• Dr. Pritchard preaches

on "Century People: 4.

Mother Teresa, Servant"

• Childcare and Church

School at both services



We are located 1/4 mile west of

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1340 W. Long Lake Rd.

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

www.kirkinthehills.org

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Law explained that charter

With the failure of the bill, new charter schools will have to (a) wait a year, (b) seek authorization through an agency other than a state university, such as a school district or community college, or (c) count on lawmakers passing the bill early next year with enough additional votes to give it immediate effect.

Sen. Mike Rogers (R-Howell) said all those requirements were

Both amendments failed in 15-22 party line votes.

No: Sens. John D. Cherry Jr. (D-Clio) and Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield).

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Resolve to rejuvenate your skin

DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

New Years resolutions are made and are meant to be broken but a precious few should be kept.

The ones that can change your life - the way your look and, more importantly, the way you feel.

This time of year many of us are getting away to warm places and though we know we all look great with a tan, it's a fact that sun-exposure (even casual exposure such as walking the dog, or sitting looking out a window) causes age-revealing spots, crow's feet, and potentially deadly skin cancer.

Fortunately for the vacationing sun-worshiper, it's not too late to start behaving and taking care of ourselves. Skin repair itself through regeneration. By just using a strong sunscreen everyday and reducing the sun exposure to your skin, you will reverse some of the damage.

Find a formula that not only works with your skin type but also works with your lifestyle.

Gel formulations won't upset an oily skin and won't clog pores of a very active person. Lotions work best for combination skin, and cream formulas will help in the hydration of dry skin.

SPF foundations aid in the prevention of skin damage but they shouldn't replace your sunblock. Neutrogena makes an excellent block for all three skin types and it can be found in most drug stores - convenient for the forgetful traveler who didn't pack skin care essentials.

For those already showing signs of sun damage (fine lines around the eyes, sun spots and broken capillaries) and those concerned enough to start taking early precautions, the future looks bright.

I highly recommend Power Peels. Skin care specialist Carolyn Shy performs this procedure which does everything from brighten complexions to reducing fine lines and age/sun spots.

Power peels are micro-dermabrasion treatments that have been used in Europe for years. This procedure is helping men and women in the United States experience remarkable improvements in their skin texture. Power peels are a safe, non-surgical approach to skin care.

An extremely effective age-battling at-home regimens include topical antioxidants such as Vitamin C (the most concentrated form is L-Ascorbic acid which is present in Cellex-C and SkinCeuticals).

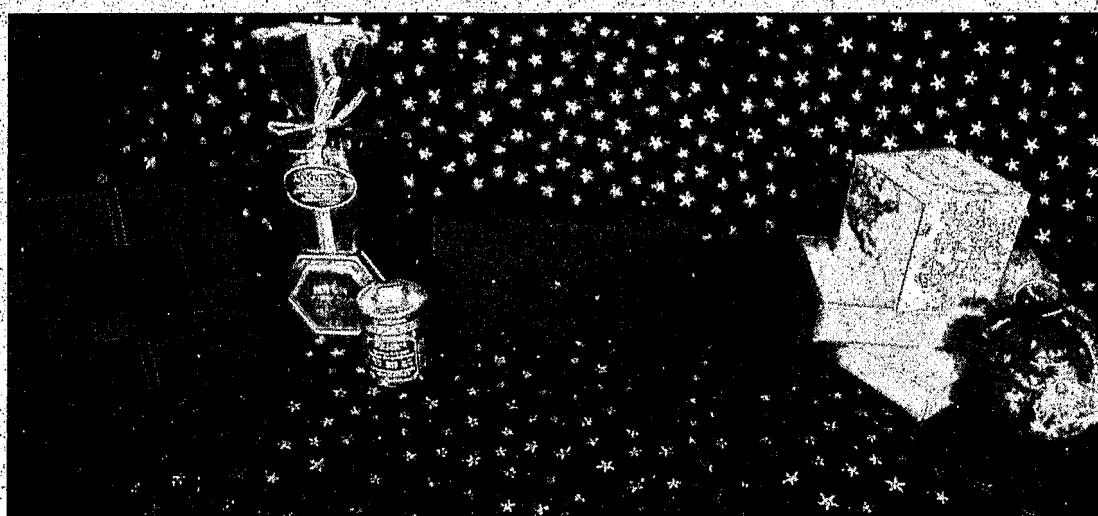
Another topical solution is Vitamin A (retinol) which accelerates cell turnover, evens tone and improves smoothness and texture. Vitamin A can be found in Giovanna's Anti Age Serum.

Also, alpha- and beta-hydroxy acids exfoliate dull sun-damaged surface cells. This procedure takes more time to see noticeable improvement but it's worth the effort in the long run. Antioxidants stabilize cells so they metabolize properly which can help prevent skin cancer in the future.

So while you're pledging your allegiance to New Year's resolutions keep in mind the long term rewards you can gain by keeping them.

Good health and good looks for years to come, is worth all the effort to keep your resolutions throughout the year.

Mary Anne Toccalino is a beauty consultant at Red The Salon in downtown Birmingham. She can be reached at (248)203-9477.



Late picks: Time is running out, but retailers still have something for everybody on your list. Photo frames are as unique as ever; try red leather, \$85 at The Coach Store. Candles are available in any scent imaginable, \$14.50 and \$30 at L'Occitane. Leather wallets are a simple and practical gift, \$110 and \$184 at The Coach Store. Decorative note pads can be found in a style to suit just about anybody, \$9.95, and holiday keepsakes are always cherished, \$15, both at Rand McNally. All from the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Don't panic

There's still something for everybody on your list

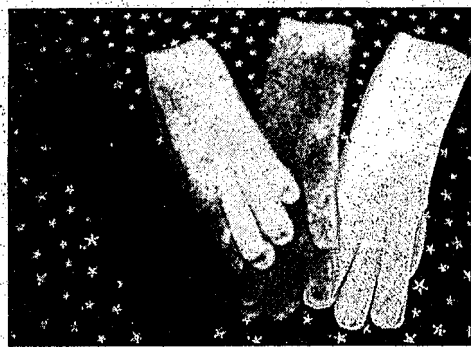
BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Everybody forgets. Everybody procrastinates. It's human nature.

That's why retailers and malls have extended their hours next week and are making sure shelves and display cases are stocked with merchandise that's easy to see, snatch and purchase.

In addition to offering a variety of services aimed at streamlining last-minute shopping trips, including gift-wrapping and valet parking, most retailers have stocked up on holiday favorites, from winter gloves and scarves to holiday ornaments to cashmere sweaters to decorative, scented candles and boxed fragrance collections.

Some stores and malls also plan to offer discounts to last-minute shoppers. At Wonderland Mall in Livonia, for example, 19 stores are offering 20 percent discounts through Christmas Eve.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Anything cashmere: Everybody loves cashmere and there's still plenty in stores. A pair of cashmere gloves in classic or off-beat colors makes for a useful, luxurious and relatively inexpensive gift, \$35 at Ann Taylor stores, \$40 at Saks Fifth Avenue and \$75 at Cole Haan.

"Generally, sales and discounts depend on how the season has been," said Tom Scott, spokesperson for the Michigan Retailers Association. "You will generally see deeper discounting and more discounting, if the season has been less than expected for retailers." On the other hand, if sales are high, last-minute shoppers will have less merchandise from which to choose, Scott said.

If stores are in short supply and you're unable to find a suitable gift, you probably shouldn't buy one, said Bren Hillis, manager of Select personal shopping at Hudson's Twelve Oaks store in Novi. "I don't believe people should buy something just to buy something and box it." Instead, purchase a gift certificate, Hillis said. "Put some kind of a smaller gift in the box, maybe an ornament, and put a nice little note in there saying 'this is what I planned, and I couldn't find what I wanted for you.'"

A gift certificate and note is more thoughtful than giving a gift that doesn't suit the recipient, said Hillis. "Besides, people don't return gift certificates," she said.

Christopher Radko holiday ornaments, fragrance collections and cashmere clothing and accessories, from gloves to sweater-sets to evening wear, are last-minute shoppers' best bets, added Hillis. Both items appeal to women (since most last-minute shoppers are men) and are being carried in abundance by local retailers.

Other expert tips from Hillis included:

- Wearing comfortable shoes and lightweight clothing that will keep you cool
- Making a gift list with several ideas and a budget for each recipient before heading out to shop
- Taking advantage of retail services, which include gift-wrapping, package pick-up, valet parking and personal shopping services, for convenience and to save time
- Making sure to set aside enough time to accomplish your goals
- Spending a day at the mall, rather than just a few hours
- Planning to take an enjoyable lunch or coffee break
- Shopping with someone whose opinion you trust who will not rush you.

Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

STUMPY THE TALKING CHRISTMAS TREE

Children of all ages will enjoy this delightful miniature tree that responds to their questions and has ideas of its own to share. A friendly elf will also be with Stumpy to greet children and pass out gifts. The event takes place on Sunday, December 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Art Van furniture store in Waterford.

GIFT-WRAP STATION

Northland Center in Southfield, in cooperation with

the Gratiot McDougal United Community Corporation, will provide a gift-wrapping station in the mall near the food court through December 24. After gift-buying is complete, Northland customers can get their gifts wrapped while helping a worthy charity. The prices for gift wrapping range from \$2 to \$8.

RING THEM BELLS

The Nashville, Tennessee-based Opryland Productions performs "Ring Them Bells," a musical production which includes swing, jazz, Motown and a "kids" show. Children watching the show can join in the fun

Please see HOLIDAY, C5

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Holiday Happenings will keep you informed about holiday shopping programs, services, events and boutiques during the busiest shopping time of the year. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

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CANDY APPLE TASTING

Mrs. Prindable candy apple tasting with a special representative available from noon to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, Troy. Call (248) 614-3321 for more information.

FESTIVE TREES

Bundle up the family and stroll through the Kellogg Park Walk of Trees in Plymouth. More than 50 trees are decorated by local families, clubs and businesses. Trees are lit 24 hours a day now through December 27.

TREE OF LIFE

From now until December 31, volunteers for the Livonia Angela Hospice will be staffing their "Tree of Life" in the Jacobson's Court at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. For a small donation, customers may contribute a paper ornament to a loved one to hang

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

on the tree which will remain throughout the holiday season.

OAKLAND COUNTY MOUNTED POLICE

From now through Friday, December 24, the horses of the Oakland County Sheriff Division can be seen at Northland Center from noon to 5 p.m. The Mounted Sheriffs have been a holiday tradition at Northland since 1992. They provide added security for shoppers and enjoyment to children of all ages.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

WILD LIGHTS AT THE ZOO

Check out the spectacular array of lights and colors at the annual Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo from 5 to 8 p.m. through January 2. Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

BE ON TV AT GREAT LAKES CROSSING

The Auburn Hills Mall and WDIV-TV 4 brings MeTV, a self-contained video recording device that

will allow you to speak your mind and possibly show up on TV during WDIV's newscast and special programs. It's located in District 2, across from Brooks Brothers. Check it out, it's free.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

TRUNK SHOW

View the diamond collection from designer Michael Dawkins, who takes his cues from nature from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Neiman Marcus, Designer Jewelry on 1. Somerset Collection, Troy.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

PEOPLE WATCHING

Got all your holiday shopping done? Then head over to Twelve Oaks Mall and watch frantic folks do their last-minute shopping while you relax in the mall's new 50-seat lobby lounge. Eight new seating pods were also added, each with reading lamps, soft sofas and chairs. You can also catch a view of the holiday decor program featuring "A Partridge in a Pear Tree." Holiday hours for Twelve Oaks Mall are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

WHERE CAN I FIND? Holiday

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This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WE FOUND:

- The Home Depot stores carries carpet tiles with adhesive backing.
- You might try Fragrances Unlimited for "Straw Hat" perfume (734) 434-0692; they are located in Ann Arbor.
- The musical cake plate can be found at the Town & Country Antique Shop on 31630 Plymouth Road, west of Merriman, booth #12 (734) 425-4344.
- Phil's Appliance on Highland in Waterford repairs freezers (800) 559-1411. Or check your local yellow pages for listings in your area.
- A reader has the music (but not from the album) for "Happy Birthday Jesus."
- The video "Land Before Time" can be purchased at the Kmart stores or at Service Merchandise stores.
- Laurie Lockhart makes and sells tie-dye clothing, (734) 427-0333; Webpage is <http://angelfire.com/mi/freedomoverspill/> or email tietyed4you@aol.com.
- A recipe book with blank pages.
- A reader has only one millennium Santa Bear.
- The CoCo mats can be found in the Frontgate catalog (800) 626-6488, item #6692.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

- Coty lipstick can be ordered directly through Coty (800) 847-1504. Or call Pam Stewart at (919) 774-8800 ext. 121.
- Sander's Hot Fudge can be found at Bush's Market in Livonia and at Holiday Market in Royal Oak.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A rural mailbox shaped like a tractor for Tom.
- A RCA table model phonograph with a brass horn (original or restored) for Andy of Canton.

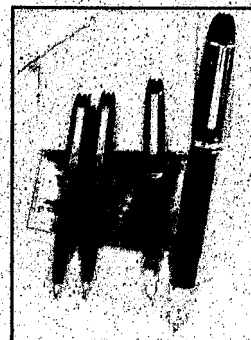
- The October 1999 issue of the magazine "Cats" for Sandra.
- The silverware Twin Star by Onieda for Janet.
- The store that sells little round brushes to clean electric razors for Jean.
- A set of black leather Ben Hogan head covers for woods for Larry.
- A 1943 Fordson High School yearbook and a millennium camera with sayings at the bottom for Joann.
- Cole slaw seasoning mix in a package for Mary.
- A salad dressing called He-Man (contained Roquefort cheese) for Lee.
- Videotape of the Broadway play "Tru" starring Robert Morse for Suzy.
- A store that sells a policeman's uniform for a 5-year-old boy, size 5/6 for Thelma.
- The book "Joshua" by Joseph Girzone (the original edition, not the gift edition) for Jean.
- The "Space Shoes 2000" from the Sears Wish book (used on a Trampoline) for Carol.
- An antique full size brass rain lamp from the '60s or '70s. (It is made with piano wire and the oil drops down the wire, with a statue of a woman in the center with greenery) for Patricia.
- A store that sells High Karate cologne for men for Jeri.
- The Barbecue sauce made by Bovril (it is made from beef, it is like a jam) for Nora.
- A store that sells fiber optics for Laura.
- A store that sells Benson's Fruit cakes for Brenda.
- A Mickey Mouse character tie (painting the Sistine Chapel) also the lyrics and music for "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" for Opal.
- The game "Babble On" by Tyco for Cindy.
- A 1999 Shaman calendar with paintings by Susan Seddon Boulet for Nancy.
- A store that sells men's garters (for socks) for Barbara.
- A store that sells Germaine Monteil lip moisturizer for Maxine.
- The words and music to the "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" for Eileen.
- A store that sells "Golden Autumn" cologne by Prince Machiavelli for Kathy.
- A 1955 Detroit Cooley High School yearbook for Robert.
- A used "Bone Shaker Penny Farthing" (high wheel bike used in parades) for Tom.
- A Fiesta ware sugar bowl lid in cobalt blue and a Mrs.

- Beasley Doll for Julie.
- The 1999 Hudson's Millennium Santa Bear for Mary, Norma and Barbara and Sandra.
- The "Family Circus" kids item figurines, ornaments, plates, etc. for Marzie.
- A store that sells Maybeline cake, mascara with a brush (red plastic case) for Pat.
- A Mrs. Beasley doll for Linda.
- A commemorative plate of the Greenmead Church Historical Park at 8 Mile and Newburgh Roads for Angela.
- A store that sells Clinique "Color Rub" (liquid rouge) in "Pink Bronze" for Mattie.
- A store that sells Coty 24 hour lipstick "Pure Watermelon" for Doris.
- "Binky the Clown" (Redford Suburban League sold it back in the 50/60s) for Pat.
- The VHS video "Mr. Krueger's Christmas" with Jimmy Stewart it was on TV in the '80s. The Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints for Connie sponsored it.
- A children's album from the '60s "Songs for a Rainy Day" Rosemary Clooney is one of the singers for Denise.
- A store that sells a cookie press (turn the knob with a cylinder).
- Pamela is looking for someone who does Ribbonery (like embroidery).
- Pope Gosser china dishes #52 from the '50s made in USA "Silver Dawn" for Donna.
- The 1994 Hudson's Anniversary Santa Bear for Christie and Barbara.
- A store that sells a wind-up clock with two bells on top made by Big Bend for Darlene.
- A "Nerolizer" from "Men in Black" (silver) sold at Burger King for Teresa.
- A Bloody Mary seasoning "John Willard" and a 18 x 56 non-standard ironing board cover for Marlene.
- Place setting of Minton china in the Saturn pattern (black) for Allison.
- A game from the 1950s by Milton Bradley "Pirate and Traveler" for Karen.
- A store that sells English Ironstone pottery "Crown Ducal" by AG Richardson from Staffordshire, England. LB King in the Fisher Building use to carry it for Mary Jane.
- The china "White Christmas" sold through the Spiegel catalog for Karen.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE

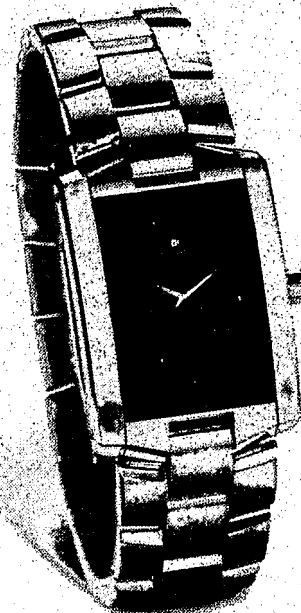


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Sally Huss Gallery	415 Main
The Silk Warehouse	301 Walnut
TK's Craft Village	117 W. Fourth

Limited quantity of some 1998 ornaments available only at the Rochester DDA Office.

Forgot to Shop Night —

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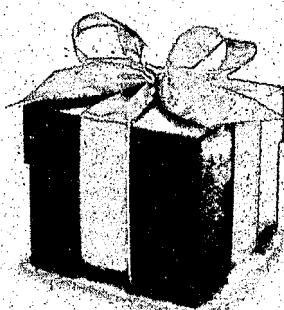
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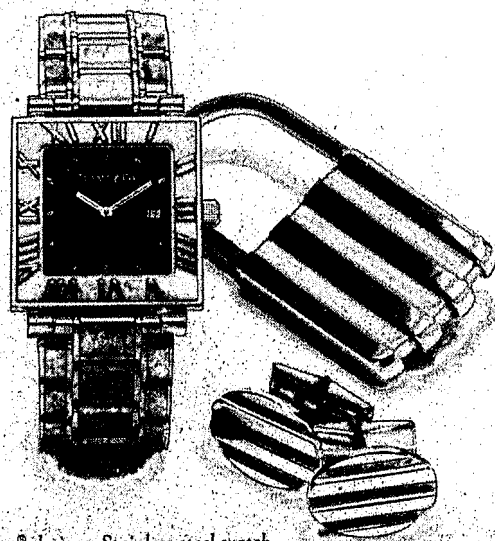


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HOME SENSE



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Bake and be merry

Throughout the year we answer thousands of questions about food preservation, cooking, baking and canning from people who call the Michigan State University Extension/Oakland County Food and Nutrition Hotline. Generally around the holidays, the questions turn to baking. I hope the following questions and answers will help you with your holiday baking.

Q. How can I avoid crystallization of the sugar when making candy?

A. Make sure the sugar is completely dissolved before it reaches a boil. Stir the sugar and liquid together thoroughly. Bring the sugar syrup slowly to a boil, stirring occasionally. Cover the pan while the syrup is coming to a boil, the condensed steam will wash down the side of the pan and help prevent crystallization.

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BEEF UP YOUR HOLIDAYS

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
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On the 13th day of Christmas, my true love brought me beef. Gregg Johnson of Canton is a beef-loving, grill-happy, deep-frying man who loves to cook for his friends. This past Thanksgiving he injected a 14-pound turkey with Cajun spices and boiled it in oil. The bird cooked in 45 minutes. If he gets enough requests, he might just deep fry another turkey for Christmas.

"When it deep fries, the spices



Picture perfect: (Center photo) This seasoned, two-pound porterhouse is dotted with butter for extra juices before heading to the broiler. (Above) Gregg Johnson checks on the progress of his buttered noodles while keeping an eye on the sautéed onions and baked beans.

kind of explode inside."

However, Johnson's first love is beef, especially steak, which he learned to cook when he was 9 years old.

"I loved steaks. I'd ask my mom to cook me steaks all the time, one for breakfast, one for lunch, one for dinner. She went out and bought a countertop broiler and left a few steaks in the fridge, and I was on my way, Jack. That was my starter kit."

Today, Johnson has perfected his mother's technique. He starts with a two-pound black Angus porterhouse, pokes both sides with a sharp knife to tenderize it, then sprinkles both sides with seasoned salt, pepper and some garlic powder.

Sounds ready for the grill or broiler, doesn't it? Wrong. Johnson always rubs a few pats of butter (real butter, buddy, not margarine) across the surface of one side of the steak for some extra juices, which he uses to sauté mushrooms.

Finally, for an extra, extra touch, he squeezes a bit of fresh lemon juice over the top. This is a man infatuated with flavor.

He broils his steak on high about eight to 10 minutes per side, flipping just once. "They're very tender and rare," said friend Terrie Poe. "I like mine well done, but he likes his rare. I always make him cook mine a little more."

Roasts

Although it's hard to beat a perfectly prepared steak for a



romantic holiday dinner for two, premium roasts — ribeye, rib, tenderloin and top loin — are perfect for entertaining larger crowds. Select roasts that are bright cherry red in color without any grayish or brown blotches. They can be stored unopened in the refrigerator three to four days before cooking.

Try dressing up your Christmas or New Year's roast with a seasoning rub prior to roasting. A rub containing liquid such as oil or mustard is sometimes called a "paste." The result of this rub-down is a crusty finish after roasting and a juicy, tender roast. Always prepare these roasts by dry heat: Roasted in

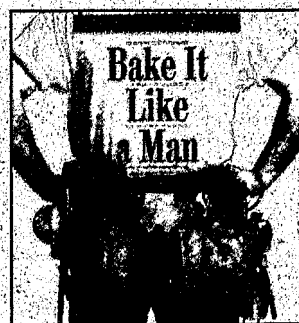
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RUB, CRUST AND PASTE

- **Classic beef rub** — Dried thyme leaves, minced garlic and cracked black pepper.
- **Mustard and parsley crust** — Dijon mustard, fresh bread crumbs and minced parsley combined with fresh herbs, prepared horseradish, wasabi or grated Parmesan cheese.
- **Rosemary-blue cheese crust** — dried or fresh rosemary, chopped walnuts, crumbled blue cheese. Cook roast halfway, press on coating and continue baking.
- **Tropic Island rub** — Minced garlic, chopped jalapeño pepper, chopped fresh ginger, lime juice, brown sugar, dried thyme leaves, salt and ground allspice.
- **Chimichurri paste** — Chopped Italian parsley, olive oil, white vinegar, minced garlic and salt.
- **Bouillon herb paste** — Beef bouillon cube (crushed) or granules, olive oil, fresh or dried herbs.
- **Southwest paste** — Finely chopped dried tomatoes, minced chipotle chiles in adobo sauce, minced garlic and oil.

These rubs are equally good for less expensive roasts, such as round tip, tri-tip or eye round. Eye rounds are particularly good first marinated in red wine, herbs, garlic and onion for six hours or overnight. Prior to roasting, remove from marinade and coat with a mixture of cracked peppercorns (black, white, pink), crushed red pepper and salt.

Source: National Cattlemen's Beef Association



Cookbook for manly taste 'buds'

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
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Is there a cooking-impaired man on your Christmas list?

If so, consider "Bake It Like a Man," an entertaining and practical cookbook that demonstrates the ability to bake, broil and braise has nothing to do with estrogen.

"Life under roofs is centered in the kitchen. It's where humans go for good news and bad, to celebrate birthdays, perform home surgery, and crack pecans," said Irish-born author David Bowers.

"All real human drama takes place in the kitchen. And for too long, it's been the sole domain of woman. But man has an equal right to the place, and it's time he asserted himself domestically."

Yes, guys, it's home-home-on-the-range time.

The index to "Bake It Like a Man" reads like a do-it-yourself home-repair manual: Men and

Please see MANLY, 2



Festive bubbly: Domane Carneros Brut Vintage Millennium magnum bottle is dressed in festive wear with a gold 2000 screened on the front.

Some fizz for holiday bubblics

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Are you planning to open a premium bottle of champagne or sparkling wine this holiday season? Here's some fizz ed.

Joy Sterling, marketing director of her family's Iron Horse Vineyards in Sonoma County, Calif., considers champagne a "subset" of sparkling wine.

"The word champagne is like Kleenex, a brand name that has become part of common speech," she said. "For the purist, Champagne is a geographic region of France, and only wine from there can legitimately be called champagne."

Call it what you will, the real difference between champagne and California sparkling wine is the fruit. California enjoys more sunlight hours, therefore the fruit is richer and more fla-

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for next week:

- Great Pretenders
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Beef from page B1

an oven, uncovered without the addition of water.

Always use a meat thermometer since the internal temperature is the best indicator of doneness. An ovenproof meat thermometer is inserted prior to roasting and remains for the entire cooking time. An instant-read thermometer is not ovenproof; use it toward the end of the cooking time. Insert it long enough to get a temperature reading, about 10 to 15 seconds.

The USDA says beef roasts need only be cooked to medium

rare or an internal temperature of 145 degrees F. Remove the roast when the thermometer reads 10 degrees less than the desired internal temperature.

For example, for medium rare doneness, remove the roast from the oven when the thermometer registers 135 degrees F. For medium doneness, remove the roast when the temperature registers 150 degrees F. During the standing time, the temperature continues to rise to reach the desired doneness.

Every magnificent holiday roast or steak deserves a great side dish or two. Johnson served buttered noodles with thyme and some dressed-up baked beans with his steak. But you can't beat a baked potato and a salad, he said.

When asked if Johnson cleans up after he cooks, Poe snickered a bit. "Is this going in the paper? No, he doesn't clean up. Does he serve himself? No."

See recipes on B3.

Wine from page B1

vorful. Champagnes have subtler fruit elements and often have higher acidity which is masked by sugar added in the dosage at final bottling. California fruit achieves balance naturally on the vine and can therefore be made drier than a number of champagnes.

While technically, it takes only three weeks to get bubbles, by law in the Champagne region, a non-vintage sparkler must be aged 18 months on the yeast in the bottle before disgorging when the yeast sediment is expelled.

Characteristics

Vintage champagne must be aged three years. Longer aging on the yeast in the bottle impacts the three most important characteristics of any bubbly.

■ **Bouquet:** When the cork is popped, you should sense aromas such as freshly risen bread dough, toast or biscuits.

■ **Texture:** The wine should be creamy and rich with a soft bubbling action that lasts a long time in the glass.

■ **Finish:** Never plodding, but always with a lift at the end inviting the next sip.

We personally enjoy champagnes or sparkling wines a year or two after disgorging. In that time, they develop more

richness and palate weight.

That's one of the reasons Iron Horse sparklers appeal to us. The disgorging date is on the bottom right hand side of every label. No guessing how long the wine has been on the shelf.

Champagne should be served chilled from the refrigerator at 40°F or from a champagne bucket filled with half water and ice. Glasses should be either tall flutes or long tulip-shaped. A 750mL bottle serves five glasses.

Plan on two to three glasses per person at a sparkling cocktail party and 2/3 of bottle per person at an all-sparkling wine dinner.

Bubbly styles

Sparklers labeled Blancs de Blancs are almost always 100 percent chardonnay. They are delicate and dry. It is traditional to match them with oysters, smoked salmon, caviar or paté. They pair with soft cheeses, such as brie, goat cheese and gorgonzola.

Non-vintage (NV) bruts represent a producer's style. They are generally blends of chardonnay and pinot noir. Vintage-dated bruts represent the characteristics of a particular year, and are generally only made in top vintages. Both

take to salty foods, such as nuts, thin slices of Parmegiano-Reggiano cheese, prosciutto or freshly-popped popcorn (no kidding).

A sparkler labeled Extra Dry is slightly sweeter than Brut.

A Blanc de Noirs is made from pinot noir and takes to any dish with mushrooms. It's also excellent with game birds, or poached salmon. For dessert or ushering in the millennium in a special way, serve it with chocolate-dipped strawberries and amaze your guests.

A Brut Rosé and rack of lamb is sensational. Sterling says that she likes Brut Rosé with steak or Mediterranean cuisine, including grilled tuna with a tomato, olive oil and garlic sauce. It's her first choice with duck or venison.

A bubbly dubbed tete-de-cuvee is the top wine in that brand.

Champagne or sparkling wine, in a 1.5L bottle, also called a magnum, has the best taste. Domaine Carneros is owned by Taittinger Champagne of France.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Manly from page B1

Meat, Men and Flame, Men and Big Food, Men and Fermentation and Brass Tacks. With practice, any man worth his T-bones can make Spaghetti and Meatboulders (with freshly grated Pecorino Romano or Parmesan cheese, please), Stovetop Deep-Fried Turkey (how manly can you get?), and the artery-busting Cadillac Mac and Cheese.

Although there's an entire chapter devoted to potatoes, this is far more than a meat-and-potatoes cookbook. Bowers goes into detail on the tools and techniques needed to produce just the right dish. Everything starts with a good knife, he says. Or a good cast-iron skillet.

"If I had to choose only one frying pan, this would be it. A seasoned cast iron pan is the most durable and highest-performing cooking utensil you

■ 'Everything starts with a good knife'

can have."

Bowers enhances the basics. A well-cooked steak, he says, needs little to adorn it besides a glass of strong red wine and a baked potato. However, in the chapter "Men and Meat," he includes several sauces — blue cheese, horseradish, mushroom, red wine and herb butter — to improve upon perfection. In the same chapter, he also ventures into Wiener Schnitzel, Roast Pork Loin with Crackling, and Roast Bone-In leg of Lamb with Mint Sauce.

For the man handy with a propane torch, there's a red-hot section on flambéing. "Once you've experienced the thrill of a lick of blue flame flaring

toward the ceiling, you will want to flambé everything," said Bowers. He offers recipes for Whiskey Chicken, Steak Diane, Rotterdam Flaming Bananas, and even Glogg, the "viciously potent" Swedish Christmas punch.

There's even a whole section on baking bread, disproving the old adage, "Man does not live by bread alone." Bowers likes to make his bread by hand. Bread-making machines are for wimps, he believes.

Forget the new circular saw or orbital sander, girls. Don't even think about routers and planers. Get the man in your pantry something you'll both enjoy, "Bake It Like a Man."

David Bowers, an artist and illustrator who lives in New York, "Bake It Like a Man" is published by William Morrow and Co. Inc. and retails for \$16.

Sense from page B1

Q. Can I buy a cheese ball or special cheeses now and freeze them for gifts later?

A. It depends on the variety

of cheese. Hard cheeses such as Cheddar, Swiss, Mozzarella or Colby can be frozen safely, but these cheeses will be drier and

more crumbly after freezing. Only keep cheese frozen for about three months. Thaw in the refrigerator.

Q. What is the liquid measurement of an egg? How do you measure part of an egg?

A. For a recipe that gives a measurement instead of a number, use this rule of thumb:

1 large egg (2 ounces) equals 1/4 cup

1 medium egg (1 3/4 ounces) equals 1/5 cup

1 small egg (1 1/2 ounces) equals 1/6 cup

To use only part of an egg in a recipe that you have to cut in half, beat the egg slightly, measure out about 1 1/2 tablespoons to equal part of an egg.

Q. Why won't my fudge get harder?

A. Fudge that doesn't "set up" hasn't been cooked long enough. Scrape it back into the pan and add a couple of teaspoons of water, keep cooking and stirring. Use a candy thermometer and watch the temperature. Some things cannot be hurried.

Q. How do I use gingerroot?

A. Gingerroot is used just by peeling. It can be sliced, grated or made into a sliver to add to Asian dishes or stir-fry foods.

Q. Are egg substitutes safe in a raw product?

A. Yes, because frozen egg replacers are made from eggs that have undergone pasteurization at temperatures to kill microorganisms. Pasteurization does not cook the egg nor effect its color, flavor or nutrient content. Do not eat raw eggs, you may get sick.

Q. Why do my ice cubes taste funny?

A. Ice cubes get old and lose their freshness just like food. Cold surfaces absorb odor compounds faster than warm ones. Empty the ice cube tray and bin once a week, wash them with soap and water and refill. The ice cubes will taste fresh and not funny.

Q. Can you give me some general baking tips?

A. If your bread or cake browns too quickly, place a small pan of warm water above it in the oven.

■ Pie crust rolls better if it is refrigerated first.

■ Use well chilled margarine to make flaky tender biscuits. Work quickly so that the margarine stays cold.

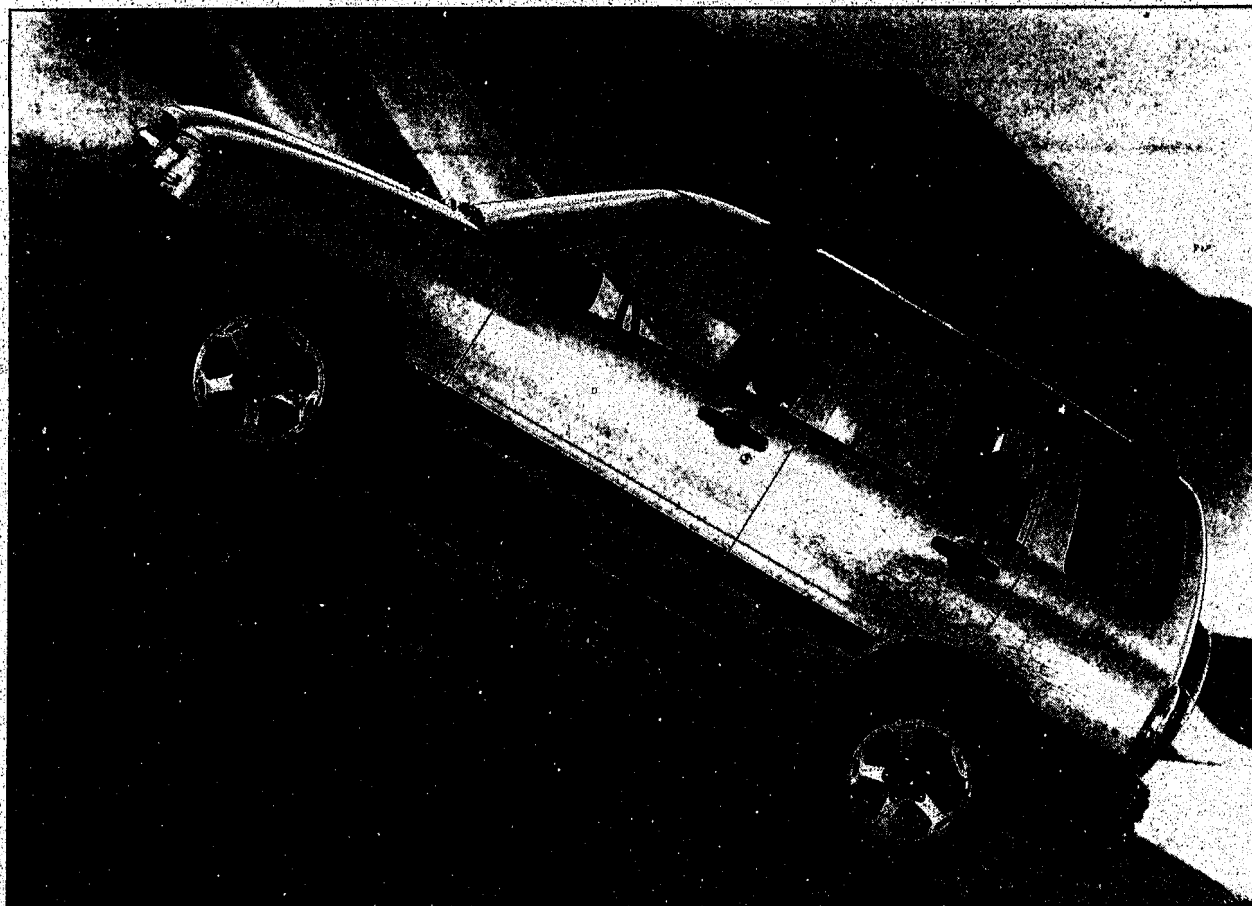
■ For evenly rounded tops on nut breads and muffins, grease baking pans or muffin tins only 1/2-inch up the sides. Do this and the batter clings to the sides instead of sliding back down.

■ To prevent a soggy pie crust, brush the bottom crust of a fruit pie with slightly beaten egg white.

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Fabulous dishes beef up holidays

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David Bowers and Sharon Bowers, authors of "Bake It Like a Man" (William Morrow and Co. Inc. \$16), claim a well-cooked steak needs little more than a glass of strong red wine and a baked potato. But if you're can't resist a sauce, they suggest the following sauces:

Blue cheese sauce: Using a fork, mash a clove of garlic to a paste with 1/4 teaspoon salt in a small bowl. Add 2 tablespoons brandy and blend well. Stir in 3 tablespoons heavy cream and 1 tablespoon olive oil. Gradually beat in 6 ounces of blue cheese, such as Maytag blue, Stilton or Roquefort. Spoon some sauce over each cooked steak and put them under the broiler for just a minute to melt the cheese.

Horseradish sauce: Blend 1 cup sour cream with 1 teaspoon sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, a few grindings of black pepper, 1/4 cup finely grated fresh horseradish (or 1/4 cup prepared horseradish), and the juice of 1/2 lemon. Serve on the side.

Mushroom sauce: Melt 1/4 cup butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add 2 cups thinly sliced mushrooms (white ones are fine, but try the flavorful shiitake, chanterelle, morel or porcine) and 3 minced shallots (or a small onion and a clove of garlic). Sauté about 5 minutes. Add 1/2 cup white wine and simmer over medium heat until the liquid is nearly gone. Add 1 cup beef stock, the juice of 1/2 lemon, and 2 tablespoons chopped parsley. Bring to a boil and spoon over cooked steaks immediately.

Red wine sauce: Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a skillet over low heat and add 1 finely minced garlic clove. Sauté 1 minute, making sure the garlic does not brown. Add 1/2 cup strong red wine, such as a Bordeaux or Cabernet Sauvignon. Bring to a boil and cook until the wine is reduced by half. Add 3/4 cup beef stock, 1 bay leaf, and 1/2 teaspoon coarsely crushed black peppercorns. Return to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Just before serving, whisk in 2 tablespoons butter.

Herb butter: Blend 1/2 cup softened butter with 1 teaspoon dried mustard, 1 minced garlic clove, 2 tablespoons each of fresh, finely chopped parsley, tarragon and chives; a few grindings of black pepper; and a splash of cognac or brandy. Place a dollop of the butter on top of each hot steak just before serving.

STEAK DIANE

2 6-ounce sirloin or strip steaks
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon olive oil
3 tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons cognac
3 shallots, minced
2 tablespoons medium-dry sherry
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

With a mallet, pound each steak until it's about 1/4 inch thick. Season well with salt and pepper on each side. Heat a cast-iron skillet over high heat for several minutes. It should be very hot. Add the olive oil and 2 tablespoons of the butter. Seconds later, as soon as the butter is melted, slap in the steaks. Sear them for about 40 seconds on each side.

Very carefully, because the pan already is so hot, pour in the cognac and ignite it with a match. When the flames die down, remove the steaks to a warm serving platter and cover.

Reduce the heat under the skillet and add the remaining tablespoon of butter and the shallots. Cook, stirring occasionally, until they are transparent, 4 to 5 minutes. Stir in the sherry, mustard, Worcestershire and lemon juice. Heat until ingredients boil.

Pour the sauce over the steaks on the warm platter and garnish with the chopped parsley. Serve immediately.

Recipe from "Bake It Like a Man."

MEDITERRANEAN BEEF PINWHEELS

3/4 pound well-trimmed deli roast beef, thinly sliced
1 container (8 ounces) soft cream cheese with chives and onions
4 large (10-inch) flour tortillas
1 cup finely chopped, seeded cucumber
1 cup pitted, chopped Kalamata or ripe olives.

Spread cheese evenly over one side of each tortilla. Top with equal amounts of cucumber and olives. Layer deli roast beef over olives, leaving 1/2-inch border around edge. Roll up tightly and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or up to 4 hours before serving. To serve, cut each roll crosswise into 8 slices. Makes 32 appetizers.

Recipe compliments of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association

EFFORTLESS BEEF PROVENCAL APPETIZERS

1 package (about 2 pounds) fully cooked boneless beef pot roast with gravy
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed

1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 15-piece packages (2.1 ounces each) prebaked frozen mini phyllo shells
Chopped parsley

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Remove beef pot roast from package and transfer gravy to large saucepan. Shred enough beef with 2 forks to measure 2 cups. Add to gravy. Reserve remaining beef for another use.

Add thyme and pepper to saucepan. Cover and cook over medium-low heat 7 to 10 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Place phyllo shells on baking sheet. Bake at 375 degrees 5 to 8 minutes or until hot. Spoon beef mixture evenly into phyllo shells and sprinkle with fresh parsley. Makes 30 appetizers.

Frozen puff pastry shells may be substituted for the phyllo shells.

Recipe compliments of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association

BEEF & PISTACHIO PATÉ

2 pounds lean ground beef
1 cup soft bread crumbs
1/2 cup shelled unsalted pistachio nuts
1/2 cup chopped onion
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1 egg, slightly beaten
1/4 cup brandy
1/4 cup heavy cream
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon cracked black pepper
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
Vegetable cooking spray
Thin slices of French bread

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, combine beef, bread crumbs, nuts, onion, garlic, parsley, egg, brandy, cream, salt, pepper and thyme. Mix lightly but thoroughly. Lightly spray bottom of 9 x 5 loaf pan with cooking spray. Press mixture into pan and cover tightly with aluminum foil. Place in 13 x 9 baking pan and transfer to middle rack of oven. Carefully pour hot water into outer pan until water reaches halfway up loaf pan. Bake 1-1/2 hours.

Cool slightly and carefully pour off drippings. To weight paté, place heavy cans into a second 9x5 loaf pan. Cover paté loosely with foil and place loaf pan with cans on top of paté. Refrigerate overnight.

To serve, loosen sides of paté with knife, invert onto serving platter or wrap tightly and refrigerate up to 2 days. Cut crosswise into thin slices, then cut each slice in half. Serve with French bread. Makes about 80 slices.

Recipe compliments of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association

Make ahead appetizers fit for New Year's Eve

The last thing you need on the last day of the millennium is the stress of slaving in the kitchen as you prepare for a New Year's Eve extravaganza.

There was never a better time for make-ahead appetizers - treats so special and so nutritious that they're a perfect way to welcome the 21st century.

Avoid the last minute frenzy by preparing, combining and cooking most everything ahead of time. The key is selecting recipes that allow for a comfortable sequence of preparation and that store well in the freezer or refrigerator. It helps to include one or two items that keep well at room temperature, such as snack mixes.

Vegetables add color and nutrition to a holiday buffet. Try elegant asparagus bites, made by cutting asparagus on the diagonal in 1-1/2-inch sections, boiling for two minutes, then tossing in a mixture of soy sauce, olive oil and sugar. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Or, serve celery boats stuffed with a mixture of light cream cheese, grated low-fat cheddar, raisins, chopped orange, grated orange peel and minced scallions.

Marinated veggies are always a hit. Marinate artichoke hearts and cherry tomatoes for up to 24 hours in a mixture of fat-free chicken broth, olive oil, thinly sliced green onion tops, lemon juice, apple cider vinegar, dried thyme leaves, basil and a bit of salt.

Don't forget the legumes. Make red bean hummus by combining garlic cloves, drained and rinsed canned red beans, and a little sesame oil and ground cumin. Process in a food processor or blender until smooth. Chill until party time and serve with pita wedges.

What's a buffet without canapés? Spread a pureed mix-



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Appetizer: Salmon Spread can be made a day in advance and kept chilled until your guests arrive.

ture of red bell pepper, black olives, olive oil and balsamic vinegar on garlic rounds. Or, mix cooked crabmeat, low-fat sour cream, chopped scallions and black pepper and spread on cucumber slices, then sprinkle with paprika.

Fruit kabobs can be pre-made and refrigerated until the last minute. Skewer seedless red grapes, pineapple chunks, mandarin orange segments and strawberry halves. Serve with a pineapple dip made with plain, nonfat yogurt, honey, minced fresh gingerroot and canned, crushed pineapple with juice.

Dips and spreads are always popular and usually benefit from advance preparation to allow the flavors to meld. Salmon Spread can be made a day in advance and kept chilled until your guests arrive.

SALMON SPREAD

15 ounces canned red salmon, well drained, with bones and skin pieces removed

4 ounces dry curd cottage cheese
4 ounces light cream cheese, softened
2 teaspoons onion, finely chopped
1-1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/4 teaspoon white pepper
1/4 teaspoon dried dill
1/4 tsp. dried chives

In a food processor, blender or with an electric mixer, blend together all ingredients until smooth and creamy. Fold into serving dish. Chill several hours before serving. Garnish with parsley or dill. Can be made a day in advance. Makes 2 cups.

Nutrition information: Each tablespoon of spread contains 31 calories and 2 grams of fat.

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FRANK PROVENZANO

Searching for a balance between literal and abstract

There's a thin layer of ice on the small, spring-fed pond outside of Patrick McCay's 150-year-old farmhouse in Franklin.

While he could rather easily capture the stillness with a brush, paint and canvas, McCay resists the temptation to replicate the image of early winter.

The notion of mere landscape painting doesn't hold McCay's attention. And it's not because he couldn't create a striking representation on canvas.

During his formal education at the Glasgow School of Art in the early 1970s, McCay learned painting from the portraitist who claims a hefty fee for his renditions of Britain's Royal Family.

A portrait that McCay hurriedly painted of a female student leans against the wall in his studio. He picks it up, noting that it only took about 45-minutes to capture the expression of his subject.

He knows that he, too, could probably be attracting big money painting portraits of the rich and famous.

But for now, McCay sets down the portrait and turns to his own work. His style, he explains, is somewhere between the literal and abstract.

A striking chord

Whether in the academic world or as he stands before a canvas, McCay faces the challenge confronted by every contemporary artist: How do

you create something truly original?

"Everything that can be done has been done to a canvas," he said, staring at a

What: Piano Paintings by Patrick McCay
Where: 20 N. Gallery, 20 N. St. Clair, Toledo, Ohio, (419) 241-2400
When: Through Friday, Jan. 7



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Play of light: Patrick McCay in his studio in Franklin

series of his latest lushly painted work inspired by the form of a piano. "I really don't know anyone who's doing this."

Originality is only one of the features of McCay's recent work, currently on exhibit at a gallery in Toledo. He refers to his canvases as having "residual references" and "clues" to draw the viewer into his work.

"When people make connections, there's an energy about the work," he said.

Too literal and people will look past the paint and think they're staring at a photo. Too abstract and people will feel disaffected. Somewhere in between, he hopes, there's a connection with the artist.

McCay granted rights to the image from his painting, "Concerto in Red," to be used for a scholarly book about piano compositions. And recently, he's been contacted by people from the Baldwin piano company for a painting to hang in their corporate headquarters.

The piano motif, he admits, has struck a popular chord. (Fun not

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Lessons from 1999

WHERE THERE'S ART...THERE'S A STORY

BY FRANK PROVENZANO • STAFF WRITER
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Year after year, there's no disproving the notion that everyone has a story to tell. Any journalist worth a paycheck can find a story by scratching away and asking a few probing questions. To find a person willing to sit down and talk honestly about their lives, however, shouldn't be taken for granted.

The following are some of the people whose stories appeared in the Arts & Leisure section during the last 12 months. Some of them challenged us with their views, others inspired us with their stories. All of them, for one reason or another, had a lesson to offer. And for a brief moment in galleries, offices, living rooms and coffee shops, they opened their lives and talked about what was beyond their yearning to explore their chosen art. Thanks for the stories and coffee.

—Frank Provenzano, Staff Writer

People of the Year

Monsignor Anthony Tocco of St. Hugo of the Hills, Rev. Norman Pritchard of Kirk in the Hills, and Rabbi Daniel Syme of Temple Beth El who joined together to raise money for the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival. The three not only inspire their congregations, but when together prove to have uncanny comedic timing.

Lesson: Appreciate cultural and religious differences.

Stewart Francke, songwriter, who struggled to overcome his year-long illness from leukemia. Francke established a nonprofit to help raise money and awareness for those who can't afford a bone-marrow transplant. In the meantime, he wrote and produced a new album, "Swimming in Mercury."

Lesson: Character is the most noble attribute.

Barbara Verdugo, Susan Frye and other parents behind the Oakland Youth Orchestra, whose organization offers opportunities for students to learn about music. Members are from 31 local high schools. Not a single note would be played if it weren't for parents coming together to write press releases, and raise money.

Lesson: Sacrifice made for kids is its own reward. Geoffrey Sherman,



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Singer-songwriter Stewart Francke



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Marlowe Belanger, retired manager of the Southfield Centre for the Arts



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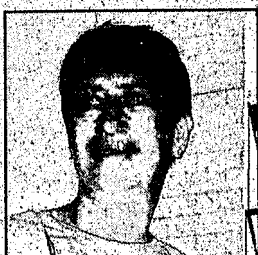
Author Loren Estleman former artistic director at Meadow Brook Theatre, who tried valiantly to produce compelling, socially relevant dramas, but couldn't convince conservative-minded ticket holders. Born and raised in England, Sherman never flinched in maintaining the British trademark — a stiff upper lip.

Lesson: When things don't go your way, maintain your composure.

Marlowe Belanger, retired manager of the Southfield Centre for the Arts. Over two decades, few others demonstrated the commitment and energy to make the arts more central to our day-to-day lives. Never one to shy away from fighting for the arts, Belanger embodied professionalism and courtesy.

Lesson: Yes, there still is a place for decency.

Elaine Gurian, interim director of the Cranbrook Institute of Science. When Gurian talks, her eyes twinkle. In her brief tenure, she knew exactly what was needed at the institute. "I



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Elaine Gurian, former interim director of Cranbrook Institute of Science



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Sculptor Joseph Wesner



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Artist Leslie Masters just want people to feel welcome here."

Lesson: No matter the enterprise, it's always about people.

Nora Mendoza of West Bloomfield, recipient of a Governors' Award for her contributions as a fine artist, educator and arts advocate. If Caesar Chavez could've picked up a paint brush to communicate his advocacy on behalf of migrant workers, it would've looked like a Mendoza painting.

Lesson: Still waters run deep.

Glen Mannisto, editor of "trait," the newly established literary quarterly. Mannisto, a longtime arts writer and poet, set out to defy the odds. He worked around-the-clock because he believed that readers who actually buy a well-written, thoughtful arts journal.

Lesson: Behind every "art" are people working tirelessly to perpetuate the artform.

Joseph Wesner, sculptor and teacher at Center for Creative Studies. Wesner,

who looks more like a wrestler than a sensitive artist, doggedly pursues meaning in art. For Wesner, there are no "chance" meanings in his sculptures. His intent and sincerity continue to inspire students and arts writers.

Lesson: Art should be appreciated by everyone.

Leslie Masters, one of the most influential art teachers in the region. The 40-year retrospective of Masters work at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center was appropriately entitled, "Beyond the Rainbow."

Lesson: Creating a meaningful life is the greatest work of art.

Heidi Van Arnhem of Birmingham, founder of I-CAN, an online resource for people with disabilities. Van Arnhem, a quadriplegic after a shooting accident 17 years ago, is an gun control advocate. She dedicates herself to alleviating the inconveniences for those with disabilities.

Lesson: Never give up.

Eileen Monteiro of West Bloomfield, whose paintings were on exhibit at the African American Museum in August. From still life to depictions of Somalian children, Monteiro infused her work with a refreshing honesty. "I see myself in my work."

Lesson: Beautiful spirit translates into beautiful work.

Louis G. Spisto, former president of the Detroit Symphony, who headed back to his New York City roots to head the American Ballet Theatre. In a year-and-a-half, Spisto energized the DSO programming and concert schedule, while deflating elitist attitudes.

Lesson: Music is the universal language.

Graham Beal, new director of the DIA. Despite the protestations of censorship from the artist of a "shock art" exhibit, Beal stood his ground, and essentially pointed the spotlight at the purpose and emptiness of derivative shock art.

Lesson: To understand contemporary art, study art history.

The Callaghan-Lynch Clan who got together for a St. Patrick's Day concert and did what they usually do — sing, laugh and honor their familial relationships. That's a lot of singing and laughing from an immediate family that includes 18 siblings.

Lesson: A close family makes the best harmony.

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Cherished fairy tale presented as opera

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As best as Dina Kessler can recall, the idea for her and Patricia Willington to start Great Lakes Lyric Opera was when both were on a bus ride through the upper peninsula while touring with the Michigan Opera Theatre's traveling company.

"I think I looked at Pat and said, 'Why don't we have this on our area?'" said Kessler of Royal Oak.

That query planted the seed for the family-oriented opera company that makes its premier on Tuesday, Dec. 21, with a performance of the classic children's tale, "Hansel and Gretel," at the Southfield Centre for the Arts.

"We'll be performing it in English rather than German. We'd like the audience to get exposed to the music without having to pay attention to subtitles," said Kessler, who plays Gretel to Willington's Hansel.

The 1893 Engelbert Humperdinck play was also chosen because it's often performed around Christmas, has a small cast and can easily be cut down to an hour to accommodate shorter attention spans.

"We're also pointing out lessons like don't talk to strangers, obey your parents and how to work together with siblings to solve a problem. The play is old, but the message is timeless," said Kessler.

It's a little scary, too. The witch, Pamela Schiffer of Rochester, plays the part with a combination of humor and fright. The set, costumes and props are also expected to be quite lively.

Both Kessler, a featured performer with the Michigan Bach Festival, and Southfield resident Willington, who has appeared with opera companies throughout England, Belgium and the United States, are veteran singers and performers in the Detroit area.

The duo plans to put on two or three shows a year, including adult operas. By spring, they hope to hold auditions for their next production. They expect to take the current production of "Hansel and Gretel" into Detroit schools.

Willington's brother, John Giaier, who owns a production company, provided an initial sum to get the company started. And Kessler plans on applying for grants as soon as their first production is behind them.

"We're not in this to make a lot of money," said Kessler.

Starting an opera company in the northern suburbs was a way that both Kessler and Willington could stay near their young children, keep performing and have control over the production.

"That's what it's all about," said Kessler. "We're doing what we want to do."

What: "Hansel and Gretel," a holiday musical presented by the Great Lakes Lyric Opera

When: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21
Where: Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield

Tickets: General admission \$5. Recommended for children over 5 years old. Call (248) 424-9022

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J. Geils promises nothin' but ultimate Y2K House Party

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Disclaimer: This reporter is an unabashed, in-your-face J. Geils fan. Yes, he knows every word of Peter Wolf's rapping song introductions.

Forget Y2K! New Year's Eve 1999 is going to produce D.K. and a whole lot more.

Bassist Danny Klein and the other five members of the greatest party band in the land — the one, the only J. Geils Band — will rock in the millennium like only they can on New Year's Eve at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Rocking with the likes of vocalist and front man Peter Wolf, guitarist J. Geils, harmonica player Magic Dick, keyboardist Seth Justman, D.K. and new drummer Sim Cain has always produced unmatched party-hardy excitement.

This one promises to surpass the rest.

What: J. Geils Band with special guest the Romantics in concert
When: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31
Where: The Palace of Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills (East of I-75)
Tickets: \$99.50, \$79.50, \$59.50 and \$19.99 reserved (kids age 16 and under admitted free with purchase of ticket by an adult, one child per adult), call (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com



Rockin' in 2000: The J. Geils Band looks a bit older, but don't dare tell them that they've mellowed.

"We are totally focused on rocking the city of Detroit," said Justman, taking time out during a recent rehearsal.

"We're committed to rock the Motor City because we have special appreciation for our fans there."

"We know Detroit is just a great music city with a lot of crazy fans and we wouldn't want to be anywhere else on New Year's Eve."

Reuniting for a mini tour last summer after 17 years of going in different directions, the band found out they still contained the hard-driving energy and enthusiasm that rocked the world for millions of their loyal fans.

"It's like we never left," said Klein when asked about being back together on stage for the first time since 1983. "We just wanted to play together again."

And play together they did as three sold out July shows at Pine Knob brought back memories of the late '70s and early '80s when five and six consecutive nights of electrifying, dancing on the ceiling, dancing on floor bluesy rock 'n' roll kept everyone coming through the door.

It was always, as only Wolf can command, a House Party.

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Nancy Mitchnick, who returned to the area to juror the Michigan Fine Arts Competition. The one-time Cass Corridor artist isn't shy to state her opinions. But it was her refreshing honesty that left an indelible mark on this past year's arts competition.

Lesson: Honesty is a prerequisite for artistry.

Members of the writers group that has met at Mary Ann Verdi-Hus' home in Beverly Hills for the last 20 years. "This is our water cooler," said author Loren Estleman, one of the members of the group.

Lesson: Writers live in a solitary community.

Lucius Theus, president of the Southfield Federation of Arts, was adamant about the fundamental role of the arts in enhancing the quality of life. A former general, Theus came to metro Detroit as a high-ranking exec at Bendix Corp. "Business has a responsibility to their employees, and having art in the work environment is necessary

to round out one's life."

Lesson: Everything is connected.

David Popa of Birmingham, who might be the hardest working gallery owner in the area. By day, Popa is a project manager at Drucker Research. By night and on weekends, he plans exhibits at Galerie Blu in Pontiac. "I keep telling myself, 'Do what you love.'"

Lesson: Follow your heart.

Larry Smith of Bloomfield Hills, who chaired the Concours d'Elegance art auction committee. Smith defined his standard for a four-wheel work of art as "Drop-dead gorgeous," as in a sporty silver Porsche.

Lesson: Love of art isn't constrained to traditional artforms.

Kitty Dubin, always one to recognize a good story. The Birmingham playwright was a finalist in the Turnip Theatre's Fifth Annual 15-minute play festival. Despite the paucity of opportunities for local playwrights, Dubin continues to flourish both as an artist and

teacher.

Lesson: Write for yourself.

Donna Anderson, who left a lucrative career with IBM to pursue her love of art. Her gallery of African artifacts and historical textiles has recently relocated to downtown Birmingham.

Lesson: Remember...history.

Gay Rubin of Birmingham told of how she overcame the insecurities of being a "secret writer." In the last few years, Rubin has emerged as one of the most often-published short-story writers in the area.

Lesson: Persistence pays off.

Rich Rhan of Bloomfield Hills, who took a simple expression, "Duh!" and turned it into a book of personal growth. Rhan's book, "Evolve Yourself," opens with a quote from Dante and Jefferson Airplane. After years of struggle, the biggest influence of the book was probably on the author himself.

Lesson: The subject of every book is its author.

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intended.)

Pretty straight

In these days of "anything goes" in the art world, McCay believes that his greatest challenge as a teacher is to help students at the Center of Creative Studies — where he's associate dean — stay away from clever and derivative alternatives.

"Whether students are in animation, interior design, fine art or digital media, there's a common denominator — we're all visual artists. We're all looking to get beyond the obvious."

In some ways, McCay is from the old school, where technical ability comes before conceptual talent. "The discipline and technical merit come first."

He doesn't hold back his views about the fleeting ideas pushed around by many contemporary artists. "If an artist works with chicken wire and chicken vomit,

well, okay, then what? What's it about?"

While his paintings are both literal and abstract, McCay's language is straightforward. "Probably because I was raised in Scotland," he said. "Scots are pretty straight about a lot of stuff."

Finding his way

The rolling hills of Franklin aren't quite the rugged highlands of western Scotland where McCay grew up. But there's no mistaking the solitude it provides for McCay, and his wife, Jennifer Muir, a staff member at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Two months after moving to Franklin from Indian Village on Detroit's east side, McCay is still finding his way around the two-acre property.

Inside the living quarters, he proudly points out an antique

porcelain sink still in use in the kitchen. And he's quick to offer a tour of the barn, where the smell of horses is ingrained in the wooden floors and walls.

As soon as he makes his first million, he promises himself, he'll renovate the old barn into a studio.

But it's outside, as he imagines the impending changes to the natural landscape, when it becomes clear that McCay's pursuit of merging the literal with the abstract isn't a mere academic concept.

For a moment, being an artist and teacher are inseparable. "Working with students, it's like you're feeding them, and they're feeding you."

Like a spring-fed pond that turns still in early winter.

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Geils from page B4

"We've always had a special love affair with Detroit," said Justman.

"There is a real appreciation from the band that connects us with our fans in Detroit. They give us the energy we need and we go out and give 150 percent and try to leave it all on stage."

Look for the never-say-I've-heard-them-enough classics like "Give It To Me," "Whammer

Jammer/Hard Driving Man," and "Detroit Breakdown" to propel the evening into a frenzy.

And, oh yes, don't forget to save enough energy to join in on "Centerfold," "Freeze-Frame" or "Just Can't Stop Me."

Any new music?

"We have some new ideas, but right now they're in the think tank," Justman said.

That's OK because bringing

back the favorites makes all J. Geils fans feel like they "Just Can't Wait."

Hitting the stage prior to the J. Geils Band will be another local favorite, Detroit's own Romantics.

Editor's Note: Jim Toth has been preparing for the concert by dancing in halls and continually singing "Detroit Breakdown." Not a pretty sight.

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New kids' books make great gifts

VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Want to make this final Christmas of the century truly memorable for that special youngster on your list? Any of the following books will prove to be a gift that continues giving, even as we move into the next millennium.

"Sector 7," by David Wiesner (Clarion Books, \$16).

This enchanting picture book by the author/illustrator of "June 29, 1999" contains not a single word of text, but is nonetheless an extraordinary literary experience. Ever engaging, sometimes comical, and ultimately moving, "Sector 7" shows us an imaginative schoolboy who, on a "field trip" with his class visits the Empire State Building's observation deck. There, he meets a companionable cumulus who whisks him away to Sector 7, a magical place in the sky where clouds are designed and manufactured.

The concluding scenes of this book are truly exceptional both in themselves and in how they are exquisitely linked to the preceding pages.

"Knock at a Star: A Child's Introduction to Poetry," by X.J. Kennedy and Dorothy M. Kennedy, illustrated by Karen Lee Baker (Little, Brown and Co., \$10.95).

This newly-revised edition of "Knock at a Star" is all about the delights of words and word-play. In sections titled "What Do Poems Do?," "What's Inside a Poem?," "Special Kinds of Poetry," and "Do It Yourself," kids can enjoy becoming better versed with verse.

From anonymously written nonsense rhymes to the works of such greats as John Updike, William Carlos Williams, Robert Frost, Michigan's Theodore Roethke, and many more, this well-organized anthology more than lives up to its subtitle. Best of all, it's a book the entire family can savor together.

"The Very Noisy Night," by Diana Hendry, illustrated by Jane Chapman (Dutton, \$15.99).

Little Mouse is trying to be brave, but the wind is making a frightful racket. Ditto for that spooky old owl, and a "burglar" bent on breaking into the tiny mouse house (said "burglar" is a tree limb, scratching at a window). Big Mouse ultimately succeeds in providing just the right touch of cozy comfort, however, and all ends happily in this charming bedtime mouse tale.

There's definitely nothing mousy about Chapman's artwork. It's as colorful and fun to look at as your granny's crazy quilt.

"Here Comes Mother Goose," edited by Iona Opie, illustrated by Rosemary Wells (Candlewick Press, \$21.99).

In this fat volume, Wells' lively artwork adds new punch and pizzazz to such classic favorites as "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary," "Pease Porridge Hot," "As I Was Going to St. Ives," and "Bobby Shaftoe."

Some verses — such as "What Are Little Girls Made of?" — have been freshened with a contemporary twist. Throughout, the zany cast of characters is headed up by dozens of our furred and feathered friends: Ducks, chicks, hamsters, kittens, bunnies, and (of course) geese abound.

"The Gargoyle on the Roof," by Jack Prelutsky, illustrated by Peter Sis (Greenwillow Books, \$16).

Though tiny tots may be spooked (especially at bedtime), older kids will probably find this inventive collection a spine-tingling, rib-tickling delight. In verses like "Mother Gargoyle's Lullaby," "Bugaboo," "My Sister is a Werewolf," and "A Vampire Speaks of Grooming," Prelutsky displays his wonderful way with weird. Sis' oddly tinted illustrations add yet another turn to the bizarre bill, and hit the spot precisely.

"The Birchbark House," by Louise Erdrich (Hyperion, \$14.99).

A National Book Award finalist, "The Birchbark House" tells the engrossing story of an Ojibwa girl growing up in the Lake Superior region in the mid-19th century.

For the legions who enjoyed Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House on the Prairie," this book may hold special appeal. It is Erdrich's ("Love Medicine") first novel for young readers.

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BOOK SIGNING

The authors of "The Conversation Piece" will appear at the Northville Barnes and Noble store to sign copies of their new book. Bret Nicholas and Paul Lowrie will be at the store 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. The book contains trivia questions and interesting facts that make great conversa-

tion starters. The store is located at Haggerty and Six Mile Road.

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Noted author Carla Harryman will be the next speaker in the Oakland Community College Writers Live Series, Tuesday, Jan. 18. The program begins at 7 p.m. in the

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Classic cagers

Versatility is trademark of '99 All-Area girls hoop team

BY JIM TOTH
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Scoring, rebounding, ball-handling and defense — the ingredients needed to be a well-rounded basketball player — were evident on area courts during the 1999 girls high school basketball season.

Spearheaded by Suzanne Morrison of Class B state champion Birmingham-Detroit Country Day, and Miss Basketball finalists Liz Holbrook of Oxford and Rochester's Paige Harris, this 1999 Eccentric All-Area Girls Basketball Team features individuals schooled in every aspect of the game.

Following is a brief profile of each player named to the first three teams, as selected by a panel of area coaches:

FIRST TEAM

CRYSTAL ANDREWS, Birmingham Marian: A 5-10 senior, the versatile Andrews helped her teammates advance all the way to the state quarterfinals. She had an outstanding season despite the fact she was double- and sometimes triple-teamed in most games. The four-year varsity performer averaged 16.3 points and 7.4 rebounds per outing.

"She has played a lot of positions for us," Marian coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone said. "She's versatile,

always plays hard and was a subtle leader."

LISA COPELAND, West Bloomfield: Versatility on the court has made Copeland a special contributor to the Lakers program the past three years. Taking over point guard duties in '99, the 5-10 junior led the Lakers in scoring (15.6), rebounding and assists. She had a high-game of 33 points and strung together 33 consecutive free throws during a stretch of the season.

"She asserted herself more offensively this season," West Bloomfield coach Lance Davis said. "We moved her to point guard and she really took charge of the team."

PAIGE HARRIS, Rochester: Moving up from third team to second team and now to first team over the past three seasons, the 5-10 senior, who signed early with University of Massachusetts, culminated a stellar four-year career by averaging 14 points, 5.5 steals and five assists per contest. Consistency helped the two-year captain topple the 1,000-point career mark. Harris finished 11th in the voting for Miss Basketball.

"We had a great run with her in the lineup for four years," Rochester coach Tom Hawes said. "She worked hard the entire time and really improved this year taking the ball to the hole."

LIZ HOLBROOK, Oxford: Signing on with Clemson, the 6-1 senior, who played two seasons with the 23-1 Wildcats after moving in from Georgia, owned the post position by averaging 22.9 points, 10.9 rebounds, 3.9 steals and 2.6 blocks per contest. She connected on 50 percent of her tries from the floor and 73 percent of her free throws in 22 games, and finished 10th in the Miss Basketball voting.

TANIA MOE, Troy Athens: A part of the Red Hawks program the past four seasons, including the last three as a starter, Moe culminated a stellar prep career as the school's scoring leader (963 points) and second in assists (317).

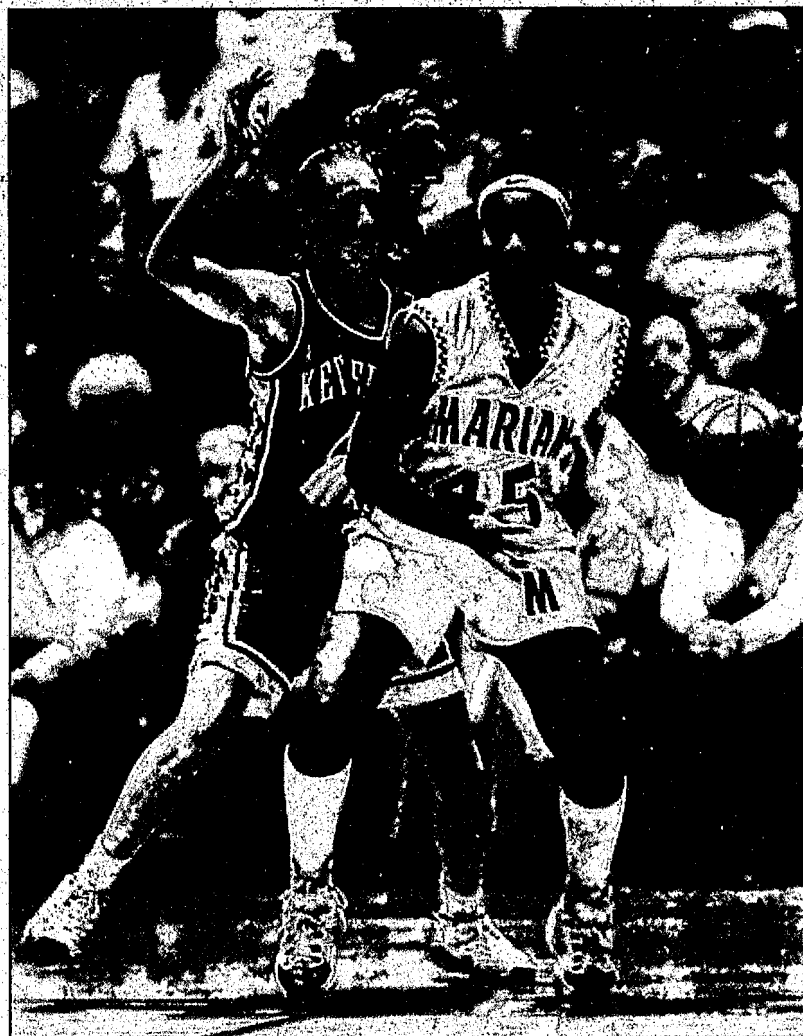
"She's a solid player," Athens coach Joe Clinton said. "She hit a lot of big shots for us. We'll miss her next year."

SUZANNE MORRISON, Birmingham-Detroit Country Day: A force at both ends of the court, the 6-0 junior forward drained 58 percent of her field goal attempts and 75 percent of her free throws to average 16 points and 8.2 rebounds for the championship season. A three-year varsity performer, Morrison garnered All-State Third Team honors.

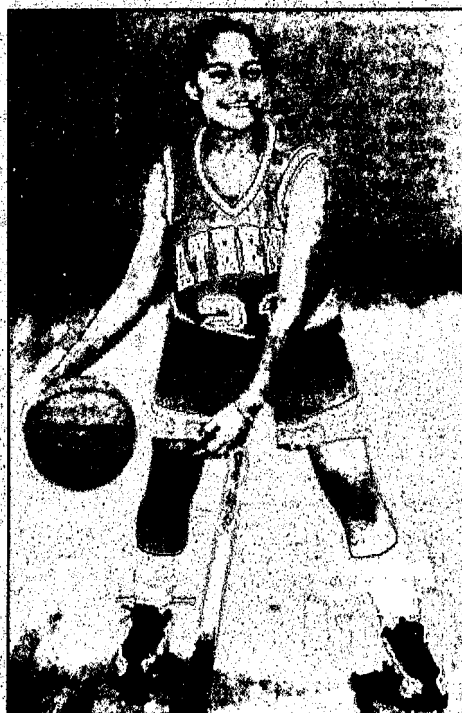
"She just had an excellent year," DCD coach Frank Orlando said. "Her offensive rebounding was outstanding and she just became a tough player to defend."

SECOND TEAM

JEN KRISTENSEN, West Bloomfield: After transferring in for her final two years of high school play, the 5-7 Kristensen became an integral part in the Lakers success. The '99 campaign saw Kristensen connect on 41 percent of her 3-point attempts and toss in 14.4 points per game.



Crystal Andrews - Birmingham Marian



Tania Moe - Troy Athens



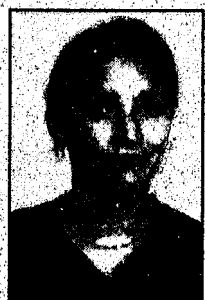
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Jen Kristensen
West Bloomfield



Amber Mazza
Birmingham Marian



Sara Potts
Rochester



Vanessa Thompson
Bloomfield Hills Lahser



Becky Thura
Birmingham Groves

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"She stepped up a lot and became more vocal in the structure of our team," Davis said. "She was a real leader."

AMBER MAZZA, Birmingham Marian: The Mustangs' 6-1 junior held down the post position in her second season of varsity play. Extending her shooting range, Mazza was able to net eight points per game, in addition to hauling down seven rebounds per contest.

"Amber really worked hard and stepped up her overall game," Lillie-Cicerone said.

SARA POTTS, Rochester: Improvement on both ends of the court allowed the Falcons' 5-11 junior forward to bag a team-leading 17 points and snare nine rebounds per outing.

"Sara extended her shooting range to create more shots and became tougher to defend," Hawes said. "We'll look for her to be the leader next year."

VANESSA THOMPSON, Bloomfield Hills Lahser: One of the area's best ball-handlers, the Knights' 5-6 point guard set a single-season school record with 130 assists, including 14 in a game against Oak Park. A three-year varsity player, the Knights captain connected on 40 percent of her attempts from the field and 76 percent from the four line in averaging 11 points per game.

"She loves basketball and works hard," Lahser coach Chris Drogosch said. "She sees the court very well and just improved her all-around game."

BECKY THURAU, Birmingham Groves: Competing in her second season of varsity play, the 6-3 junior became comfortable with her all-around game to average nine points, 10 rebounds and three blocks per game for the 16-5 Falcons.

"She's tremendous," Groves coach Don Colpaert

said of Thura. "She has high expectations of herself and I think that helped lead her success."

KIM WILBURN, Birmingham-Detroit Country Day: A sophomore with an all-around game any senior would cherish, the 5-6 backcourt phenom converted the decisive basket in the Yellow Jackets thrilling finals win over Flint Powers. In her second season of varsity play, Wilburn averaged 15 points, five steals and four rebounds per contest. Included in her efforts was a state-record nine steals in a championship game.

"She is very skilled going to the basket and has worked hard to improve her outside shot," Orlando said. "She can really create a lot of opportunities."

THIRD TEAM

KATIE BRADACS, Auburn Hills Avondale: The Yellow Jackets senior captain, a starter for three-plus seasons, led her teammates in scoring (12), rebounding (6) and blocked shots. Handling duties at nearly every position on the floor, Bradacs also found time to collect three steals per game.

DAWN MAYNARD, Lake Orion: A 5-11 sophomore forward, Maynard contributed 11 points and 9.6 rebounds for the 7-15 Dragons in her first full season of varsity play. Among Maynard's totals was a 24-point, 21-rebound outburst in the district semifinals against Pontiac Northern.

"Dawn is a very athletic kid who runs the floor well and improved her all-around game as the season went along," said Lake Orion coach Steve Roberts. "Both athletically and mentally, she has the potential to be one of the best-ever at Lake Orion."

ERIN KUHLE, Rochester Adams: Only a

sophomore, the Highlanders' backcourt star earned team MVP honors by leading her teammates in scoring (12 points) and assists (3.2), while finishing second in rebounding (7.2). Kuhl improved her shooting range to drain 41 percent of her 3-point attempts.

"Erin was one of those kids who got better as the season went on," Adams coach Fran Scislowicz said. "She sees the court very well and became much better on the defensive end."

CHIZZY NWANKO, Troy Athens: The Red Hawks' 5-6 junior forward, in her second season as starter, used her quickness to contribute 9.8 points and 8.7 rebounds to the season-long effort.

"Chizzy got better and better as the year went on," Clinton said. "She's an extremely versatile, athletic player and a great team leader."

HEATHER ROBBINS, West Bloomfield: A four-year starter and two-year captain for the Lakers, the 5-11 Robbins contributed 11 points per

1999 ECCENTRIC ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	YEAR	POSITION
Crystal Andrews	B'ham Marian	5-10	Senior	Forward
Lisa Copeland	West Bloomfield	5-10	Junior	Guard
Paige Harris	Rochester	5-10	Senior	Guard
Liz Holbrook	Oxford	6-1	Senior	Center
Tania Moe	Troy Athens	5-5	Senior	Guard
Suzanne Morrison	Country Day	6-0	Junior	Forward

Coach of the Year

Ray Robinson	W. Mott	10th Season
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SECOND TEAM

Birmingham-Detroit Country Day - Kim Wilburn, 5-8 soph. PG; **Birmingham Groves** - Becky Thura, 6-3 Jr. C; **BH Lahser** - Vanessa Thompson, 5-6 sr. PG; **Birmingham Marian** - Amber Mazza; **Rochester** - Sara Potts, 5-11 Jr. F; **West Bloomfield** - Jen Kristensen, 5-7 sr. G.

THIRD TEAM

Rochester Adams - Erin Kuhl, 5-9 soph. G; **Troy Athens** - Chizzy Nwanko, 5-6 Jr. F; **Auburn Hills Avondale** - Katie Bradacs, 5-9 sr. F; **Birmingham-Detroit Country Day** - Lindsey Smith, 5-7 sr. G; **Lake Orion** - Dawn Maynard, 5-11 soph. F; **West Bloomfield** - Heather Robbins, 5-11 sr. F.

HONORABLE MENTION

Auburn Hills Avondale: Latasha Bonds, Jessica Waugh; **Auburn Hills Oakland Christian:** Michelle Jackson; **Birmingham-Detroit Country Day:** Brittney Dixon, Alana Hanks, Amanda Frydzewicz, Carrie Moore, Elise Morrison, Cynthia Rush, Summer Smith, Faithie Ways; **Birmingham Groves:** Molly Gale, Jameese Guess, Marissa Helmstead, Becky Hughes, Alyssa Montgomery, Candice Williams; **Birmingham Marian:** Katie Solner; **Birmingham Seaholm:** Not available; **Bloomfield Hills Andover:** Not available; **Bloomfield Hills Kingswood:** Tiffani Rhodes; **Bloomfield Hills Lahser:** Jenny Bernhart, Annie Devine, Anne Hefeli, Karla Hudson; **Bloomfield Hills Rooper:** Clara McKinney; **Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart:** Not available; **Clarkston:** Candace Morgan, Rachel Uchman, Sarah Morgan; **Clarkston Springfield Christian:** Holley Vanaman, Sarah Beardslee; **Lake Orion:** Jodi Dempsey, Oxford: Payge Salquist, Beth Drake, Dana Millard, Tonya Seidi; **Rochester Adams:** Emily Marcz, Melissa Potts, Jessi Pries; **Rochester Hills Christian:** Paula Boers; **Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest:** Lindsey Janke, Melissa Vandorden; **Southfield:** Jennifer Kelso, Sally Jo Bibbins, Amanda Moore; **Southfield Christian:** Not available; **Southfield Franklin Road:** Christian: Jessie O'Dell, Sarah Klassen, Heather Swanson, Debbie Elbeau; **Southfield Lathrup:** Erica Days, Tiffany Edwards, Crystal Pittman, Pam Wing; **Troy:** Somthe Esslan, Leslie Bailey, Thea Pappas, Lisa Gerbeck; **Troy Athens:** Kelly Courtney, Jessica Hany; **Troy Bethany Christian:** Not available; **Walled Lake Central:** Amanda Smith; **Walled Lake West:** Kristen Burgess; **Waterford Kettering:** Not available; **Waterford Mott:** Not available; **Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes:** Not available; **West Bloomfield:** Nina Dixon, Chastity Quinn.

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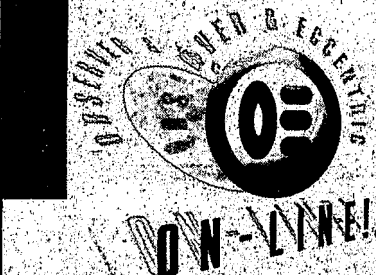
"She worked hard to become an inside-outside scoring threat," Davis said. "We're going to miss her leadership."

LINDSEY SMITH, Birmingham-Detroit Country Day: Winning championships is what this Country Day senior did best. A four-year starter, Smith was part of three state title teams. A captain, Smith chipped in eight points per game during the regular season and nearly doubled that to 16 for the playoff run.

"Lindsey has been a tremendous leader for us both on and off the court," Orlando said.

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Wolves hold off Ferndale

BY DAVID SAUNDERS
STAFF WRITER

Clarkston has been known over the years for its annual arsenal of three-point shooters. But on Friday in the fourth quarter against Ferndale, the Wolves nearly got a taste of their own medicine.

Ferndale had only connected on 2 of 13 shots from behind the arc through three quarters, but suddenly found its range from 3-point territory, hitting three triples early in the fourth, which helped close a 10-point deficit at the start of the fourth quarter down to just four points at 61-57 with 3:33 left in the game.

However, the Wolves buckled down with their perimeter defense and weathered Ferndale's hail storm of three pointers in the fourth quarter to post a nail-biting 70-65 Oakland Activities Association Division I triumph over the host Eagles.

Clarkston senior guard Ryan Marino, who scored a game-high 39 points, canned six of the Wolves' final nine points to keep Ferndale at bay and help the Wolves bounce back from a loss at Pontiac Northern. Marino came into the game averaging nearly 24 points per game.

Clarkston (3-1, 1-1) were sharp from the field throughout, hitting 25 of 47 shots (53.1 percent), while Ferndale managed only a 25 of 73 (34.2 percent) performance.

"It's a big win for our kids on the road and to win on the road, but in fairness to them they had their big kid out, but in fairness to us we had our point guard (junior Ryan Kaul) out," Wolves coach Dan Fife said. "For us, it's a trade off because when you don't have your point guard you don't have your quarterback."

"Their press kept them in the game. We're going to win the game if we break the press and lose it if we can't, because we'll be able to score," Fife said.

Clarkston got out to a quick 8-0 lead — a lead

they would never relinquish — and led 18-9 after the first quarter. Marino hit for eight points in that quarter and sophomore guard Mike Blicher scored four of his eight points in that frame.

After Ferndale (3-2, 1-1) closed the gap to 30-24 at halftime, the Wolves went on a 9-2 run to start the third quarter on two treys by Marino and one by senior forward Rocky Lund to give them a 39-26 lead.

"We came out and hit the threes, then all of a sudden we're letting them back into the game," Fife said. "It's a game we deserved to win and (a game) we (almost) lost and it's just through silliness."

Ferndale's press began to wear on the Wolves and the Eagles went on a 10-2 run in the middle of the third to cut the lead to 43-27. But Marino exploded for 16 points in the third to offset Ferndale's surge.

"I felt we should have won the game by 10-15 points, but I give credit to Ferndale — they kept themselves in the game and cut it to four at a crucial time and it seems like we tried to keep them in the game."

"We started breaking their press a little bit and that helped us," Fife added. "We were having such a difficult time breaking their press."

Offensively, Marino was unstoppable.

"Marino! — 39 points against a team like Ferndale, that's tough to do," Fife said. "He's worked hard all summer long to find himself as a player. We're just trying to get him to work on other things now. Marino made some big free throws down the stretch."

"I thought Adam Schapman was outstanding at both ends of the floor. He made good decisions with the ball."

Senior center Adam Schapman added nine points for Clarkston.

Birmingham Unified ices Clarkston

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

For the second straight game, Clarkston did not cover well in its defensive zone, and it cost them.

The Wolves were surprised by Birmingham Unified 5-3 on Wednesday at Lakeland Arena. This week for their second Oakland Activities Association Division I loss of the season. The defeat drops state-ranked Clarkston two games behind first-place Royal Oak Unified in the division standings — and likely from the Division I state Top 10.

Unlike earlier this season when Clarkston pounded Birmingham 8-3 in the Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Thanksgiving Tournament, the Wolves not only had more breakouts on offense, but they had the pucks bouncing their way.

Nevertheless, Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier gave no excuses for his team's shoddy performance. Host Birmingham received better play-out of its goaltending and defensive positions and nearly equaled the favored Wolves in shots on goal.

"Defensively right now we are definitely struggling," said

Krygier, whose team falls to 6-3 overall and 1-2 in the division. "They were ready to beat us after that Thanksgiving tournament."

Clarkston never led in the contest, but Adam Postal and Jason Stoecker helped the Wolves tie it at two goals apiece late in the first period. That was the last time the Wolves would be even with Birmingham. Alan Marchio added a tally later in the contest, but it wasn't enough.

Rob Conley had 24 saves in the loss.

Waterford Mott's Ray Robinson voted Coach of the Year



Ray Robinson
Waterford Mott coach

Waterford Mott head girls basketball coach Ray Robinson was named the Eccentric Newspapers All-Area team coach-of-the-year by his coaching peers this season.

The Corsairs posted a perfect 12-0 record (17-4 overall) in the Oakland Activities Association's Division-III this fall behind the guard combination of junior Jenni Rolling and senior Rachel Grace.

"This was a special season," he said. "The kids worked real hard and they did a nice job. They deserve all the credit."

Robinson, who formerly coached the boys basketball team at Mott, switched to the girls program several years ago.

According to Ray's son Ryan (also the girls junior varsity coach at Mott) the seasoned coach switched schools of thought along the way as well.

"I played for him. I know what it was like," said Ryan. "Back then, it was yelling and screaming and that was it. This season, he has off-court meetings and discussions with the girls ... we never had meetings or talked about anything!"

"But, you know what? He's getting 110 percent out of his players."



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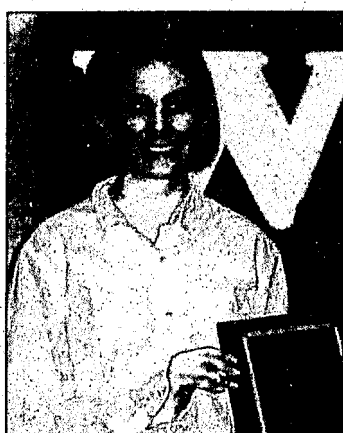
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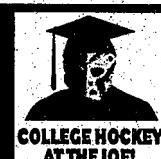
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SEASON/DATES

BASS
Bass season closes Dec. 31.

DEER
The late archery season runs through Jan. 2 statewide. A late

antlerless-only firearms season runs through Jan. 2 on private and public land in Deer Management Unit 452. A late antlerless-only firearms season runs through Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula.

GROUSE
A special late grouse season runs through Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL
Squirrel season runs through

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CLASSES/CLINICS

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

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

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for

beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

ARCHERY

LIVONIA RANGE
The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also

open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

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

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

ACTIVITIES

INDIAN SPRINGS HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 4.5-mile hike at Indian Springs Metropark during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26. Call (248) 280-4975 for directions and additional information.

POTLUCK HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club and ring in the new year for a potluck lunch followed by a hike at the Brighton Recreation Area during this program, which begins at noon Saturday, Jan. 1. Call (517) 552-9121 for directions and additional information.

CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

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

FOUR SEASONS

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

FISHING BUDDIES

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

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

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

BASS ASSOCIATION

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

SOLAR

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

FLY TYING

The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

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

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

METROPARKS

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

1999 PERMITS
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metroparks offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

WINTER WALK
Start off the century on the right foot (or left) during this 1 1/2-hour walk, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, at Kensington.

NEW YEARS BIRD COUNT
Dress warmly, bring binocular and spend the morning helping to census Kensington's bird population during this program, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Kensington.

SHIVER SLIVER MOON WALK
Learn about wildlife activity during this 1 1/2-hour hike, which begins at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, January 8, at Stony Creek.

STARS 'N' STORIES
Families, scouts and home-schoolers will learn about planets and the phases of the moon and make a star-studded t-shirt during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Indian Springs.

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Monday, Dec. 20

BOYS ICE HOCKEY — Troy at Clarkston (6 p.m.)

Tuesday, Dec. 21

BOYS BASKETBALL — Lake Orion at Auburn (Game (TBA).

Wednesday, Dec. 22

(No events scheduled)

Thursday, Dec. 23

(No events scheduled)

Friday, Dec. 24

(No events scheduled)

Saturday, Dec. 25

(No events scheduled)

NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

MHSAA grid replays

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has announced a football finals replay schedule on FOX Sports Net. The eight state championship games were held Nov. 26-17 at the Pontiac Silverdome. Following is the replay schedule:

Division 8: Gaylord St. Mary vs. Mendon, 1 p.m., Dec. 18; Division 2: Saginaw vs. Birmingham Brother Rice, 3:30 p.m., Dec. 18; Division 6: St. Charles vs. Hopkins, noon, Dec. 19; Division 4: Grand Rapids South Christian vs. Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 2:30 p.m., Dec. 19; Division 7: Traverse City St. Francis vs. Gobles, 11:30 a.m., Dec. 25; Division 1: Walled Lake Western vs. Utica Eisenhower, 2 p.m., Dec. 25; Division 5: Detroit Country Day vs. Muskegon Orchard View, noon, Jan. 2; Division 3: Grand Rapids Creston vs. Farmington Hills Harrison, 2:30 p.m., Jan. 2.

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CAPTURE MY ATTENTION

This outgoing SWF, 30, 5'2", 110lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys jogging, reading and working out, is seeking an open-minded, honest SWM, 28-38, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad#2469

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An educated SWPF, 50, who likes cultural events, listening to music, and reading, is seeking an intelligent, mature SWPM, for a possible relationship. Ad#1998

MEET YOU HALFWAY

She's an outgoing, attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", medium build, blond hair, brown eyes, who enjoys music, dancing, long walks, and the theater. Her heart is open to share happiness and romance with a thoughtful, considerate SWM, 46-56, Ad#5614

REBUILDING HER LIFE

Catholic DWCF, 45, 5'2", 118lbs., with dark brown curly hair, a N/S, is looking for the right person, a considerate, respectful Catholic SWM, 40-50, who values his faith and family. She enjoys bowling, movies and a lot of friends. Ad#5642

BIG-HEARTED

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

IS IT FATE?

This friendly SWF, 52, 5'3", who enjoys dining out, concerts and quiet nights at home, is seeking a SWM, 46-57, who has a good sense of humor. Ad#2345

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Adventurous SWF, 35, 5'5", is seeking an honest, marriage-minded SWM, 30-38, who enjoys golf, fishing and dining out. Ad#4528

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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

SIMPLY PUT

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

IS IT FATE?

Say 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

TO THE POINT

SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad#2220

LET'S CUDDLE

Catholic DWCF, 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

LOVES THE LORD

Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad#1956

LIFE GOES ON

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This friendly SW dad, 35, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys singing, horseback riding and swimming, is looking for a SWF, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor. Ad#1514

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Friendly, laid-back SWCM, 27, 5'8", who likes beach walks, movies and having fun, seeks a SWCF, 18-35, without children at home. Ad#4523

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Shy SWM, 42, 6', who enjoys sports, the theater, spending time with family and friends, seeks a slender, romantic SF, 30-45, for a possible relationship. Ad#4123

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Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys sports and family activities, is seeking a sincere, Catholic SAF, under 45, for a long-term relationship. Ad#2942

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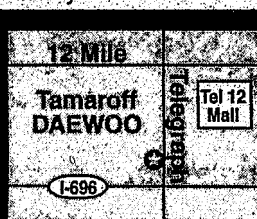
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Help available for laid-off workers

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Aquisitions, mergers and downsizing. Those are the primary reasons why many people are being laid off or fired these days. Although the act of being laid off or fired can be devastating, finding help to get back on the work horse again can be easy.

Pat Garcia, branch office manager for the Michigan Unemployment Agency in Canton Township, said one of the most important things to remember is to file a claim for unemployment the week you become unemployed.

"If you happen to be laid off or fired late in the week, make sure you file a

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claim the following week," she said. "When a person becomes separated from their work, they can file for unemployment at any of the Michigan Unemployment branch offices."

Depending what an individual makes a week, unemployment payouts can range anywhere from \$87 to \$300 a

week for a 26 week period, according to Garcia.

"You must have worked at least 20 weeks before you were laid off or fired to be eligible for unemployment," said Garcia. "You also need to earn at least \$154.50 a week while on the job to be eligible for unemployment benefits."

If an individual is single, he or she could earn \$87 a week based on having received \$154.50 a week while working. That rate increases to \$92 a week if you are married.

"The maximum benefit you can receive is \$300, but you must have earned \$520 a week while you were

working as a single person or \$535 a week as a married person," Garcia said. "These rates are based on 70 percent after tax earnings."

Once a claim for unemployment is filed, the individual has what is called a "benefit year" or one year to make use of the 26 weeks of unemployment benefits. Only one claim can be filed each year.

With hospitals downsizing and the big three automakers merging and acquiring other companies, it would appear that these are the areas of the

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workforce that are most vulnerable for layoffs and unemployment. Garcia said it's actually seasonal workers who are most prone to filing an unemployment claim.

"We are seeing individuals working in landscaping, construction and even on golf courses coming in here to file an unemployment claim," she said. "Some are from the automotive industry. We recently have had some from Chrysler."

If an individual is fired, the process to receive unemployment benefits is similar to being laid off, however, a claims examiner must first review the case.

"The most important thing you have to remember is to file a claim the week you become unemployed," Garcia said. "Many people wait too long."

The Michigan Unemployment branch offices also offer "Profiling" for those individuals who are approved for unemployment benefits as well as a "Talent Bank." A person's resume will be entered in the Talent Bank where businesses are looking to hire. The Talent

"Being laid off really does hurt your self esteem. What you need to do is get motivated by doing something. Don't wait to get motivated. You will start feeling good about yourself once you start something new."

— Carolee Arndt

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"We offer the federal program called Profiling for those individuals who may not be able to find a job after the 26 week period," Garcia said. "We provide these individuals re-employment services. This involves a Michigan Work Agency person helping individuals with many aspects of re-entering the workforce which includes putting together their resumes and understanding what to expect from a job interview."

Westland resident Britt Martin may

soon need to educate himself again on organizing a resume. Martin, 35, has been working for the cable industry for 12 years as a production assistant. For the first time in 12 years he finds himself in a potential layoff situation.

"We have been told that we can expect to be laid off early next year," he said. "I'm half nervous about having to go out and look for a job after 12 years. I'm also thinking about making sure I have enough money set aside to pay the bills if I am laid off."

Martin works for Media One which is on the verge of being acquired by AT&T. The cable industry has been known to be very fragile, especially within the last five years, as the telephone industry and cable industry have become technology partners.

In fact, when Martin was first hired, he worked for Continental Cablevision in Dearborn Heights. After a few years, Continental Cablevision was bought by Media One. Leaving a steady full-time job is going to be difficult, according to

Martin. He is currently receiving a salary, health benefits and stock benefits.

"I have thought about pursuing my own business as an artist," he said. "I've always enjoyed drawing. In fact, I have my own web site with many of my drawings and paintings. It's www.brittmartin.com."

Martin has freelanced as an illustrator for various businesses on his own time which includes being a colorist for comic books.

"One good aspect about being employed at Media One is that they have informed us once we are laid off, we will receive nine months of pay," Martin said. "I'm really looking at this in a positive aspect. It's actually going to make me look for my dream job as an artist."

Individuals who may not have another job lined up and are depressed by their upcoming situation of being laid off or fired can find help through counseling.

Carolee Arndt, MSW, ACSW, DCSW, is very well aware of how counseling can play a key role in building self esteem. She counseled adults and children through her home office in Livonia. Arndt, in fact, went through a layoff of her own three years ago while working at a clinic.

"Being laid off really does hurt your self esteem," she said. "What you need to do is get motivated by doing something. Don't wait to get motivated. You will start feeling good about yourself once you start something new. You will also feel more accomplished."

Arndt's motivation was to start her own business. She enjoys setting her own hours and helping clients one on one.

"Counseling really does help if you need it," she said. "By talking to someone, it puts things in perspective."

Arndt can be reached at her home office at 734-513-9494 or she can be reached through E-mail at arndtmc@yahoo.com.

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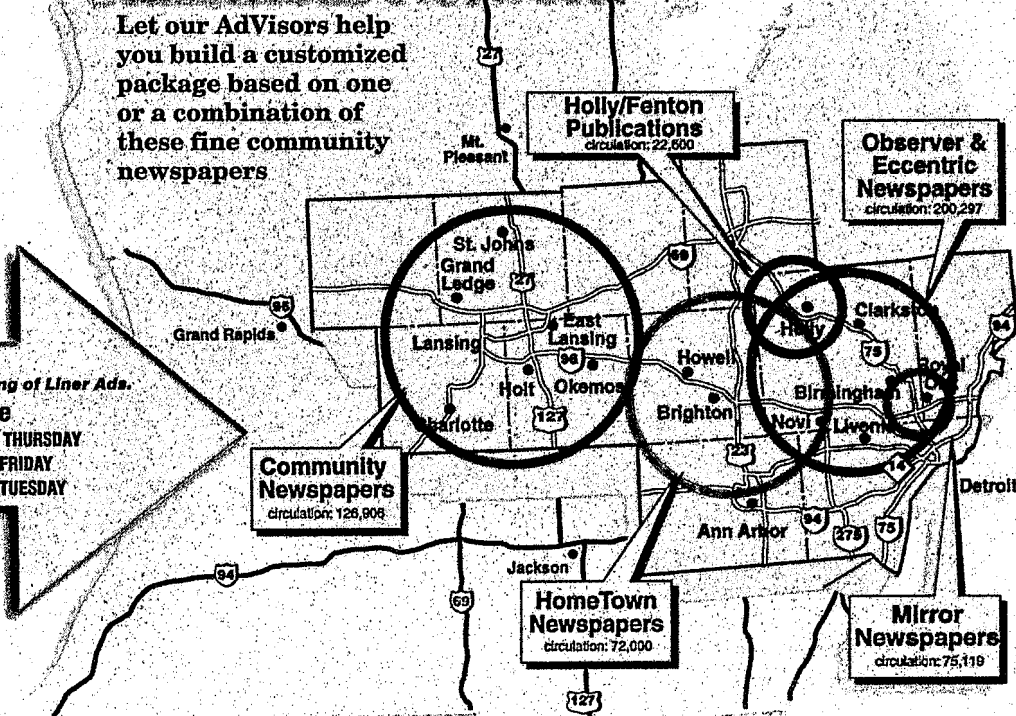
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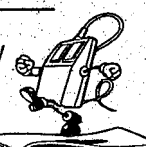
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Check out contractors



DAN MACLEISH

Check out a contractor's credentials and references before hiring him. I do it with the subcontractors who want to work for me, and I suggest you do the same.

A builder must display the government license at his place of business and carry a wallet-sized card. Ask to see it.

On the Internet you can go to www.cis.state.mi.us and go to "licenses."

You can call your city building department to see if a builder is registered, though not all builders will have worked in all towns. Building departments can only answer questions such as, "Do you get many complaints from this builder's customers?"

You can verify (for \$5) or certify (for \$15) a builder's license by writing the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, License Verification Unit, P.O. Box 30189, Lansing, MI 48909. Make your check payable to the State of Michigan.

Look for membership in his local trade association. Here in southeastern Michigan it's the Building Industry Association, (248) 737-4477.

If you're at a job site, seek out subcontractor bosses for their input.

But most important is talking with past customers. Such word-of-mouth feedback is invaluable; it's where I get most of my customers.

Go to an area where the builder has worked and knock on doors. Go on Saturday morning when most people are home. Talk to a number of homeowners so you get a good representation. In new subdivisions, people know the builders and their reputations.

Happy people like to brag about their good investment. Unhappy people can get even with the builder by talking with you about it. Either way, you win.

Dan MacLeish has been a builder for 35 years, is secretary of the Building Industry Association, is a BIA Professional Master Builder, and is president of MacLeish Building Inc. in Troy.

Bloomer Ridge gives you a piece of country

You really have to know where you're going to get to Bloomer Ridge.

But once you find the platted community west on Bloomer Road where John R. ends in Rochester, you encounter a platted residential development of 27 lots on a rolling piece of land in a peaceful setting that builders tout as country living in the city.

"It's privacy, quiet, hidden, very treed, as natural as can be," said Anna Grassi, project manager for P.E.G. Construction. "We have wildlife here, deer."

"It's close to Bloomer Park and downtown (Rochester), within walking distance," said Guido Grassi, president of P.E.G. Construction and Anna's father. "I think the location is great," Anna added. "It's not off a main road. It's small, not a lot of run-through traffic. We have easy access to M-69, I-75. We're by the Palace, Silverdome, Meadow Brook."

"Work centers," Guido said. "Plenty of restaurants are here; shopping centers are here, all amenities five minutes away," Anna said.

"The houses, themselves, we feel they're in line as far as price," Guido said, "very open floor spaces."

Three floor plans are offered to prospective buyers.

A ranch of 1,850 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths carries a base price of \$274,900. A story-and-a-half of 2,300 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths goes for \$314,900. A colonial of 2,700 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths runs \$334,900.

All plans include at base price fireplace; first-floor laundry with cabinets and sink; two-car garage; basement; oven and dishwasher in the kitchen; 90-percent energy-efficient furnace; carpeting throughout, and a \$1,200 light fixture allowance.

A jet tub and separate shower are standard in the master suite of the story-and-a-half and colonial. Ceramic flooring in the foyer and hallway is standard in the story-and-a-half and ranch, hardwood in the colonial.

Brick and wood siding are primary exterior materials.

The colonial has been built as a model.

The house features a library and dining room off either side of a two-story foyer, a great room with sloped ceiling and a kitchen/nook with large island.

The master contains a two-sink vanity and walk-in closet. Three other bedrooms and a bath are upstairs.



All styles available: This colonial, along with a story-and-a-half plan and ranch plans, are available to buyers at Bloomer Ridge in Rochester.

rooms and a bath are upstairs.

Price of the model as is - with landscaping and walk-out - is \$359,000.

"Other plans are available, and we're willing to work with people for changes," Guido said.

Lot premiums range from \$5,000-\$18,000, but base-price lots are still available. Walkouts, which include doorwall, two large windows and rough drywalling, cost \$15,000.

"They (visitors) tell me it's a well-kept secret," sales rep Rick Beverly said of the site. "You don't know it's back here. They love the trees and that it's such a beautiful area."

"It's close; it's Rochester schools, and it's a very quality-conscious builder," Beverly said.

Bloomer Ridge is served by city water and sewers. There are sidewalks.

The property tax rate is \$35.87 per \$1,000 of state taxable valuation, half of sales price for new construction.

That means the owners of a \$315,000 house there would pay \$5,700 the first year.

The annual association fee is projected at \$100.

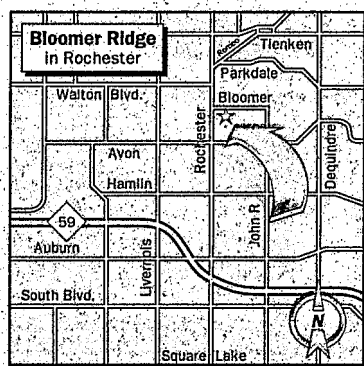
Olya Slywka ordered a ranch.

"I didn't need a lot of space, and it appealed to me," she said. "It has a great room and a walk-out basement. I converted one of the bedrooms to a library."

"I liked the location," Slywka said. "The sub isn't a typical cookie-cutter sub. I like that he (Guido) left a lot of trees."

"I had heard from a lot of people that he had a good reputation. Anna (Grassi) really knows how to cater to the customer."

"Every time I have a customer here, I want them to meet the neighbors," Anna Grassi said. "I want this to be a community unto itself. I want it to be comfortable. It's a country setting in the city. That's what it reminds me of."



The sales model/office at Bloomer Ridge is open 2-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Anna Grassi can be reached at (248) 299-4813.

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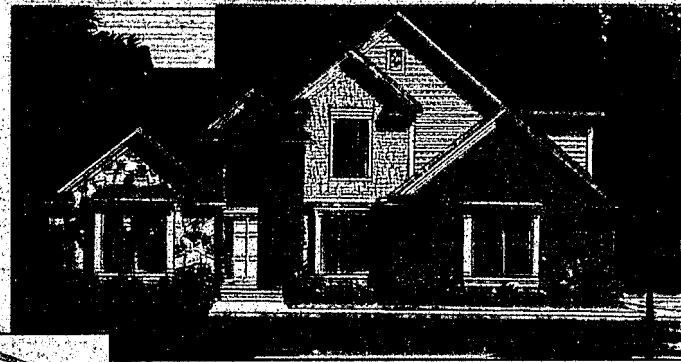
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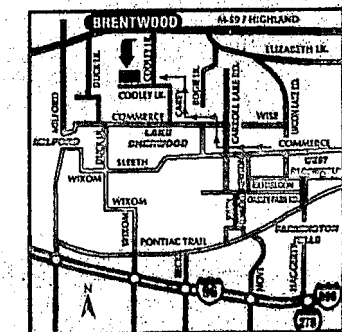
Priced at \$219,900 This 1st floor master w/walk in closet offers a grand 2-story foyer, grt. rm., kit. & breakfast nook, formal d. rm., 3 bdrms., an unfinished bonus room on the 2nd level, 1st fl. laundry, 2 car side entry gar., bsmt. All this on a 1/2 acre lot. Still time to select your interior colors. Immediate occupancy.

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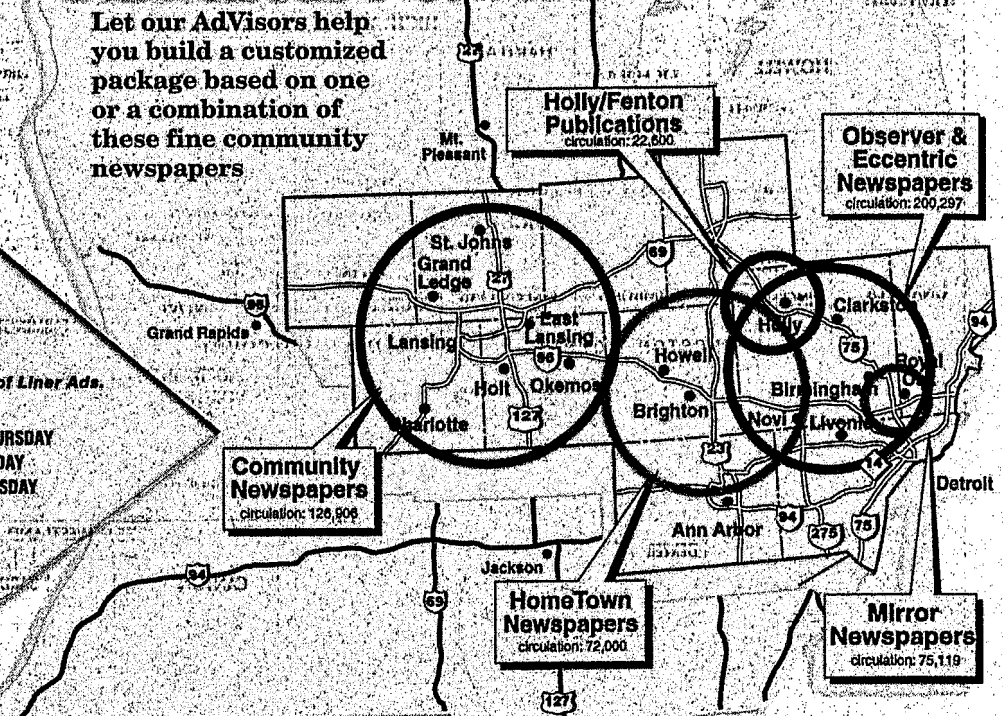


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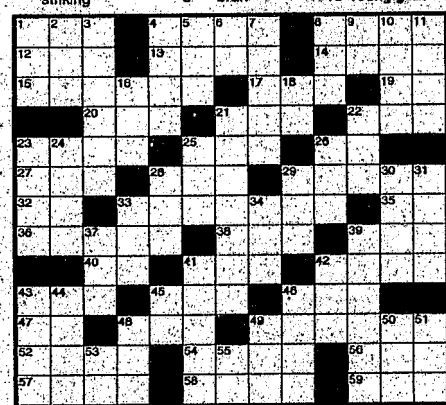
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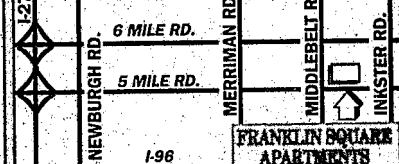
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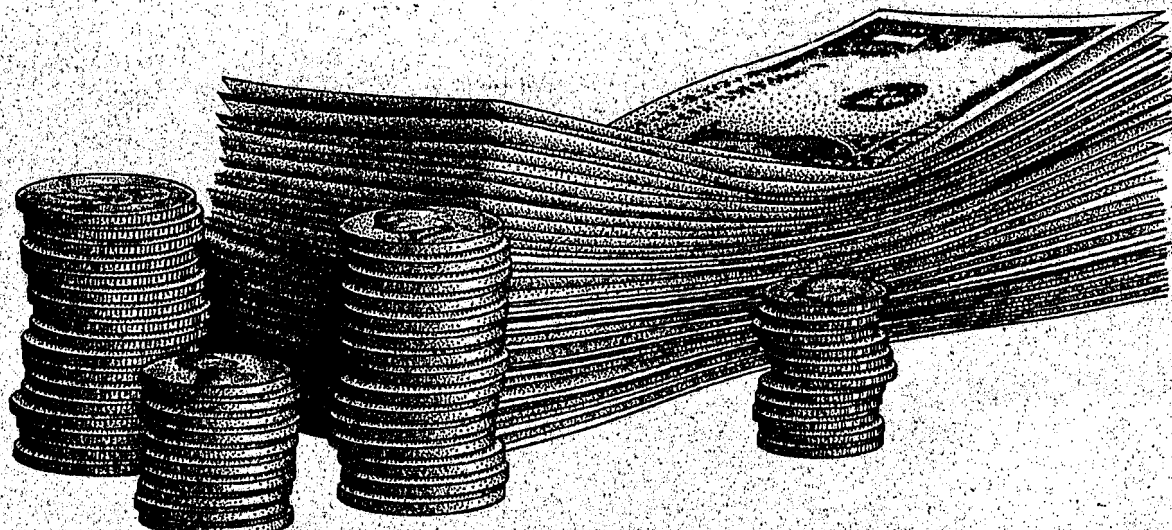
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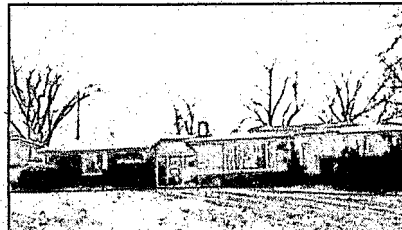
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