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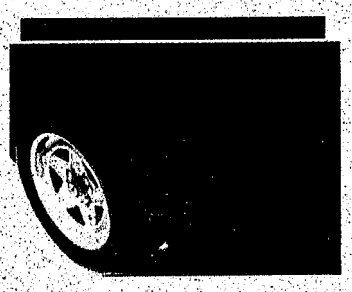

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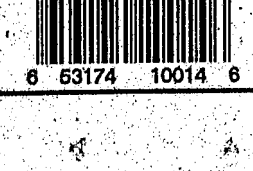

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Now that the holidays are over, the biggest problem in the Huttenlocher house is finding space for all those new toys! Though the materials and manufacturing processes have changed, the toys my kids got for Christmas this year are remarkably similar to those children received 100 or more years ago.

An exhibit entitled "Thanks for the Memories" at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing showcases toys that children of our state played with. Not only do we still see these types of toys today, but we still see that many little boys and girls still favor toys according to their gender. Featured in the exhibit are a "Boys' Union Tool Chest" circa 1905, a 1920s tin airplane and truck, and a ride-on steam shovel that really scooped up sand (circa 1945). Boys today still play with all these things, but instead of wood and metal, many are made of plastic.

The story is much the same of girls. Girls' toys in the exhibit include a china doll, a metal cookstove — it looks just like the real thing — and a cast-iron horse and buggy with a woman in the driver's seat, all from the early 1900s. A tea set, stuffed dog and toy phonograph with a wind-up mechanism and a metal carrying case were used in the 1930s.

Both boys and girls enjoyed sledding and roller-skating, and the exhibit features a wooden sled (circa 1879) and a pair of wooden roller-skates (circa 1876). We might have lots of electronic bells and whistles now, but many of the same traditional toys are still favorites with the children of the 21st century.

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

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Civic center land swap in dispute

■ Springfield Township initiated condemnation proceedings Jan. 5 for 78 acres needed for a land swap for its new civic center. However, the issue may be resolved with the property owners by tonight's township board meeting.

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Springfield Township has begun proceedings to condemn property the township needs to build its new Civic Center.

A motion was filed Jan. 5 in Oakland County Circuit Court, but Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls said he hopes the issue will be resolved by tonight's township board meeting without further court action. He said he has been working with a family member, who is representing several cousins who have an ownership interest in the property, for more than a year.

He said he thought the township and the Dolza family had an agreement.

"I still believe that verbal agreement will be consummated," Walls said.

In question is 78 acres adjacent to the Shiawassee River Basin Preserve near Long Lake. Springfield Township wants to buy it for $287,000, which was the appraised price given by the sellers, Walls said. The money for the land was included as part of the civic center project approved by voters in November 1998.

The township plans to build a new civic center on 7.5 acres of land it owns on Davisburg Road near Ormond Road. The property is part of a larger parcel the township bought at least 15 years ago with a state grant. It is zoned recreational. Because it used state money to help buy the property, the township has to dedicate an equal number of acres someplace else as recreational.

That is the plan for the Dolza property. Township Clerk Nancy Strole has said the property is pristine and would be a great addition to the Shiawassee Preserve. It would not be developed.

Walls said the reason the land was not appraised at a higher rate was likely because there is little road or lake access.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has to approve the land the township proposed to use as a replace-

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■ 'They taste really good."
Sam Noveck
Independence Elementary School second grader

Yummy in my tummy

Students give an A to tastier, healthier school lunches



Come and get it: *Joyce Rochford takes a big tray of pizza from an oven at Independence Elementary School.*

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Remember when students didn't want to buy lunch at school? Comments by several Independence Elementary School students indicate their opinions have changed.

"They're yummy," said first grader Heidi Luczynski about school lunches.

Bradley Finegan and Sam Noveck, who have more experience with lunches since they're in the second grade, said they buy lunch a lot "because they taste really good," Sam added.

Devin Reuter, second grade, said he likes the pizza, hot dogs, soft tacos and cheese and nachos the best of all the foods offered for lunch at school.

Janelle Zirwes, grade three, said she likes to buy lunch because the choices, such as the bagels, are really "cool" (another word for good).

Yvette Cadeau, third grade, took a taste of her submarine sandwich, chewed a few bites and gave the nod of approval.

So who's responsible for the positive remarks about Clarkston Community Schools lunches?

Food service director Janet Meads.

She took over the job a few years ago from Linda Nester, who moved up to director of administrative and personnel services.

"I'm very impressed with Janet," Nester said. She's done a great job with school lunches. Our sales have increased."

Nester said the past two school

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Pretzel boy: *Ryan Bonk demonstrates an original use of pretzels. Clarkston students apparently are finding school lunches tastier these days since sales are up. They may not realize the lunches are healthier, too.*



Menu maker: *Janet Meads is in charge of food served to Clarkston students.*



Relaxation: *Jennifer Gambrel (right) chats with a friend during lunch.*



Helpers: *Michelle Cardial (left) and Katelyn Kovacic help clean.*

Clarkston resident is a friend to the past

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Jennifer Radcliff is persistence personified. She knows how to stick with a project that might take years to complete.

Her family's home in Clarkston is a good example. She and her husband, Henry (Hank), purchased the land in 1967. They paid off the land, then began construction. They didn't move into their Main Street home until 1972.

"I bought a wind-up alarm clock and set it for 10 p.m. every night," she recalled. "My husband would drive to his job in Detroit, then go to the Clarkston house after work and come home at 10 p.m. when the alarm clock would go off."

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Saving history: *Jennifer Radcliff of Clarkston is the paid staff director for the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.*

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Workers being sought for 2000 census

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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■ Most of the jobs, however, are for enumerators. That job pays $13.75 per hour plus mileage and involves going door to door to try to get people to return their census forms.

The government wants a few hundred good men and women.

And Uncle Sam is willing to pay them for their time.

The Commerce Department needs workers to help with the 2000 census, and it is encouraging people to apply now.

Claude Brittingham, assistant manager for recruiting in the Troy census office, said approximately 1,500 people will be needed to help count their fellow citizens in eastern Oakland County. Census forms will be sent out to households across the country between mid-March and the end of March. During April and May and possibly part of June, workers will track down people who didn't return their forms, Brittingham said.

There are some office jobs available. People would work in the census office for this area located in Clawson. Most of the jobs, however, are for enumerators.

That job pays $13.75 per hour plus mileage and involves going door to door to try to get people to return their census forms.

"It's that small percentage that still don't complete it that we have to visit, help, encourage, motivate," Brittingham said.

He added that he expects the Independence Township area to have a high return rate, based on past experience. The return rate during the last census was more than 80 percent.

As citizens return their forms, those addresses are checked off a master list, Brittingham said. Those addresses that don't come back are visited by an enumerator. The first encounter is normally just an encouragement to get the paperwork done. The enumerator also can help people with the forms.

To work for the census, a person need only be 18 years old or older and literate. Speaking and writing in a second language is helpful but not required.

Brittingham said they like people to work 40 hours per week, but many people do work part time in the evenings and on weekends.

"It's a good deal and they can help out on a very important task. It's intriguing to see how many people come back every 10 years," he said.

Brittingham said it is important that citizens fill out the census form because the count decides about representation in Congress and on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. It also can affect redistricting of political boundary lines.

Then there's the money. Census figures tell the government how many people live in a certain city or township. Federal funds based on population rely on those numbers to tell how much an area can get.

"It's important. There is so much information and so many uses for the information," Brittingham said.

Brittingham said an average of $180 per person per year in federal funds is distributed. So if one person is missed in the census count, it can cost a municipality $1,800 over the life of that census. As the number of people missed goes up, so does federal money lost, he said.

Nationwide, he said, about 65 percent of the 115 million households will turn in their census materials. That leaves between 38 and 40 million households that need to be visited individually.

To work on the census, a person needs to fill out an application, show identification and take a 28-question multiple choice test. Sites and times are set up in many local areas, including Springfield, Independence and Waterford townships.

Brittingham asks that people call the Clawson office to find out a testing time and location so that census employees can bring enough supplies. The phone number is 248-288-4300.

Eccentric offers ski school at county parks

Observer & Eccentric Ski Schools will take place on three weekends at two Oakland County parks.

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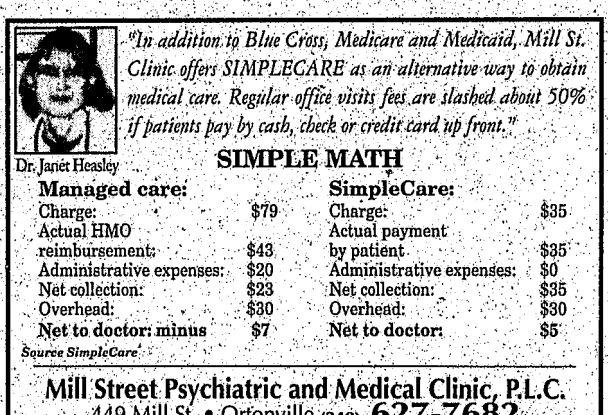

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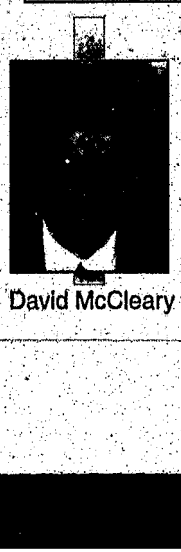

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Video production class focuses on real-life skills

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"Is there too much head room on the screen on Cheyanne?"

"No, it's good."

"You're on the wrong camera."

"Good job, you guys. We're done."

Chairs shuffle, shoulders relax, headphones come off, strong lights are turned down and students are on their way to other classrooms.

This might sound like a scene from the high school, but it comes from the second-floor filming studio at Sashabaw West Middle School after the first-hour Video Production and Career Explorations class taught by Jeff Peariso, a computer teacher during the other class hours.

He doesn't teach career explorations in any normal way, however.

Instead, the students in that first-hour class are in the studio they just painted and fixed up editing live interviews they've done with different people in the community. They're also filming segments about what took place in history that week and editing on-the-street interviews asking people specific questions and more.

While in the studio either first hour or throughout the day as aides, they're handling the TelePrompTer, directing the filming, handling the cameras or lights, editing the film, mixing the sound, and doing whatever is necessary to have a TV-ready product to show on the local cable access channel.

Sixth hour aide AJ LaRue, an eighth-grade student, said she switched out of her academic support class to become an aide. She's learning how to edit tapes and add sound.

"I may continue doing this when I get to high school next year," said LaRue. "I just love doing this and learning this."

"I wish I could do the studio work all day," said Evan Tracey as he was on his way to another class. He's a roving reporter in the segment, Evan on the Town.

Others involved in the first-hour class are Jason Zuker, Robbie Johnson, Jason Pullen, Jesse Hayduk, Cheyenne Albarkat, Paul Gibbs, Cory Bean, Ryan McClure, Ed Beebe and Ashley Hair. Most of them are in eighth grade. Lauren Humphreys and Kristen Roche, both in sixth grade, work as aides and do interviews.

Another assistant is Katie Winter. She decided to become an aide, too, because she felt she wasn't being challenged in band anymore, she said.

"I'm interested in photography and filming follows my interest," she said. She's learning how to edit the film, to add background music and to do sound mixing.

Pearison is very excited about what the students are learning and what career paths it opens up for them.

They are not only learning about careers from the people they interview for the show, they are learning about careers in the film and television industry.

"If they start thinking about what they already know how to do, they may realize they don't have to go to college. They can go to a technical school or just start work in the field," he said. "This opens up another area for them to consider."

The class was added just this school year. It was Peariso's suggestion that got things rolling. He was interested because of his own experience with cable television.

"I started learning filming with classes at the cable station in Lake Orion, said the Orion Township resident.

As he started learning more, he said he thought the middle school students would like it, too.

But they aren't to take their studio work lightly.

"The students have a responsibility. They have to show up because we all count on each other to do different jobs. They also have to keep their grades up to be in the class," Peariso said.

"They're learning to do everything involved in making and editing a videotape. I teach one of them, then they teach the others," he added.

They've interviewed many notables so far for their career segments, such as dentist George Krull, school district Business Services Director Craig Kahler, school board member Rick Crigger, even the butcher at Rudy's and a teacher at a local daycare.

Even though they're at the age where they don't want to show much enthusiasm, it's easy to see how much the Sashabaw West students enjoy participating either as aides or in class in the studio.

They already have new segments for their programs in mind—reviewing movies available for rent and bringing back individuals from history.

"I'm trying to give them a positive experience in school and at the same time teach them something," Peariso said.

It's obvious he's doing just that.

Sashabaw Middle School Principal Tom Bialk views the studio as "an exciting program that satisfies the needs we have to develop media skills in students in the middle school level.

"It also aligns our curriculum with programs offered at the high school," he added.

He likes that it gives students an applied learning environment.

"It puts learning into a reality context," he said. "That's exciting to the students."

Peariso said he has many people to thank for helping with this program. Included in this list are parents who offer their support, Sashabaw West custodian David Campbell who helped with the electrical wiring of the studio, Blower and Sons Inc. in Clarkston who donated the studio carpeting, Assistant Superintendent David Reschke for elementary and middle school operations, Mike LaMagna at Clarkston High School and everyone who has agreed to be interviewed by his students.

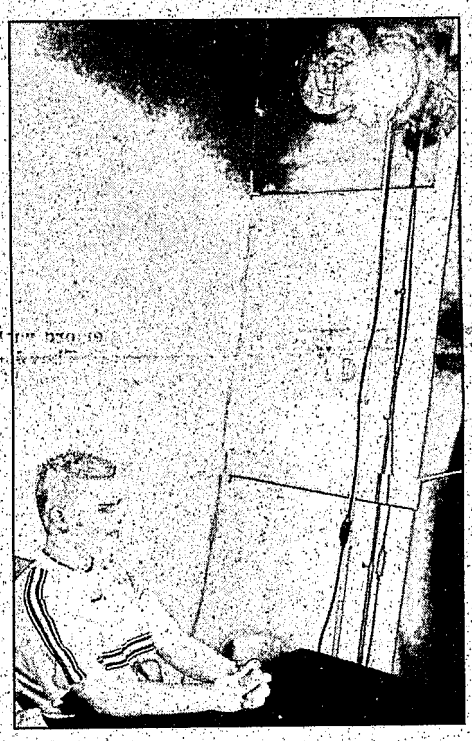


STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

How it's done: *Sashabaw West Middle School teacher Jeff Peariso instructs Lauren Humphreys (left) and Kristen Roche on how to work the TelePrompTer.*



Electronic eye: *Jesse Hayduk works the camera.*



Newsman: *Eighth-grade student Edward Beebe does a stint in front of the camera.*

POLICE NEWS

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

Independence Police

OUIL-first offense

On Jan. 10, a 40-year-old White Lake man hit the back of a vehicle driven by a 45-year-old Clarkston resident while traveling eastbound on **Maybee Road**. Another car driven by a 35-year-old Waterford resident traveling westbound on Maybee Road received damage from flying debris from the two cars. The White Lake man took a preliminary breathalyzer test. The result was 0.204, according to the police report. The legal limit is 0.10. Police took away the man's license and issued him a temporary license. Police are seeking a warrant for the man's arrest. Both the first and second drivers required medical care.

Traffic accident

On Jan. 8, a Waterford Police officer avoided hitting a deer on **Andersonville Road** but his vehicle slid on ice, struck an embankment and rolled over. When police arrived on the scene, according to the police report, the vehicle was lying on its roof and the officer was in another Waterford Township patrol unit.

Larceny

On Jan. 7, someone removed a tub/shower fixture valued at $350 from a home under construction on **Shannon Lane**. A shower stall valued at $275 was damaged during the larceny.

Springfield Township

False alarm

On Jan. 11, a 15-year-old Clarkston Community Schools student was taken into custody and placed in Children's Village after being accused of placing a sign in a bus window saying there was a bomb on the bus. Once the bus driver became aware of the sign, the driver turned the bus into the Andersonville Elementary School parking lot. The high school students were evacuated from the bus and secured at the school while officers from Oakland County Sheriff's Department searched the bus. No bomb was located, according to Sergeant Pat Miles from the Springfield Township substation. Officers learned through an investigation conducted with the students that the 15-year-old student placed the sign on the window as a prank. A second student may also be charged with the offense. "We are treating this as a very serious situation in light of other problems across the country," said Miles. "The student thought this is a prank, but it's something we take very seriously."

House fire

On Jan. 11, units from Springfield Township Fire Department and the substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department responded to a house fire in the 9700 block of **Susin Lane** at 8:43 p.m. When they arrived, the garage area of the house was fully engulfed. An investigator from the sheriff's department arrived on the scene to determine the cause of fire. There is no determination yet.

Attempted burglary

On Jan. 11, someone tried to enter Bordine's Nursery at 8699 **Dixie Highway** by cutting a hole in a window. An employee observed the suspect, who then fled from the scene.

Malicious destruction of property-motor vehicle

On Jan. 9, someone slashed six tires on two vehicles parked in driveways in the 1700 block of **Julie Court.**

Traffic accident

On Jan. 6, a 71-year-old man from Troy drove his truck through a red light going south on Big Lake Road to **Dixie Highway** and struck from the side a vehicle driving north on Dixie and attempting to turn left onto Big Lake Road. The vehicle rolled over and the driver and passenger had to be cut out of the car. The victims in the car where transported to Genesys Healthcare Center for medical treatment. Fire/medical units from Springfield and Independence townships responded to the accident.

Clarkston Police

No major reports.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 13 calls Jan. 7-9. These included seven medical calls, two building fires, two investigations, one personal injury and one complaint.



OBITUARIES

Carol Jo Jenson

Carol Jo Jenson of Clarkston died Jan. 10, 2000, at age 55.

Mrs. Jenson is survived by her husband, Thomas; children, Matthew and Lynn of Brighton and Paul and Viviane of Ann Arbor; granddaughter, Drew Elizabeth Jenson; parents, Arthur and Georgette Crawford, and two brothers, Bill and Bob Crawford.

A funeral service was expected to be held today at Clarkston United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jon Clapp officiating.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Clarkston United Methodist Church.

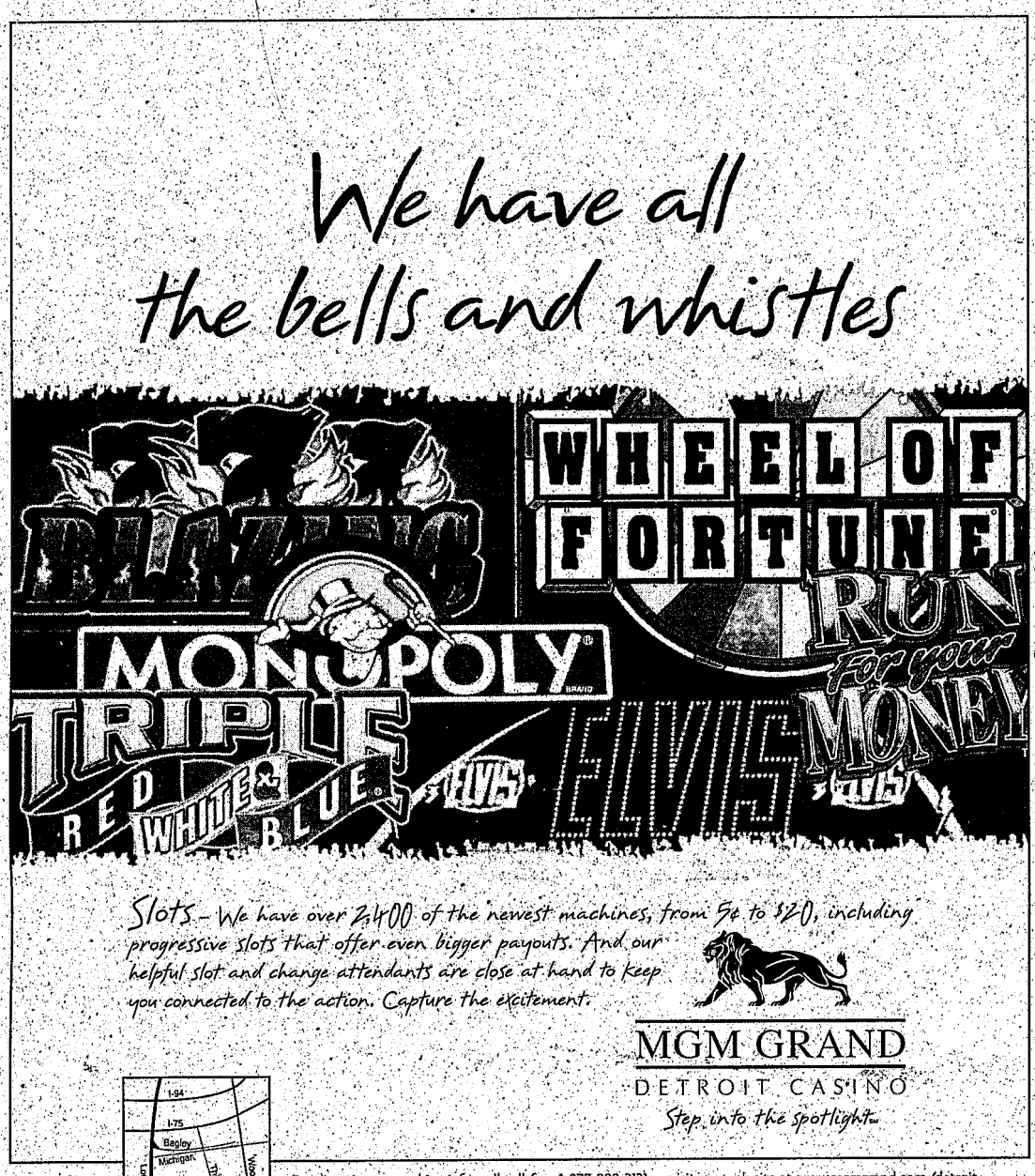
The Rev. James F. MaGuire S.J.

The Rev. James F. MaGuire S.J. of Clarkston died Jan. 10, 2000, in Colombiere Center of complications of a stroke at age 95.

Father MaGuire was president of Loyola and Xavier Universities from 1949 through 1970. He entered the Society of Jesus Jesuit Order in 1922 and became an ordained priest on June 23, 1935. While chancellor of Loyola University in the '70s, he initiated Phase I of Loyola's first university-wide fund campaign. While chancellor-emeritus at Loyola University, Father MaGuire initiated the President's Club, now the President's Society. He was director of the club until his resignation in 1994.

Father MaGuire is the last surviving member of a family of 11. He is survived by two nieces, Lenore Mullarkey and Marylu Fitzgibbon; and a nephew, Thomas (Marilyn) J. Keating.

Arrangements were handled by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Troy. A funeral service was planned for Madonna della Strada Chapel of Loyola University, Chicago. Interment will be at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, Ill. Arrangements in Chicago are being handled by John E. Maloney Funeral Home, Chicago.



Springfield board to discuss ongoing rezoning request

■ Springfield Investors wants to build a gas station and car wash at that location (Davisburg Road and Dixie Highway). However, part of the parcel is zoned office service and part is zoned residential. The applicant wants the entire area rezoned to commercial.

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Residential and commercial development are topics for discussion at tonight's Springfield Township Board meeting.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Hall on Broadway at Eaton Road.

A final site plan for the Hills of Kingston will be discussed, in addition to a conceptual site plan for the Forest Hills planned unit development. Also among the items will be a rezoning request for the corner of Davisburg Road and Dixie Highway. Springfield Investors wants to build a gas station and car wash at that location. However, part of the parcel is zoned office service and part is zoned residential. The applicant wants the entire area rezoned to commercial.

"That will either be five minutes or 50 minutes (of discussion)," Supervisor Collin Walls said.

The item is a continuation of a first reading. The Planning Commission has revised the master plan to reflect an office service zoning for that corner. Under that zoning, a car wash and gas station would not be permissible.

"The township board has to decide which of the two requests (office service or commercial) to proceed with," Walls said.

The Hills of Kingston is planned for 47 acres west of Dixie Highway and north of Old Pond. Fifty-six home sites are planned. A related, but separate development, Kingston Point, will consist of 18 acres with 31 attached condominiums.

The Forest Hills PUD is planned for 60 acres on Rattalee Lake Road between Eaton and Weber roads. HEFCO Limited Partnership of West Bloomfield is proposing 28 condominiums.

Also on the agenda is the first reading for the rezoning of 7.5 acres of land on Davisburg Road near Ormond from recreational to public lands. That is the spot the township hopes to build a new Civic Center. The matter would need a second reading before final approval by the township board.

Board members also will decide on compensation for Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals members. No changes are recommended for 2000.

Finally, a group of four investors, B&RB Inc. of Bloomfield Hills, has applied for one of the township's three available, unassigned on-premises liquor licenses to be used at a family-style restaurant off Andersonville Road near downtown Davisburg.

Property *from page A1*

ment for the civic center property. It took the state longer than expected to get through that process, but approval is expected soon. However, plans were put on hold while the township waited to see what the state would say. Walls said the matter was caught up in red tape. That has put the civic center construction timetable about three months behind.

Meanwhile, Walls said he has been in close contact with the representative of the Dolza family.

Phone messages to a member of the Dolza family were not returned.

Action at the December township board meeting, at which two other family members were present, indicated that the township was considering condemnation proceedings.

"She (the family representative) has known since June that we were prepared; we didn't want to, but we would go ahead with condemnation," Walls said.

At the December meeting the board decided that if a signed purchase agreement was not in hand by Jan. 1, the Circuit Court motion would go forward.

Walls said the family representative told him Jan. 7 that she expected a signed purchase agreement that day, but it hadn't come. Walls said family members are scattered around the country and one even lives in Italy so logistics might be a problem. He is hoping the purchase agreement will arrive by tonight's meeting so the condemnation can be dismissed, he said.

What happens next, he said, depends on when he receives the purchase agreement.

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Governor's veto cuts hopes for state aid to OCC's CREST project

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State money for Oakland Community College's Combined Regional Emergency Services Training (CREST) center fell victim to Gov. John Engler's line-item veto pen before he signed the state's capital outlay budgets.

A grant of $100 for "planning" of the center, along with 31 other similar small allocations, were crossed off the list by Engler before he approved money for building projects all across the state. In total, the allocation gives the go-ahead to $203 million in building in the year 2000 and $472 million in 2001.

Small grants, like the $100 for OCC's CREST center, are significant because they authorize agencies to begin planning and drawing renderings for their projects, explained John Truscott, spokesman for the governor. These little grants also "hold a place in the budget so they are first in line" when money is again made available.

Usually, five to ten little grants get tacked on by lawmakers in the budget process, Truscott explained. This year, there were 32.

The governor had warned lawmakers he would take a dim view of projects that got tacked on late in the budget process, Truscott said.

No information

"We had no information about these projects. There was no one lobbying for them. In many cases, there was no planning and they couldn't even identify what the projects were," he explained.

But that is not the case with the CREST center. Planning for the center is finished and OCC expects to break ground on the $7.27 million, 22-acre project this spring. When completed, the CREST center will be a simulated city giving police, firefighters and other emergency service workers a place to train in life-like surroundings. To be located on the Auburn Hills campus of OCC, it will be the only training center of its kind in this section of the country and is often compared to training facilities at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va.

It's anticipated CREST will be utilized by police agencies throughout Michigan and the Midwest.

"Well, if they are ready to break ground, then they are all set to go and they don't need state money," Truscott responded.

That confirms the fears of OCC board members. When Oakland County police chiefs grew frustrated over the past summer about delays in the start of construction, board members said they believed that beginning to build could reduce the chances of getting a state grant. Still, the board agreed to move ahead to alleviate the concern of the chiefs.

Bond millage approved

Money for the CREST center was part of a bond millage approved by voters in 1995. Oakland police chiefs campaigned for passage to get that center. But the OCC Chancellor Richard Thompson had hoped for state assistance, about $4 million worth, so that more bond money could be put to other projects in OCC's long list of improvements and renovations.

In December, Rep. Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham) attempted to add $3.5 million for the CREST center in the state's budget, but the move failed in the House of Representatives.

Later, Sen. Shirley Johnson R-Royal Oak) managed to tack on the $100 planning grant to the capital outlay budget in committee.

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John Truscott,
Governor's spokesman

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THE WORLD OF WOMEN

■ The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus presents a discussion group for women about their role in cultures around the world beginning Thursday, Jan. 20.

The International Women's Discussion Group is open to the public and meets for 12 sessions in the campus' J Building, Room 308, from noon to 1 p.m. A one-time $5 donation is requested.

Women from different cultural backgrounds will discuss the roles for women manifested in diverse societies, and the issues shared. Nancy Nicholson and Arlene J. Frank will facilitate.

For further information, call (248) 471-7602.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696, Farmington Hills.

IF YOU CAN READ THIS ...

■ Volunteers are needed to teach adults to read through programs of the Oakland Literacy Council.

Tutors will be trained 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22; and 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Road.

Oakland Literacy Council also needs volunteers to help in the office. Call (248) 276-6484 to register, or for more information.

IRISH DANCERS PERFORM

■ O'Hare's Irish Dancers, a dance troupe featuring two world champions, will perform Friday, Jan. 21, at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

Part of OCC's Just For You entertainment series, the program begins at 8 p.m. in the campus' Smith Theatre. Tickets are $12. For further information or to reserve tickets, call (248) 471-7667.

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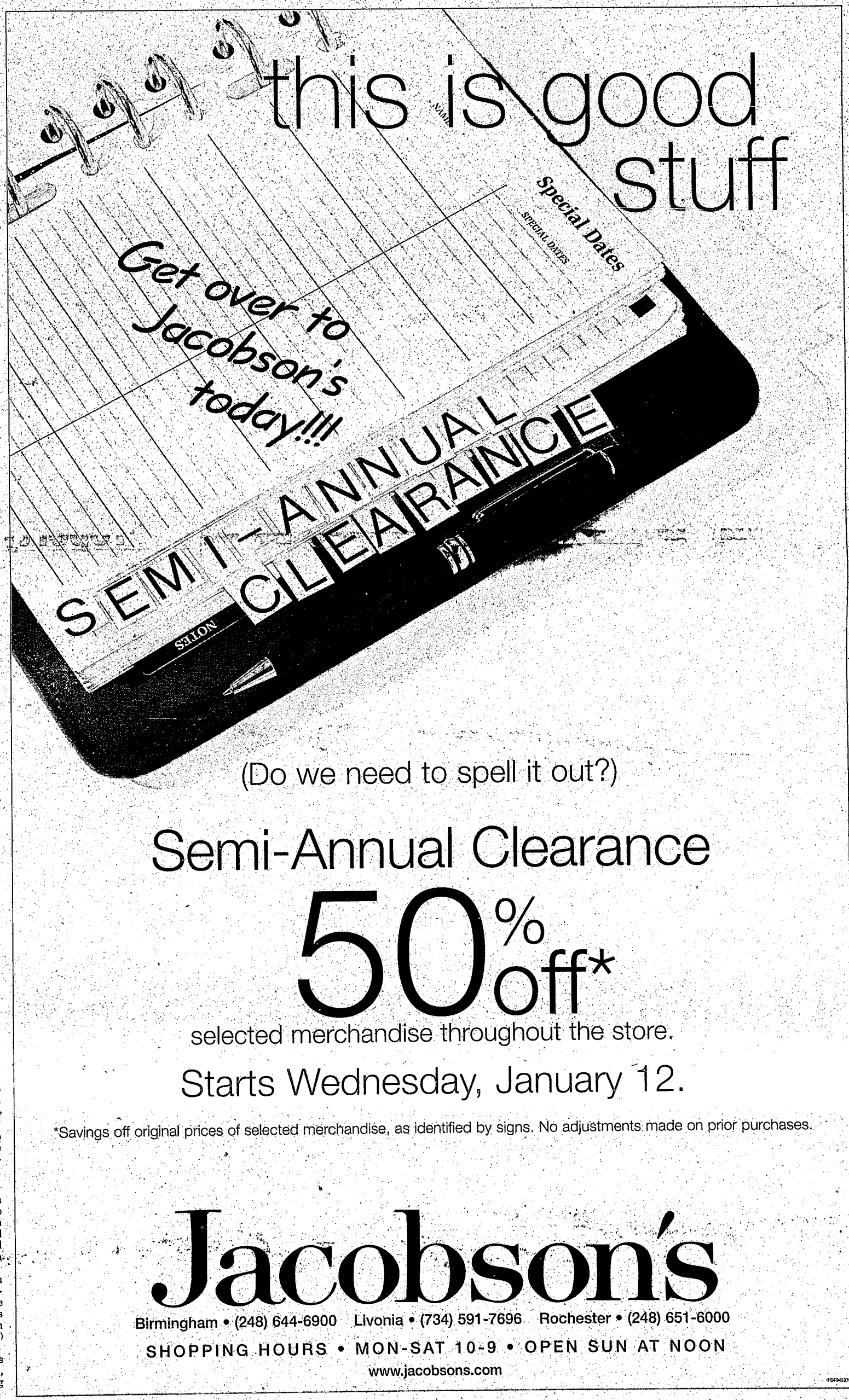

Network looking for award nominations

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network is seeking nominations for its 2000 Preservation Awards program.

"This is our way of providing applause to people who have done good work in the past couple of years," said Jennifer Radcliff, director of the non-profit organization based in Clarkston.

There are four categories of awards: Citizen, Commercial, Community and Government/Institutional.

Deadline to submit nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11. Radcliff said if people contact her at the MHPN office at (248) 625-8181, she will either send them or fax them an application. More information is available on the network's web site: mhpn@voyager.net.

According to the nomination form, the Citizen Award will go to a person who has made a significant contribution to the preservation of Michigan's heritage; the Commercial Award to a commercial historic rehabilitation project; the Community Award to a community engaged in a comprehensive plan for historic preservation and the Government/Institutional Award to cities, agencies or institutions that have accomplished significant positive changes in the historic climate in Michigan.

The awards will be presented at the MHPN conference May 5 in Grand Rapids.

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The Radcliffs lived in Warren at the time.

"He'd come home, fall right into bed asleep and start again the next morning," she said.

Radcliff has used that same perseverance in her role as director of the non-profit Michigan Historic Preservation Center, a title she's held since 1998. She and others in the MHPN spent five years, for instance, lobbying for passage of legislation in Michigan that provides a 25-percent investment tax credit for anyone rehabilitating an historic property.

■ 'If I lived in an ugly place, I don't think I would be as inspired.'

Jennifer Radcliff
Clarkston resident and director of Michigan Historic Preservation Center

She knows it will probably take 10 years for the Michigan Lighthouse Project, one of the MHPC's projects, to complete its task of finding appropriate owners for the historic lighthouses no longer owned by the federal government.

After all her years volunteering and now working on behalf of preservation in Michigan, she's seen many efforts pay off and many more on their way to completion.

The lighthouse project recently hired its first manager, Carrie Scuphold.

The MHPN moved into its first commercial location, taking the office out of Radcliff's house and into a Clarkston Mills suite on Main Street.

The furniture isn't there yet, but Radcliff is, day after day, doing what she's been hired to do — help others learn the ins and outs of setting up historic districts, putting people in touch with others who can be helpful, lobbying on behalf of preservation, planning informative workshops and programs, working with city councils and other governmental units and giving out awards to others for their efforts in preserving Michigan's past.

Radcliff has received her own share of honors. Most recently, she received the 1999 Alan Wallace and Marilyn Florek Founders Award from Preservation Wayne.

Radcliff is adamant in her belief about preservation and the work of MHPN, which strives to maintain the ties between the past, present and future.

"If we can create in various communities an awareness of our historic resources and the right way to care for them, we are doing our job," she said.

She said it's not the network's place to do the actual preservation work. Its job is to teach people how and what to do to create historic districts, to get something on the national registry of historic sites, even how to renovate and care for these structures.

Radcliff said she owes her success to helping others preserve the history of a village, a township, city and state to the city of the Village of Clarkston.

"If I lived in an ugly place, I don't think I would be as inspired," she said. "But one of the reasons I've been able to continue to work on preservation on the state and national level is because I live in a town that really appreciates history."

Her family was attracted to Clarkston and has stayed here, she said, because Clarkston's past is still visible.

"The historic village is still here. Downtown buildings haven't been replaced by big boxes. The geography is still here, with its pond and its streams. The streets are where they were and still carry the old names. One can get a sense of the city's history by being in Clarkston."

She works on preserving much of that history. The Radcliffs even saved an historic home built in 1857. Her parents, Conrad and Peggy Loock, have lived in the city since 1975.

"I remember my mother talking about Clarkston's historic buildings when we would drive from our home in Royal Oak up north to go camping," she said.

The Radcliffs' daughter, Rebecca, is a student at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield but continues to live in Clarkston. Their son, Miles, lives in Royal Oak.

Anyone wanting to reach the MHPN can call Radcliff at (248) 625-8181.

The MHPN has a board of directors with 28 members. It will host its annual Michigan Preservation Conference May 4-6 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.

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years have been challenging ones for the food services department.

"Think about all these renovations and moves our school district has gone through. We opened a new high school last school year and moved schools into new and temporary buildings this year. Janet managed to take care of all that plus manage the budget."

Meads, who lives in Waterford, takes all the compliments in stride.

"I love my job," she said. "I've always been interested in nutrition. It's been my interest forever."

Meads earned a bachelor of arts in food service administration from Central Michigan University and has worked in foods programs at several places, including Ferndale.

As food service director, she said she concentrates on following the national school lunch guidelines, which limit fat content of lunches to no more than 30 percent.

"I have a figure stating 52 percent of all Americans are obese — that's 20 percent over their ideal weight. I want to help these children develop good eating habits early in life so they can follow them once they leave school."

One way she does this is by talking to the elementary-level classes about nutrition and the food guide pyramid. She even has them make up a lunch menu, following her nutrition guidelines. She includes the lunch in her menu plan, giving that class credit for the menu.

"And if I goof, the children let me know," she said with a laugh.

Elementary school lunches include three choices every day. One of them is always a salad.

Middle school students get four choices and a wider variety of a la carte foods.

The Clarkston High School cafeteria is set up like a food court.

"Now that the campus is closed and students can't leave during lunch hour, we had to do something to get them interested again in buying lunch at school," she explained.

Meads has even made food available after school hours and in the evenings for people at the high school for events.

She oversees 60 employees, who she said are the best. They helped her open five new kitchens this school year and get the high school kitchen off the ground without a noticeable hitch.

They even farm out lunches to parochial schools, such as St. Stephen Lutheran School in Waterford.

Most of the lunch food is purchased frozen, such as the hot dogs, pizza, burritos, hamburgers and chicken. Taco meat, macaroni and cheese, the yeast-smelling school rolls and other foods are made fresh.

The majority of the food is prepared at the middle schools, then sent to the other buildings in heated containers in vans.

Parents are always welcome to join their students for lunch, Meads said. She asked that elementary school parents call the school early in the morning as to their choice so the kitchen has an accurate count of how much to serve.

And for those who don't have the lunch menus on their refrigerator or bulletin board, they're accessible on the school district's website.

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MLK Day events kick off OU's African-American celebration

Oakland University will hold an all-day celebration on Monday, Jan. 17, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

OU has suspended classes for the day so that students may participate in the celebration, which begins with an all-campus Unity March at 11:30 a.m. in the first-floor lobby of Vandenberg Hall on the university's campus.

Following the march, a birthday celebration will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Pioneer Court in the Oakland Center.

Some of the highlights of the program include opening remarks by OU President Gary Russi, a performance by OU's Gospel Choir, and the announcement of the commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. contest winners. The keynote speaker is Lowell W. Perry, former director of the Michigan Department of Labor.

The celebration continues with a program titled, "Reflections on the Unity March for High School Seniors" to be from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Pioneer Court.

To close the day-long celebration, a candlelight vigil and alumni night will be held at 7 p.m. in gold Room C in the Oakland Center.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration kicks off African-American Celebration Month at OU with this year's theme, "Celebrating the African Influence in the Americas."

Photojournalist to show work at OCC

New York photojournalist Sylvia Plachy will present slides and discuss her work at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, in the Jones Johnson Theater on Oakland Community College's Royal Oak Campus.

The program is part of the Photography Lecture Series co-sponsored by OCC and the Michigan Friends of Photography. Admission is free and the public is invited. A reception and book signing follow.

Plachy became famous for her series of photographs featured in New York's *Village Voice* in the 1980s. Her book of those photos, *Unguarded Tour*, won the International Center of Photography's Infinity Award for best publication in 1998. Her most recent book, *Signs and Relics*, with a forward by international cinema director Wim Wenders, is scheduled for release this year.

Her work is included in both private and public collections including The Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Metropolitan Museum, and the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris.

A native of Hungary, she was smuggled out of the country at age 13 after the Hungarian Revolution. She made her escape in the bottom of a farm cart beneath of load of corn. Her family emigrated to the United States in 1958.

The next speaker in the Photography Lecture Series is Alex Webb, one of America's foremost color photographers, who will appear at the Royal Oak Campus on Wednesday, Feb. 16. Webb has published four books. His work has also been the subject of articles in Art in America and Modern Photography.

The Royal Oak Campus is at 739 S. Washington in downtown Royal Oak. Free parking is available in campus parking structures at the corner of Washington Street and Lincoln Avenue.

For further information on programs in the Photography Lecture Series, call the Royal Oak Photography Department at (248) 544-5582.

Engler lifts residency requirements

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Legislation ending residency rules for municipal employees has been signed into law.

"This bill is about personal freedom for those who put their lives on the line for us every day. It's about the freedom for our law enforcement officers and firefighters to choose where they want to live," Gov. John Engler said upon signing the bill, approved by the legislature just before Christmas.

In a compromise, state lawmakers agreed to allow cities to require their employees to live within 20 miles of the city limits. Sen. Loren Bennett (R-Canton) initial sponsor of the legislation, agreed to that alteration.

But the bill also states that even the 20-mile limit cannot be applied to married couples when both spouses work for different municipalities. In the case of married couples, only one could be required to live within 20 miles of their place of employment.

Some 90 Michigan communities had some form of residency requirements for their municipal employees, most notably Detroit. Opponents of the change fear it could cause a flight of city workers. The city estimated its loss would come to $25 million when census counts are taken later this year.

Opponents vow action

State Democrats have said they will attempt to put a question on the ballot in the coming November election to overturn the law. The Michigan Municipal League has indicated it may file legal action over the bill, which it contends violates state labor law.

But the law also has won praise from police.

"It gives our members the right to choose the communities in which they live and send their children to school," John Buszek, executive director of the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police, said.

"I want my children to be able to go to school, learn and play with their friends without being called 'cops' kids' and other threatening names that scare them and cause them to feel unsafe and unwelcome," Jim Vondette, an FOP member, said. "My job puts my family at risk everyday. I am thankful to be able to protect them now."

The issue of residency requirements has been a longstanding and controversial issue in Michigan politics. Bennett said many previous attempts in the legislature to overturn such rules have failed repeatedly in the past 40 years.

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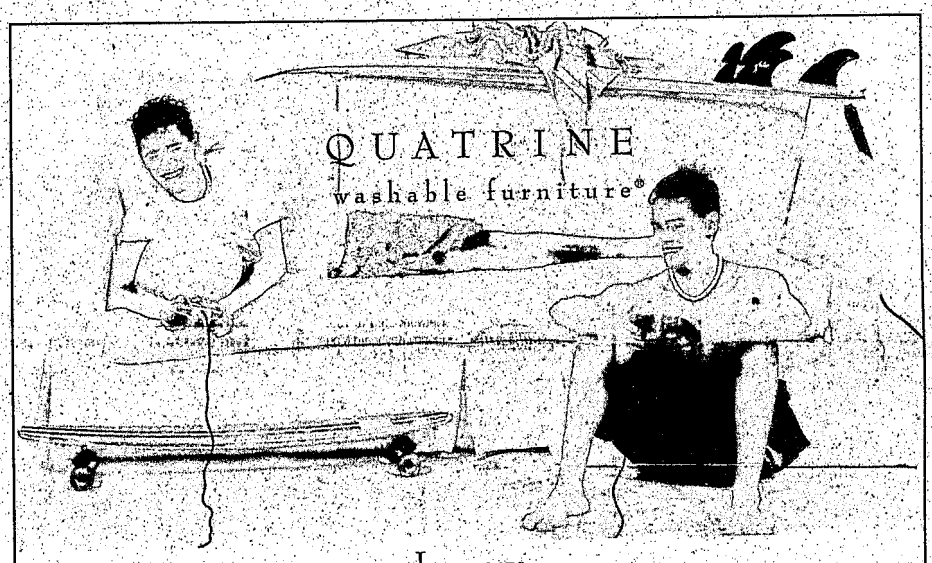

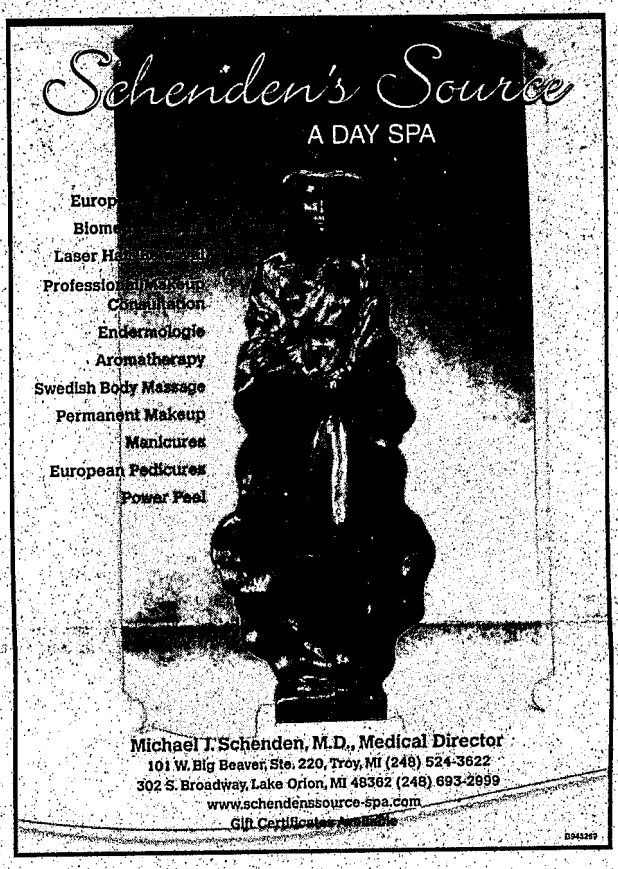

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Martin Luther King Day
Don't let holiday lose meaning

U.S. Rep. John Lewis spoke at the University of Michigan Monday as Raoul Wallenberg lecturer and medalist.

As a young man, Lewis was one of the central figures in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. The son of a poor south Alabama sharecropper, Lewis founded the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee. Lewis felt the blows from Sheriff Jim Clark's nightstick and spent many nights in Southern jails.

Yet over time he learned to forgive his oppressors, and he has continued to contribute to society as a distinguished congressman from Atlanta, Ga.

This coming Monday we celebrate the courage of John Lewis and his fellow "revolutionaries" in the civil rights movement by marking the birthday of Lewis' mentor, Martin Luther King Jr.

Many "holidays" are designated with the best of intentions. On Memorial Day, we are admonished to remember those who died in battle defending the principles our country represents. On Independence Day, we are urged to remember those founders who chose liberty over tyranny. On Labor Day, we are supposed to pay homage to the working person and the struggle for economic justice.

As we all know, Memorial Day is the first good day to hit the beach, Independence Day means a barbecue and fireworks, and Labor Day is the last good day to hit the beach. There might be some people who get King Day off who think it's a good day to hit the ski slopes or catch a movie and not think about what the day really means.

In this racially divided and often antagonistic metro area, it is especially important that we don't let this holiday lose its meaning. It is important that our communities and schools take time to offer programs that draw our attention to what has been accomplished and what still needs to be accomplished.

In Clarkston, several teachers have planned classroom activities to celebrate Martin Luther King Day. And Springfield Plains Elementary School is hosting a school-wide assembly featuring storyteller LaRon Williams, who uses traditional African instruments to share the culture of Africa with his audiences. Students will also make books, write poems and create timelines about Martin Luther King Jr.'s life.

Though we have a long way yet to go to right wrongs and change hearts, Rep. Lewis would offer some encouragement that we have come a long way. He told the audience that when young blacks tell him they don't think the '60s accomplished anything since nothing changed, "I say to them, let me take you back to the South in the 1940s and '50s and then tell me things haven't changed."

He summed up his view of what he and his compatriots accomplished: "We led a revolution of values, a revolution of ideas. We live in a better country. We are a better people."

That deserves remembrance and celebration.

How to improve the system

Becoming involved in the democratic process isn't always a satisfying experience. You don't always accomplish your goals. Sometimes your cause is truly lost.

Office-seekers you worked so hard to get elected might not survive their trial by ballot. Or, developers could end up bulldozing the trees and erecting that strip mall — despite the many signatures on your "stop-the-whatever" petition and your loud and lengthy protests at the city council and planning commission meetings.

By participating, however, citizens improve our systems of local, state and federal government. It is at the local level especially that dissenting voices keep officialdom on notice that ordinary people can get things started and force change, even when the cause seems lost.

Participation also provides a reminder that, in the United States of America, the governors serve the governed, not the other way around. That's a message that needs constant reiteration.

So many residents at both ends of Oakland County have demonstrated a longtime concern about the urban (or should the correct word be "suburban"?) sprawl settling across the land. Just visit any city council, village or township board meeting when a hot development issue is on the agenda. The hall is sure to be jammed.

As we've stated before in this space, there are three important issues in Oakland County: development, development and . . . development.

In one Oakland community, a group of homeowners became enraged when the city council approved a controversial residential and commercial project that would replace a wooded area near their homes. The issue developed a bad case of the "uglies" when the residents decided to try to recall six of the seven council members who supported the project.

The recall effort failed, of course. They usually do. The concerns just weren't spread widely enough throughout the community, and they couldn't get nearly enough signatures on the petitions. The recall try only added bile to an already bitter brew.

But the residents were right to raise the ruckus. In doing so, they accomplished several things:

■ They reminded the council that government serves the people (well, we did say that thought needed to be repeated).

■ They focused the media spotlight on development problems faced by so many suburbanites, who often feel deserted by their local governments.

■ They participated in the process. Because of them, there was a renewed interest in local politics . . . at least for a while.

■ They showed the government that some people will stand and fight for what they believe is right, and not give up and move to the outer limits of suburbia.

In a recent report issued by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments is to be believed, things are going to get a bit crowded around here in the next 20 years.

Builders will have to put up 300,000 new dwellings in southeast Michigan before the year 2020 to house 600,000 new residents, according to SEMCOG's scary scenario. That'd be like constructing a city the size of Detroit and somehow shoehorning into the existing metropolitan area.

Well, if anyone thinks that kind of mega-sprawl is going to happen in Oakland County without a murmur of protest, they can just think again. People here love to practice democracy, even when it isn't a pretty sight.

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QUESTION:

Do you prefer snow or rain in January?

This question was asked at the Independence Township Library.



"Snow, because that's what you're supposed to have in January."

Marcey Walsh
Clarkston



"Rain. I don't like to shovel snow."

Janet Rose
Independence Township



"Snow, because it's winter and you can do a lot more in snow than in rain."

Judy Haas
Independence Township



"Driving wise, I prefer the rain, but I'm retired so it doesn't make much difference."

Arnold Zawacki
Independence Township

LETTERS

State legislature kept its promise to put families first

Taxes are lower, schools are safer and access to health care has been expanded. Those are just a few of the positive results from the House of Representatives legislation during 1999. At the beginning of the year, we promised to put families first. I believe we kept that promise — families are at the forefront of all our major legislation. We've also continued to reform the welfare system, helped people become more self-sufficient and steadily pursued an agenda that offers opportunity and progress to all residents in Oakland County. Just after taking office, Republicans passed legislation reducing the income tax from 4.4 percent to 3.9 percent over five years. Last spring, the House also approved a measure to phase out the Single Business Tax, which has burdened Michigan businesses for nearly 25 years. Both were signed into law. Numerous educational improvements will help sustain the state's economic prosperity. In March legislation was implemented to reform Detroit's public schools. A newly appointed school board and chief executive officer, combined with oversight by the state Department of Education, will improve Detroit schools and the educational prospects of 180,000 students. Nepotism and inefficient bureaucracy are being eliminated. Another bill helping families send their families to college uses a portion of the state's tobacco settlement money to pay for merit scholarships. Up to $2,500 is awarded to high school students and up to $500 to middle school students to help cover college tuition or trade-school costs. School safety is another major accomplishment. Legislation now in effect will expel violent students who attack teachers or other students. Additionally, information shared about violent incidents and individuals will be increased among parents, school officials and law enforcement. House Republicans also have responded to Michigan residents' demands for better, more accessible health care. The nine-bill "Prescription for Health Care" package was approved by both chambers and signed into law. The package guarantees that parents can take children to pediatricians without first getting a referral from a primary care physician; increases patients' access to non-formulary prescription drugs when necessary; and provides for continuity of care to patients with an active condition (including pregnancy) whose provider leaves the health plan. Other important legislation enacted this year calls for

■ Drug testing and treatment for welfare recipients with children, thus ensuring that taxpayers' dollars pay for basic necessities, not drugs or alcohol;

■ Use of finger-imaging technology to prevent welfare fraud by ensuring funds to the truly needy;

■ Strengthening drunk driving so they apply to snowmobiles and off-road vehicles;

■ Campaign finance reform;

■ Streamlining the child support distribution system;

Much has been accomplished this year; yet much more remains to be done in 2000. If you have any ideas, suggestions or questions, please call me at 1-800-510-RUTH or send a letter to Rep. Ruth Johnson 30014, Lansing, MI 48909 or e-mail me at rujohnson.voyager.net. Have a great 2000!

Ruth Johnson
State Representative, 46th District

Scrap school voucher idea

The ruling by the federal judge in Ohio throwing out a school voucher program similar to one proposed in our state raises several questions for us.

Doesn't spending public money to support religious schools, whether directly or indirectly, break the constitutional separation of church and state?

Do we want our parents and students to ever be in limbo like they are in Cleveland?

Do we need another royal battle over parochiad like we had in the 1960s?

Hasn't the Supreme Court rejected government funding for religious elementary and secondary schools because no taxes in any can be levied to support any religious activities or institutions?

If the state of Michigan doesn't give money to churches, why should it give money to church schools?

Is not the conclusion that voucher proposals should be scrapped?

The Rev. Richard A. Peacock
Troy

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Successful school districts begin with effective boards



AL ROBERTS

Local control and school governance has been a hot topic in legislative forums across the nation. In recent years, various strategies have been tested as alternatives to the tradition of community rule by an elected school board. Authority over schools has been awarded to mayors, to state departments of education, even to federal judges. I guess we shouldn't be surprised. After all, the pitiful achievement results of some schools, the discouraging realities that exist in some districts, and the complexity and cost of academic success make such options popular in some circles. As the new year begins, it is appropriate for members of the Clarkston community to consider just how well our schools are governed. Since effective governance is critical to the success of a school system, I wanted to share with readers "Getting There from Here," a study published by Educational Research Service. (Incidentally, ERS is an independent, non-profit research foundation.) This study provides a framework from which to view the operation of any school board, and it cites six basic strategies that are critical to effectiveness:

- Building a foundation for teamwork
- Getting the best and most capable team players
- Ensuring that the team players know their roles and responsibilities
- Participating in team training
- Adopting good team strategies
- Convincing others to support the team

I will attempt to summarize the salient recommendations found in this study, but it is essential to view this article from the perspective that excellent boards are critical to the existence of a first-rate school system. It is also important to understand that many citizens have no clue! Too many think that serving on a school board is a once-a-month activity. They don't fully comprehend the personal sacrifices (time, effort and energy) required of a good board member. Effective board members possess a child-centered focus and an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of board members. Their responsibilities include:

- Developing policies that will guide and direct faculty/staff operation
- Adopting a budget that supports the district's goals
- Voting on personnel recommendations
- Working to be familiar with the perspectives of the other members of their team
- Operating as models of civility, even when things get heated
- Agreeing to stand by the decisions of the board
- Selecting a superintendent who is a good match for the community
- Planning collaboratively with the superintendent
- Holding the superintendent accountable
- Working to provide the continuity of leadership for the district
- Providing parameters for negotiations sessions with employee groups
- Recognizing that individual members have no authority outside the board meeting
- Functioning as a committee of the whole and avoiding conflicts of interest

In addition, effective board members work to develop a shared vision with their communities. They participate in a variety of planning activities, challenge employees to meet the needs of each and every student and establish a long-term direction for the district. They serve as strong advocates for all children of the district, work to build positive relationships with other community groups and make a genuine effort to develop their knowledge of successful programs and strategies. Most importantly, they keep the focus on student achievement. Public service as a school board member, or in another elected capacity, is a tough job in today's world. Motives become suspect and decisions are quickly questioned. So why do it? I can't answer that for our seven members, but I can tell you that they possess all the attributes listed above. If you have been to a board meeting, you know this to be so. If you haven't, please come. As a citizen, you will see a governing body that "walks the talk." Is the local board of education in danger of extinction? I hope not!

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Tech issues should rule debates



PHILIP POWER

Republican presidential candidates George W. Bush, John McCain and the four dwarves went at it Monday night in Grand Rapids.

The event kicked off in earnest the presidential primary season in Michigan. Republicans vote Feb. 22 in a primary election, while the Democrats gather in caucuses on March 11.

Presented with the opportunity to cover a big-time national story, the Michigan news media fell all over themselves in trying to out do their national brethren in pontificating about the big questions. Can the charismatic insurgent McCain overcome all Bush's money and institutional support from Gov. John Engler on down? Can Bush take a punch? Is Bush smart enough to know he's been hit? Is Michigan really a firewall for Bush in the event he loses the primary in New Hampshire?

I'd add one. Is all we are doing merely rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic?

Look at it this way. We are plop in the middle of the greatest surge of technological change since the Industrial Revolution hit England in the 18th Century. The Internet is a present reality, and the enormous range and scope of future innovations stemming from the application of information technology are sure to bring fundamental changes to our entire society, from business to politics, from government to personal relations.

Yet are these the questions the news media pose and the candidates debate? Perish the thought! Instead the political system contents itself with petty arguments about piddling subjects: Taxes (to cut or not to cut), subsidies to ethanol (of interest only to Iowa farmers), abortion (which is on the way down, anyway), family values (everybody, including Hillary, is running away from Clinton) and so on.

Great political leaders have always had the capacity to look over the horizon and to focus attention on the big issues that might not be so apparent at the time but which eventually shake the roots of societies. Ronald Reagan concentrated on Russia and the Cold War. Franklin Roosevelt reconstructed America in the wake of the Depression. Winston Churchill early saw the danger of Hitler.

I believe the next decade is going to be as revolutionary and creative as any period in American history. And I think a presidential campaign that ignores these issues is a sad and wasteful exercise in futility.

Here are just a few questions Michigan voters might want to raise in town meetings with presidential candidates.

Taxes. E-commerce was the big winner this Christmas season. Most sales over the Internet are not taxed. But most states and some cities rely on some form of sales tax. What's going to happen when governors and mayors discover their tax base is being lost to untaxed Internet commerce? A national sales tax, almost certainly. This, in turn, will provoke a complete resetting of the relations between cities, states and the federal government.

Safety net. Certainly, saving Social Security is important, but in the age of the Internet, access to information technology is going to be as fundamental a need as a fixed income on retirement. Should everybody be guaranteed access to the Web as a right, just like Social Security?

Education. The basic technologies of teaching and learning — lectures, note taking and reading — are all survivals of the Middle Ages. The Internet and information technology are opening the door for fundamental rethinking of the ways children and adults learn. We have yet to start talking about the consequences for our entire system of education.

Government. A persistent problem in late 20th Century advanced countries is the inefficiency of governments in delivering services to taxpayers, coupled with confusion about the proper responsibilities of our three-layered (local, state and federal) system of government. Why stand in line for hours to get your license renewed when you can get it done in seconds on the Internet? Why rush to file your income tax return at midnight on April 15 when you can file instantaneously on the Web?

Politics. Citizens are increasingly cynical about the political system; voter turnout is low and getting lower. Certainly, there is room for debate about the ways special interest money infests our politics. But could information technology sweep aside the secret deals and revitalize citizen involvement in the political process? Or will the Internet merely open the door for a scary sort of mobocracy?

I doubt well scripted sound bites or carefully programmed candidates will be able to handle these and other similarly far-reaching questions. But they desperately need to be asked.

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Prom Gala 2000: Fun, friends and freedom from drugs

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY TASK FORCE FOR YOUTH CORNER

We often hear the importance of "drug-free alternative activities" for youth. These can take many shapes and forms, and with the number of young people of our community (2,200 at Clarkston High School at last count) there is no "one size fits all."

Last year Healthy People/Healthy Oakland — a county-wide community health initiative involving all sectors of the community for increased awareness for various health issues — partnered with MADD (Mother's Against Drunk Driving) for an event called "Prom Gala." The seven-week program involved 240 Oakland County high school students from 27 area high schools and will take place again this year in two Oakland County locations.

■ Besides just saying no to drugs and alcohol, Prom Gala offers young people the opportunity to say yes to a positive future for themselves.

Students in grades 9-12 will meet weekly to prepare for a 60-minute "fashion show/song and dance" event March 11 at Summit Place Mall and March 12 at Oakland Mall. Teens will model prom gowns and tuxedos loaned from area businesses, learn song and dance routines taught by a professional choreographer, and sign a pledge to remain drug- and alcohol-free for the entire seven-week Prom Gala schedule.

Besides just saying no to drugs and alcohol, Prom Gala offers young people the opportunity to say yes to a positive future for themselves — stretching beyond their "comfort zones" to gain increased confidence in public speaking and poise, leadership training, meeting new people, teamwork and learning stage presence/performance skills. Modeling glamorous clothes is fun for everyone, and can help a young person to picture himself/herself in any number of positive future roles — all of this in a drug- and alcohol-free atmosphere, with interaction from adults who role model a positive drug-free lifestyle.

Weekly motivational speakers (20-30 minutes each week) have included Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard, area emergency room nurses, local media celebrities, and others who reinforce the drug-free message, and encourage young people to make positive choices in their lives.

Each week of rehearsal becomes a social event, from the beginning kick-off party to the big performance event and finally the pay back (thank-you) party. Although around the "prom season" and "spring break" themes, it is not assumed/implied that all young people who participate in the Prom Gala will choose to attend the school prom, nor is this aspect overly emphasized. Rather, it is a message of positive life choices that is strongly reinforced.

But does it work? In a follow-up survey last year, 98 percent of teen participants upheld their pledge to remain free of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs during the seven-week Prom Gala schedule: 68 percent said they had been positively influenced by Prom Gala to remain substance free; and 77 percent said they intend to remain drug free in the future.

As many wise people have said, "Life is a choice, one day at a time." Seven weeks of Prom Gala can be the beginning of the rest of your life. Healthy People/Healthy Oakland is specifically inviting teens from North Oakland County (Clarkston, Brandon, Holly, Orion/Oxford) to be part of Prom Gala 2000 this year. No previous drama, music or stage experience is needed — just a desire to have fun without drugs or alcohol and a willingness to commit to a seven-week practice schedule.

Adult volunteers are also needed to assist and chaperone at both sites and for all stages of the process, beginning with the Kick-Off Party 3 p.m. Jan. 22 in Waterford Oaks Activity Center. For more information, or to sign up, contact Kelly Kaniganski at Clarkston High School, 623-3537, or Karen Bisdorf at (248) 858-1284.

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Bush, Michigan called winners of GOP debate

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George W. Bush was the clear winner of Michigan's GOP presidential primary debate, at least according to the party faithful who were on hand to witness the exchange Monday evening at Calvin College in Grand Rapids.

Bush showed "grace under fire," said State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia).

Gov. John Engler was impressed with Bush. "I thought it was a terrific night for Bush. Bush looked very presidential. He was substantive. He had an effective use of humor. He looked very comfortable. I thought his presentation of super," the governor said.

But there those with a different view.

"Those are mostly Bush adherents," Sen. John Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) said. "Definitely, John McCain was the most substantive. Bush ran up some style points. He was looser, less uptight. But when John McCain got a question, he gave a straight answer. If that's what the American people want, style over substance, they can repeal the 22nd Amendment and re-elect Bill Clinton."

State's a winner, too

All six candidates still in the race for the GOP presidential nomination showed up for the debate, sponsored by Kent County Republicans and the state party. They included Texas Gov. Bush, Arizona Sen. McCain, Family Research Council President Gary Bauer, former president of Citizens Against Government Waste and founder of National Taxpayer Action Day Alan Keyes, Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch and Forbes Magazine Publisher Steven Forbes.

Before a crowd of 1,200, the candidates were grilled for an hour and a half by Grand Rapids area reporters, moderator Tim Russert of NBC, Calvin College students and each other.

The majority of Republicans said there was another obvious winner — the State of Michigan.

The candidates are paying more attention to the state in this year's contest, in large part because of lawmakers' decision to move up Michigan's primary election from late March to Feb. 22. That was evident from the number of Michigan-specific questions asked and answered Monday night.

Russert noted that application of sales taxes to goods bought over the Internet has been an issue in Michigan and pointed out that the state will ask taxpayers to voluntarily claim those purchases with their income taxes this year.

When Forbes said such taxes have already been judged to be illegal by the Supreme Court, Russert asked if Forbes was encouraging Michigan residents to break the law by refusing to pay. The candidate stopped short, saying he did not know the law in Michigan.

Bauer cited a General Motors plant in Flint which had been closed and reopened in Shanghai. He was leading into a question directed at Forbes about whether Forbes would "worship at the alter of international trade."

As intended, the earlier GOP primary is getting prominence for Michigan voters.

Michigan's key primary

"Michigan's being moved up in the process is the key to these people paying more attention to us," House Speaker Chuck Perricone said. "We are going to be center stage in February. That was the intent. We will actually have a voice in who the nominee is that is selected. And that is the way it should be. We are one of the larger industrial states. I think it's time we had a substantive say in who the nominee will be."

The candidates addressed a variety of topics. Bush touted his tax cutting record and promised tax cuts. McCain said the current budget surplus should be used to pay down the national debt. Forbes criticized Bush's tax cutting effort in Texas.

Bill McMaster, Birmingham resident and president of Taxpayers United, was on hand.

"When Bush talks about his history as being a tax cutter, I don't think he is really being honest," he said. Based on U.S. Department of Labor statistics, McMaster said, "In Texas, total state tax collections increased at a faster rate than any other state last year. Michigan was number two. It is not unlikely that Gov. Bush would find Gov. Engler a willing running mate since they both are on tax and spend sprees."

Bush and McCain, prompted by a question from a college student, pledged to avoid negative campaign ads. McCain even walked across to shakes hands with Bush when he made his pledge.

"That's fine. Bush believes in the 11th commandment," Engler said. "That doesn't mean they will be blowing each other kisses for the rest of the campaign. There are issues we can talk about. That's not negative."

Still, for GOP stalwarts, the night seems to have gone to Bush.

"No one laid a glove on George W. Bush," Sen. Bill Schuette (R-Midland) said. "We've had five or six debates in as many days, and none of the other candidates can get traction."

But for Oakland's viewers (those who could) ... a yawner

BY PAT MURPHY
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As a spectator sport, the debate of the Republican presidential hopefuls seemed to generate only mild interest — at best — in Oakland County.

The live debate at Calvin College in Grand Rapids Monday had significance, with Steve Forbes defending his television ads are truthful — although some consider them derogatory — and front-runners George Bush and John McCain pledging to avoid so-called negative campaigning.

But locally, many residents couldn't receive the debate on television, while others simply didn't care.

The Young Republicans of Oakland County, for example, wanted to watch the event at their regular meeting. But the meeting place, Bogies (soon to be Brewers) in Southfield, didn't get MSNBC, which telecast the forum.

"So we debated the merits of each of the candidates," said YGOP President Jeff Hoomaian, a sales representative from Birmingham. "While each has good ideas, we decided that Bush is the best candidate," he said, "and he's the most electable."

The debate was telecast at the Spectadium, a sports bar in Troy. The establishment has more than 50 television sets, and the debate was shown as an alternative to live basketball and rerun golf.

But few of the 30, or so, patrons paid attention. Most socialized, flirted or played pool.

"I've already made up my mind," said one customer, who identified himself only as Fred. "I'm a Republican, and I think (Texas Gov. George) Bush will be the nominee.

"I've already seen some of the debates, and they seem to verify my belief that Bush should be the next president," he said.

Christie Dluge, an off-duty employee, said the debate didn't hold much interest for her either. "I consider myself to be a Republican," she said. "But I'm just not interested."

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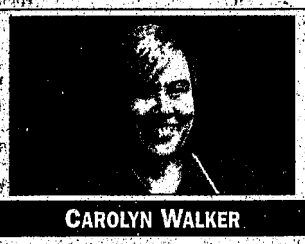

CAROLYN WALKER

Age game is anyone's guess

I suppose I should have felt flattered when I limped into a local urgent care center for a knee X-ray recently and was treated to an unexpected question. One that I haven't heard in a heck of a long time. (At least a decade.) I suppose I should even have found the question refreshing.

Nay, I was stunned.

"Is there any chance you're pregnant?" queried the technician, innocently and perhaps naively, as I hoisted myself onto the X-ray table with an unlady-like grunt. (With chances of that variety, I should be playing the lottery.)

The technician was a veritable vision of cheerful youthfulness, flouncing around the examining room with her long hair trailing her. Her skin was clear and her eyes seemed bright. Her hands whipped X-ray film into and out of the machine with obvious experience and dexterity. Her feet danced with the opportunity of performing this medical good deed.

I half expected her to break into song.

Either I look terribly young for my age or this technician is really into her robotic-questioning, I thought, wondering if she goes into what I would call a "rote mode" and asks the question of men or children.

I looked back at her, incredulous, then rolled my eyes toward the

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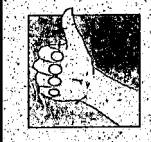
Good friends 'ham it up' over the airwaves

■ Ham radio operators find their hobby fulfills a need for friendship while providing a life-saving service in disasters when more modern forms of communication break down.



BY CAROLYN WALKER
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Brad Nowak admits that he likes to sit in his Waterford Township basement and go "chasing the DX." He also has 11-year yearnings that correspond with solar cycles. And, of course, he's heard his share of "hamming it up" remarks.

Don't panic, though. Nowak isn't going to grow fangs and start prowling the woods at night.

His is the life of an amateur — or "ham" — radio operator.

Federally-licensed amateur radio operators have their own radio systems and are able to communicate by Morse Code or voice to other operators around the world even when other methods of communication, such as telephone or computer, have been disrupted. Their skills are frequently called upon in times of disaster or community need.

They have an affinity for 11-year solar cycles, according to Nowak, because that's when sunspots increase, leading to a chain of natural events that improves the quality of radio frequencies.

"The idea is for the local clubs to remain prepared. We are a national technical resource for the United States. We're a trained group of radio operators," Nowak said, adding that their services are sometimes used during floods or hurricanes and the like, or when search and rescue is required. Ham radios function during times of crisis because they can run off batteries or generators.

Nowak, a past-president, has been a member of the Oakland County Amateur Radio Society since 1992, the year he became a licensed operator. OCARS meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Waterford School District IMC building off Crescent Lake Road near M-59. The organization has a membership of about 45 who come from across Oakland County. Most of their members are from Waterford, Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford, he said. New members of any age are welcome.

"Ever since I was young I was interested in radio," Nowak said recently as he explained his role as a hobbyist and emergency preparedness standby. "A (friend), when I was young, invited me into his radio shack and gave me a demonstration talking to a car ham in South Carolina. I never forgot that.

"Ham operators can talk to people all over the world ... as well as spend a lot of time with local groups and clubs. We do a lot of emergency and public service work."

Nowak, an engineer by profession, was a volunteer assigned to work with the American Medical Response ambulance service over the New Year's holiday, although, in the absence of any Y2K problems, his skills weren't needed.

"Licensing is not limited by age or gender or race or anything," Nowak said. "The only thing it really requires

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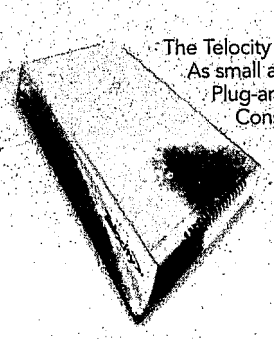
STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALERBA

Paper proof: *Brad Nowak of Waterford Township displays some of his 'QSL cards' sent to him from ham radio operators from around the world, proving contact with other countries.*

You ain't seen nothing yet.

AOL slow?





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machine-obscured heavens.

Pregnant? Me? At this age?

'Tis to laugh! 'Tis to laugh really, really hard.

The last time I looked (this morning, in the mirror) I had almost white hair (see column-photo), bags under my eyes, several emerging wrinkles, a hint of a dowager's hump, and a really serious case of midriff bulge — not to mention that lame knee.

"Good grief no," I responded, considering the primary and secondary diagnoses such a condition would incur: Old-age pregnancy complicated by osteoarthritis.

It's a real concept, isn't it?

"May the saints and heavens protect me!" I said, my voice echoing off the clinic walls.

The fact is, had my answer come back in the affirmative, I would be making real headlines — real significant headlines — indeed. (Can you imagine what The Perfectionist — who is considering retirement and Social Security even as we speak — would have thought? Come to think of it, he might have made an even better headline.)

Anyway, as I came back to the office and began considering all this, I got to thinking about when I was a young teenager and I went to a restaurant with my parents.

Ah, the conflicts of life!

Now, you must understand, I considered myself to be quite grown-up back then.

"Do you want to color?" asked the hostess, peering at me with a sincere smile.

Of course I didn't want to color! I wanted to ditch my parents, get all gussied up, wear an early-60's-styled big hairdo, and go out in a cool car on a really hot date with a guy I knew from seventh grade named Jim. (The saints and heavens have since protected me from really hot dates, too.)

One week later:

Hindsight is a great thing. I realized this fact only a few days ago while standing in front of the toothpaste aisle in a local supermarket. Perusing the paste varieties with my finicky family in mind, I was surprised to hear a soft male voice addressing me.

Do you know what Orajel for denture wearers looks like? I heard the voice say.

Hmm? Me? At this age?

I am caught in a time warp, right? Rod Serling is playing a practical joke.

Can't you just hear his dramatic intonation.

You are not young. You are not old. You do not like to color. You no longer have color. You are Woman. You have now entered the "Twilight Zone."

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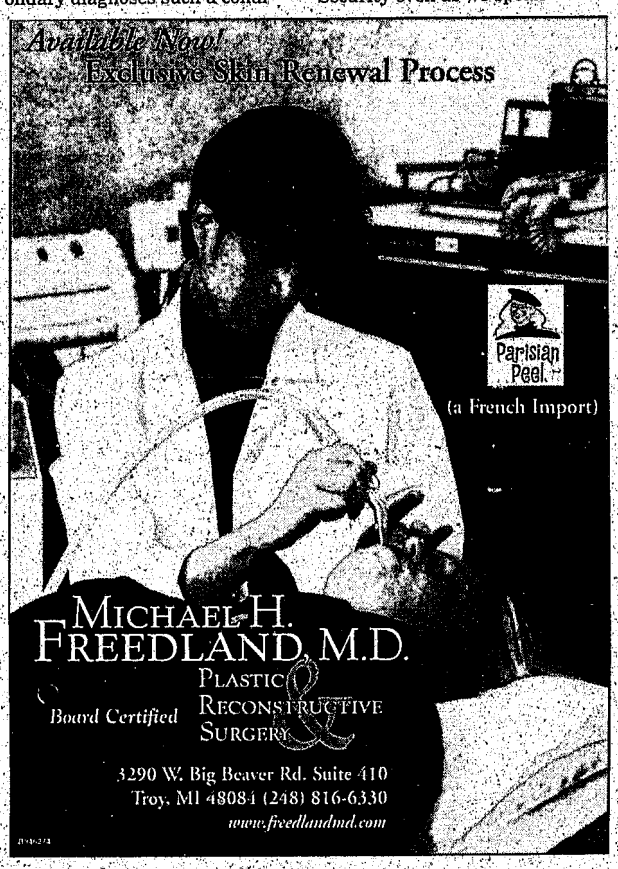

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THURSDAY, JAN. 13

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

7 p.m., Clarkston High School, large-group-instruction room. Clarkston High School will host an information session on college financial aid for parents of seniors who will be attending college the fall of 2000. The program will focus on filling out the financial aid form (FAFSA) and financial aid programs. The speaker for the meeting will be Cliff Levitt from the Baker College's Financial Aid Office. For further information please call: 623-4040.

THURSDAY, FEB 3RD

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m. Independence Senior Center in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Speaker: Bob and/ or Deanna Olsen from Planned Financial Services of Clarkston. They are financial consultants and will answer questions on what are secure investments and how much insurance should I have and many others. Facilitator: Christine Spencer M.A., L.P.C., Director of Bereavement Services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Walk-in; no registration. Free of charge. For men and women recently widowed. All ages, and all area residents welcome. Refreshments serve. Any questions or if anyone would like to be on our mailing list, please call Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home (248) 625-5231

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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

NORTH OAKLAND COUNSELING ASSOCIATES -STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: A WOMAN'S PREVENTION GROUP

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

3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m. Independence Township Library, Clarkston. For information, call Carol 625-5275 or MLDA 1-888-784-LYME.

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

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EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

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7 p.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Contact: Anna Marie at 625-8894 or Kim Tombrella at 620-2616.

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY

TOASTMASTERS CLUB IN CLARKSTON

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

EVERY SATURDAY

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING

10 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Contact: Anna Marie at 625-8895 or Kim Tombrella at 620-2616.

CLARKSTON EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

WHEN : FEBRUARY

Clarkston Community Education, in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute, will offer a nine-hour Basement Remodeling seminar on Saturdays, Feb. 5 and Feb. 12 from 8a.m.-noon. The seminar costs $90 plus a textbook fee of $8. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Feb. 4, to Clarkston Community Education. Call (248) 674-0993 to register Monday through Friday, 8a.m. to 4p.m. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in more than 40 schools in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule of class locations, call Oakland Builders Institute at 1-800-940-2014.

CLARIFICATION

The correct address for an Internet site put together by Chris A. Lewis is http://www.owosso.org/career

Lewis is authoring a series of columns for the Clarkston Eccentric on preparing for college. His next column will run Jan. 20.

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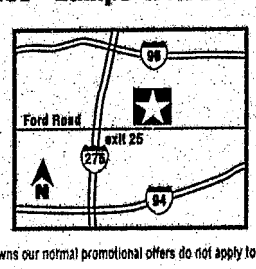

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Taking down holiday decorations is purr-fect job — to do by yourself



ROCHELLE SMITH

In early January each year I have a sense of ending, instead of beginning. Although we are starting a new year, we are also ending another Christmas season. While I love to decorate every inch of my house with colorful Christmas trimmings, I do not enjoy the process of taking them back down after the holidays.

In early December I enjoy bringing all the boxes up from the basement and finding spots for each little nick-nack. Little kissing Mr. and Mrs. Santas on the window ledge, my lighted Victorian village on the entertainment unit, the various handmade decorations that my boys have made in school and church over the years are covering every little nook and cranny of the house. That's the fun part of Christmas for me. My goal each year is to have every shelf, table, window and wall covered with festive holiday cheer.

This year I was especially enthused since we moved into our house last March and this was our first Christmas. I pulled out decorations that I hadn't used in years. I wove two kinds of garland through the banister in the hall. I hung decorations from the doorknobs; I painted shiny glass ornaments and hung them from my lace curtains. It was hard to find a spot in my house that wasn't adorned with some type of Christmas decoration.

Since I am the only member of my family who enjoys the decorating process, I am also usually the only one who is involved in the undecorating. My husband informed me many years ago that, if it were left up to him, a Christmas tree would be the only decoration in the house. With that in mind, he will, occasionally, help me take down the tree, but the rest of the adornment is my responsibility.

This year it was a little different. From the day the decorations went up, there has been help in my house taking them down. This help has come from the newest member of our family — our new cat "Cookie" (a.k.a. Cookie Monster). Since we adopted her in early November, she has proven to be quite a handful. She is about one and a half years old and full of the dickens (and I don't mean Charles Dickens). During the weeks between adopting her from the Animal Shelter and putting up the Christmas decorations, I struggled with the knowledge that it would be difficult to keep the Christmas ornaments in tact with this wild cat in the house. My concern, however, was greatly outweighed by my desire to go all out in decorating for our first Christmas in our new house.

We took precautions and secured the Christmas Tree to the wall to make sure she didn't knock the whole thing over. We put all the precious ornaments on the top and placed only the indestructible ones within reach of the floor. All breakable figurines were put on surfaces that were either too thin for her to jump on or near enough to a carpeted floor that they would not break if knocked off. We were fairly certain the house was safe.

Our first clue that we may have a problem came one evening in early December as I plugged in the Christmas tree. I noticed that it wasn't as bright as before. Too busy to investigate right then, I made a mental note to take a closer look at it the next day. The next day when I plugged in the tree, I noticed that only one out of four strands of lights was working. I checked each connection between the strands of lights and saw that they were all secure. Thinking that there must be a bad bulb somewhere, I decided to check into it thoroughly the next day. Unfortunately, when I plugged the tree in the next day, there was no light at all. At that point it didn't take too long to discover the source of the problem. About two feet from the electrical outlet was a gnawed end of the light strand. Upon inspection we found that our little Cookie Monster had chewed completely through every single strand of lights on the tree. Christmas was still two weeks away and we were removing light strands from the tree and using wire nuts and electrical tape to patch them back together.

She then went after the garland woven through the banister. After finding sections of it lying in various locations around the house, I decided it would have to go. Then came the presumed indestructible ornaments near the bottom of the tree. Being quite helpful, Cookie removed and stored most of them for us. We still haven't found them so she must have them well stored away for next year. The ones she didn't store, she gnawed.

For years I have dreaded taking down all the Christmas decorations by myself and have wished for a little help. The old saying is true. Be careful what you wish for because you may get it. Now that I have a little helper, I'm wishing the decorations could stay up long enough for me to take them down all by myself.

Rochelle Smith is a freelance columnist. She lives in Independence Township.

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is a desire."

According to Nowak, who is a volunteer licensing examiner, OCARS sponsors classes on how to become a licensed operator. He has helped to license operators as young as 9 and as old as 70.

Testing is required and there are five "levels" of licensing, he said, adding, "You don't have to learn Morse Code."

Unlike citizens band radio operators, ham operators do not use monikers or "handles." Instead, they are assigned call signs. Nowak answers to N8SSNM. And, while CB operators are limited to about 40 channels, ham operators have unlimited access to frequencies.

"What I enjoy doing is what's referred to as 'chasing DX,'" Nowak said. "It refers to trying to work as many different countries around the world as I can. 'Working a country' means making contact with somebody in a country and getting a proof of contact back from them."

"Proof" comes in the form of what are called "QSL cards," which closely resemble post cards in design, although they also provide written information.

Pulling a variety of cards from a filing box, Nowak said, "I use this card as a proof of contact so I can earn various awards and so forth. I look to foreign countries that I haven't really talked to before."

Nowak said he has cards from about 270 countries and while he has made friends from other parts of the world, most of his close radio-operator friends live locally.

"There are a lot of lasting relationships that have grown out of amateur radio," he said. "It's an open door policy among hams. Amateur radio is a great way to meet friends, both locally and on the air."

Despite the friendliness and camaraderie that exists among operators from around the world, Nowak said the hobby is declining amid competition from computers.

"Ham radio is aging," he said. "I don't like to admit it, but it's true. One of the big competitors is the Internet. It's hard for a young person to get interested when they can do the same thing over the Internet."

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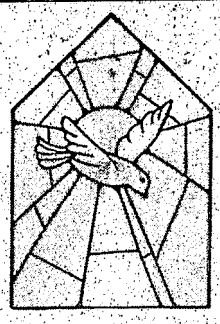

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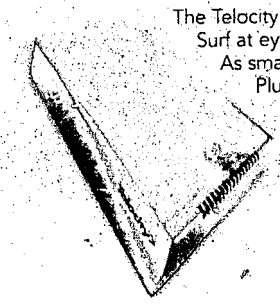

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No bears around when she needed one

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It took a car crash, but the self-styled "Bear Bimbo" of Oakland County is setting her sights on Bloomfield Township.

Rochelle Heyniger is trying to convince the township police to begin carrying a teddy bear or two in patrol cars — as do many Sheriff's Department vehicles.

Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard, who himself carries a teddy bear in his personal car, said they are available to give to children involved in car crashes, domestic abuse cases, murder investigations or other traumatic situations when youngsters might need comforting.

Heyniger, a Rochester Hills resident, approached the township about carrying teddy bears after encountering a 2-year-old who was a passenger in the car that collided with hers.

She wanted to give the 2-year-old — whose father was being arrested — a teddy bear. But alas, neither she nor the patrol car responding to her accident had any to give.

"Here I am, the 'Bear Bimbo,' and I didn't have a teddy bear to give this kid," she said, "I'll never make that mistake again."

Heyniger has been part of the effort to collect and donate teddy bears to the sheriff's department. "It would take a 'bimbo' (somebody not thinking too clearly) to be gathering teddy bears for the sheriff . . . and not have some in her own car," she said. "I guess that makes me the 'bear bimbo.'

"But I won't make that mistake again."

The 2-year-old at the crash could have definitely used some comforting, according to police. He was in the front seat of a car that collided with Heyniger's vehicle which was stopped in traffic at the intersection of Long Lake and Lahser on Jan. 3, according to police Chief Jeffrey Werner.

The driver of that car — a 41-year-old White Lake Township resident — was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of prescription drugs and child endangerment, said Werner.

The child was securely seat-belted in the vehicle, said the chief. The charge of child endangerment stemmed from the driver being under the influence of a prescription drug, he said.



Un-'bear'-able: *Rochelle Heyniger helped collect more than 500 teddy bears for a sheriff's program — but ...*

The driver was held overnight, and the child was released to his mother who had been summoned to the scene, said Werner.

Werner said Heyniger's idea about squad cars carrying teddy bears sounds plausible. "But we're reviewing the proposal before making any decisions," he said.

Getting enough teddy bears for the township police should be no problem, said Heyniger.

Last month more than 500 teddy bears — collected at various drop-off points, including the headquarters of the Oakland County Republican Party — were donated to the sheriff's department.

"I'm sure we could collect enough teddy bears for Bloomfield Township," said Heyniger.

Ironically, the day after the crash Heyniger was contacted by a Bloomfield Township woman who donated four additional bags of teddy bears.

"I haven't talked to her yet," said Heyniger, "but I'm sure she wouldn't mind if her teddy bears went to township police instead of the sheriff's department."

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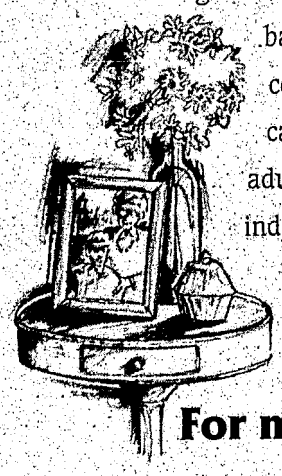

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January, when simple plants hide secrets older than the age of dinosaurs

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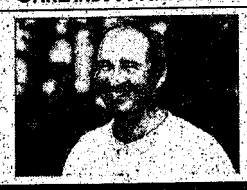

JONATHAN SCHECHTER

"Come forth into the light of things, let nature be your teacher."
– William Wadsworth

Very shortly after sunlight shimmered through the woods on New Year's morning, I found myself wandering the edge of a long-abandoned railway bed, a strip of returning wildness lined with thousands of ragged-looking cattails.

If we had walked quickly, the cattails, browned by time and torn by critters, might have been all we noted. We did not walk quickly. A slow walk on earth not quite frozen, certainly not warm and holding pockets of snow and hummocks of frost, warmed the soul if not the feet. And it opened eyes to a perfectly lazy low-budget entrance into a new year of nature's way.

■ January is a month of survival, renewal and rest. And yes, a month of snow that hides many of nature's secrets, yet reveals others.

The seemingly slow pace of January is the key to discovering hidden secrets of nature; facets lost in the energetic growth spurts of spring, the storms and rhythm of summer and the crisp colors of autumn. January is a month of survival, renewal and rest. And yes, a month of snow that hides many of nature's secrets, yet reveals others.

Cattails, those strangely beautiful ubiquitous plant spears rising from wetlands and topped with tightly packed seed heads of fluff resembling boiled hot dogs, add crackling noises to the world of winter. The slightest wind makes dry stalks scrape and shuffle and dance together almost as if they are celebrating the season of cold. Now and then a chickadee alights on the "hot dog" head and tears at fluff. Although the chickadees would not share their secrets with me, I suspect the desire to devour hidden insects was their motivation.

A few inches under frozen muck, cattail tubers await the warmth of spring, the time to send green stalks shooting skyward. A few more months and red-wing blackbirds will musically claim the cattails as their own. No cattails? Then you must live in a part of the city where wetlands had no respect and were replaced with walls of concrete. Too bad your "city fathers" did not take the time to walk slowly.

As I kicked about under a grove of red maple trees, a miniature world of green poked out from under crumbled, partially decayed leaves. This hidden world of January greenery seemed light years away from the dry cattail stalks that were only a few dozen feet away. For at my feet, so very easy to miss, was a primitive forest of non-flowering plants. A three-year-old, or me, or perhaps you, would have been delighted with the discovery and dreamt of elves scampering about mysterious forests.

Tiny creeping evergreens standing only about eight inches or so above the forest floor added splashes of color. January is a month when the "club mosses" seem to appear magically in fertile woodlands and rich wetlands. They are ancient downsized remnants of flora that covered the land eons before dinosaurs ruled the earth.

Looking a bit like tiny evergreen trees, the upright single-stalked mosses remain green after blankets of snow coat their world. After surviving the long chill that followed the great asteroid impact that sent dinosaurs packing, our winter is a piece of cake. Club moss seduce with their subtle beauty and survive through perfected adaptation and evolution.

A single set of tiny animal tracks in the snow, with an obvious drag mark from the tiniest of tails, revealed the passage of a creature that darted from the direction of the cattails, leapt through the club mosses, raced over a frozen puddle only to disappear inside the base of a hollow tree. January is the month that reveals the trails of the white-footed mouse, a creature that churns along with alert awareness absorbing life as the rest of us slow down and wait for a new season.

I think the mouse has the right idea.

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Naturescapes

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Visit website of Oakland County Parks for maps, discount coupons and more. On the Internet: www.co.oakland.mi.us.

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Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center; Friday, January 21 at 7 p.m.
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Colleges use Valentine's Day program to help fight violence

Every two minutes a woman is raped somewhere in America, according to reports issued by the U.S. Department of Justice. In 1995, 354,670 women were victims of rape or sexual assault. Approximately 28 percent of the victims were raped by husbands or boyfriends; 35 percent by acquaintances and five percent by other relatives.

V-Day, an annual campaign begun in New York in 1998 to end sexual violence against women, will be observed on Valentine's Day, Monday, Feb. 14, at an estimated 300 colleges throughout the U.S. and Canada, including Oakland Community College and the University of Detroit-Mercy.

OCC, U of D-Mercy join

The local colleges will join the V-Day 2000 Initiative with a performance of the Obie Award-winning play, *The Vagina Monologues*.

Sponsored by the OCC Womencenter and the University of Detroit-Mercy Theater and Women's Studies Program, *The Vagina Monologues* will be presented in the Orchard Ridge Campus' Smith Theatre, Friday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m. General admission is $20, $10 for students showing ID. Tickets will only be available at the door. Proceeds benefit three agencies in Detroit and Oakland County that work to end violence against women.

The production is directed by Yolanda Fleisher, associate professor of theater at UD-M and founder of the Nell's Girls theater group. Noted Detroit actress Shirley Benyas, former Attic Theater artistic director Lavinia Moyer, and Gilliam Eaton, local director and former member of The Royal Shakespeare Company, will be joined by theater students in the performance.

The Vagina Monologues, by Eve Ensler, was a prominent feature of the first V-Day observance in 1998. Performance at HERE, an off-Broadway theater, the play featured some of the most notable women of stage and screen including Glenn Close, Whoopi Goldberg, Susan Sarandon, Winona Ryder, Lily Tomlin and Calista Flockhart.

The play is based on interviews with hundreds of women — ranging from a Long Island antiques dealer to a Bosnian refugee. It bravely explores questions often pondered but seldom asked. Performed to great acclaim throughout the world, it has been hailed by the New York Times as "funny and poignant," and by the New York Daily News as "intelligent and courageous." It dives into the mystery, humor, pain, power, wisdom, outrage and excitement buried in women's experiences. With a forward by Gloria Steinham, the play was published by Villard Books/Random House in February, 1999.

Colleges join movement

In 1998, V-Day observances were limited to New York, but the 1999 Initiative marked the full emergence of the issue of violence against women in the American mainstream. Sixty-five campuses presented performances of *The Vagina Monologues* on Valentine's Day, 1999, including Cornell, Brown and Syracuse Universities and Middlebury, Bennington and Mount Holyoke Colleges. *Self Magazine* demonstrated its commitment to the initiative with a two-page spread in its February issue. This year *Self* will go even further by agreeing to sponsor the entire V-Day 2000 College Initiative.

For more information, call the OCC Womencenter at (248) 471-7602, or the UD-M Women's Studies Program at (313) 993-6172.

Up-to-the-minute information about V-Day 2000 and violence against women may be found at the V-Day global website at **www.feminist.com/vday**

The Orchard Ridge Campus is at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696.



S. Gerald Gorcyca

Lawyer gains post

■ S. Gerald Gorcyca recently assumed the duties of chair of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

Gorcyca, a Beverly Hills resident, has been an attorney in Oakland County for almost three decades during which he was active in the Oakland County Bar. His current law offices are in Bingham Farms.

He is the father of Oakland County Prosecutor David G. Gorcyca.

Men's group will meet in Oakland

The Men's Wisdom Council — a monthly gathering of men who discuss issues important to men — has moved to Oakland County for its meetings.

The group will meet monthly, beginning Saturday, Jan. 22, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 11 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak. The group had been meeting in Detroit.

Guest speaker at the Jan. 22 meeting will be Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Dick Halloran. His topic will be "New Wisdom for a New Millennium."

Group spokesman Michael Golden describes the Men's Wisdom Council as "a grass-roots organization that was started nine years ago to address the needs of men in this area."

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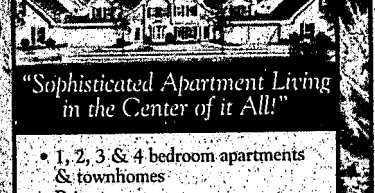
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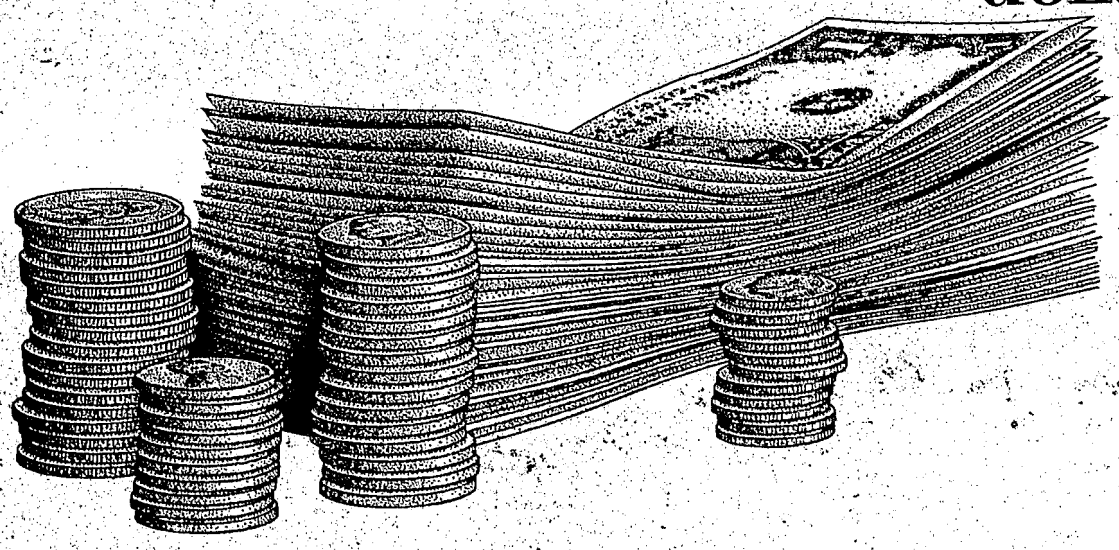

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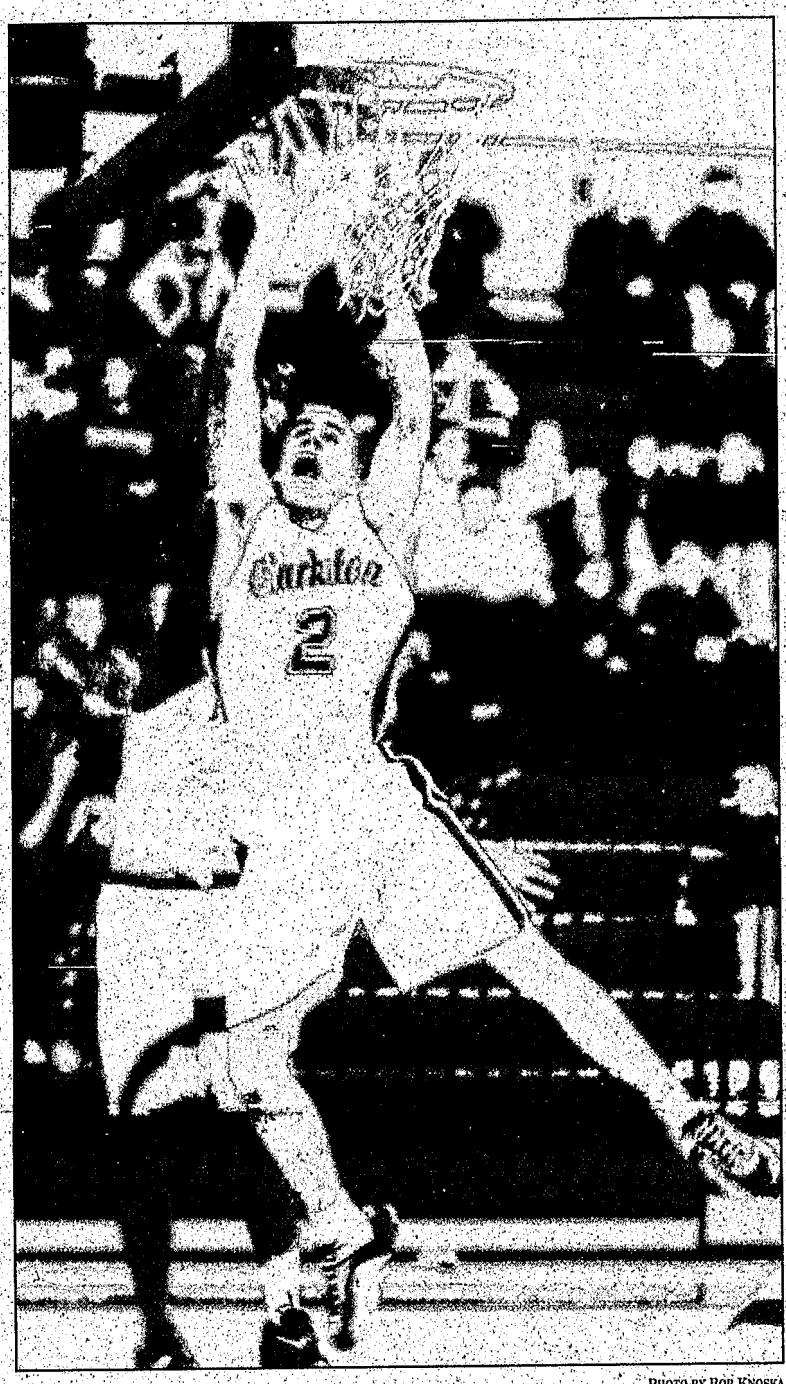

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Up-and-in: *Clarkston 6-foot-5 senior center Adam Schapman scored 13 points and added eight rebounds as Clarkston rolled Monday to a convincing 69-41 OAA Division I triumph over rochester Adams.*

Clakrkston's 28-point win over Highlanders creates logjam atop OAA Division I standings

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

Monday's boys basketball game between Clarkston and Rochester Adams was billed as a showdown between Oakland County's top two scorers — Adams' Paris Bernard and Clarkston's Ryan Marino.

Instead, the Wolves showed they might have the best team in the county, dominating the visiting Highlanders in a 69-41 Oakland Activities Association Division I rout.

Clarkston's win moves the Wolves into a first-place tie in the OAA Division I along with Adams and Pontiac Northern.

The Wolves stalled the potent Adams offense, holding the Highlanders to just 13 first-half points. Bernard, a 6-foot-4 senior guard who was coming off a 35-point outburst in the Highlanders' win Friday over previously state-ranked Pontiac Northern, was held without a field goal in the first half and finished with just three points.

"We just wanted to make him work for his shots," Clarkston coach Dan Fife said of the game plan against Bernard. "Rocky (Lund) has always played him tough, and we played outstanding team defense tonight."

Adams coach John Hall agreed with Fife, saying Clarkston's defense never gave Adams a chance to breathe.

"Clarkston kicked our butts in every phase of the game," he said. "They had an excellent game plan on how to defend Paris, and they were very prepared for everything we do. We just didn't come out ready to play tonight."

The Highlanders, fresh off their overtime upset victory over Northern, fell behind 5-0 and never got close to the Wolves. Bernard attempted just four shots in the first half and never found the rhythm that is so key to his game.

On the other end of the floor, the Wolves jumped out to a big lead without scoring from their top gun, Marino. The 6-2 senior committed his second foul with 2:25 left in the first quarter, and had to come out of the game. The Wolves led 12-4 at the time, but the rout was just beginning.

Senior guard Kevin Stalker entered the game in Marino's place and spent the second quarter guarding Bernard while scoring 12 points of his own, helping the Wolves to a 25-7 second-quarter scoring advantage. By the time the half was over, Clarkston held a commanding 40-13 lead.

"We're getting better every day," Fife said. "We didn't give them many second shots, and our kids coming off the bench are just playing outstanding for us."

Clarkston (6-2, 3-1) finished the second quarter on a 14-2 run, highlighted by a four-point play by Stalker. His perimeter play was complemented by the terrific inside work of seniors Adam Schapman and Andy North, who didn't give the Highlanders any easy inside baskets.

"Adam and Andy were outstanding on the boards," Fife praised.

Life didn't get much easier for Adams in the third quarter. The Wolves scored the first six points of the period in less than two minutes, and Bernard was whistled for his fourth foul a minute later. As the third quarter ended, Adams was on the wrong end of a 53-24 score.

"We didn't shoot the ball well, but Clarkston did a good job of moving us out of our comfort zone," Hall said. "You just can't have an off night in this league, because if you do, you will get beat."

Senior guard Ricky Strong led Adams (6-1, 3-1) with 13 points, while 6-6 senior center Andy Bolton finished with four points, four rebounds and three blocks.

The Wolves won with their most balanced offensive attack of the season, led by Stalker's 14 points. Marino finished with 10, while Schapman scored 13 with nine rebounds.

Sophomore point guard Mike Blicher added seven points, four boards and six assists for Clarkston, while North led all players with 10 rebounds.

Adams welcomes another OAA I powerhouse Friday night, when Ferndale comes calling. The Wolves host Southfield Lathrup.

Defensive pressure key Springfield's 6th straight cage triumph

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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It has been said that defense wins basketball games. If there is any truth to that statement, then Clarkston Springfield Christian has been its biggest supporter.

Using a suffocating full-court press, the Eagles captured their sixth-straight win Tuesday by trouncing visiting Ypsilanti Calvary Christian 65-25 in a Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference Red Division match.

"Our team philosophy is we win with defense," said Springfield Christian coach Dennis Hopkins, whose squad hasn't lost since a 67-62 setback to arch-rival Davison Faith Baptist in mid-December. "When we play good defense, our offense thrives off of it."

Like an eagle pouncing on its prey in the moonlight, Springfield (9-2, 4-0) forced Calvary into 10 first-quarter turnovers and quickly opened up with a 13-2 run. By the end of the first quarter, the Eagles were comfortable ahead 20-8.

Senior guard Greg Irish, last season's league MVP, connected on three straight shots from beyond the three-point arc to set the tone for Springfield.

"In certain situations, Greg has the green light to shoot those types of shots," said Hopkins. "Our defense was forcing them to turn the ball over and they kept leaving him wide open on the outside. He knows when to shoot those three-pointers and when to look for someone on the inside."

While Irish held a hot hand from downtown, 6-foot-2 senior forward Jon Vanaman was a complete terror for the Cougars (3-6, 0-4) on the inside. With nobody standing over 6-1, Calvary was helpless stopping Springfield, which has four players 6-2 or taller, in the paint.

Vanaman went on to lead all scorers with a game-high 18 points on 9 of 14 shooting to go along with eight rebounds, three steals and two blocked shots. But he was far from the only one doing the damage.

Irish added 17 points and four assists, 6-2 senior forward Adam Armstrong chipped in with 10 points,

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West Bloomfield surprises Clarkston

Clarkston won the OAA Division II volleyball title last season. But after Monday's loss to West Bloomfield, the Wolves find themselves in second place in the seven-team division with nine league matches to play.

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

At times Monday, Clarkston played like a team capable of defending its Oakland Activities Association Division II volleyball championship. But those flashes weren't enough against one of the division's top threats.

The Wolves suffered their first divisional loss of the season, falling to host West Bloomfield, 15-9, 15-11.

Some costly missed serves and poor passing doomed Clarkston late in both games, and while they did contain all-state outside-hitter Heather Robbins for much of the match, the West Bloomfield 5-foot-10 senior was still able to finish with 11 kills and numerous block attempts at the net.

"We never really took advantage of our opportunities," said Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson. "(Robbins) made some key kills and big plays just as outstanding athletes will do. I'm not too happy about it, but tonight West Bloomfield just outplayed us."

Twice late in the first game, Clarkston (8-4-1, 2-1 OAA) served out of bounds, giving the side out to West Bloomfield. The Wolves did come back from a 14-2 deficit and later trailed 14-9, but Robbins recorded two late kills and the Lakers (9-3-1, 3-1) made few unforced errors in the first game, and finished on a 6-2 run.

The second game took on a similar look as it was tied on several occasions, including deadlocks at 8-8 and 10-10. However, once again West Bloomfield proved to be the tougher team mentally and physically.

Clarkston senior middle-blocker Brittani Brewer finished with seven kills and three blocks and continued her strong play in the middle of the Clarkston offense. Richardson assigned 6-2 middle-blocker Andrea Gower on Robbins for much of the match and the junior was very effective, posting four kills and seven blocks. Junior Lyndsay Vincent also recorded four kills for the Wolves.

But Richardson was disappointed following the loss because he felt his team was capable of winning and remaining undefeated in the division. The Lakers simply made fewer mistakes down the stretch.

"Our passing needs to be more consistent and in the end we just lost our focus. The girls have had a habit of doing that at some points this season and we need to (snap) out of it."

As has been the case all year, senior Jennie Winn and junior Kristen Falck split time at setter, and combined for seven assists. Junior outside-hitter Angela Humphreys was 11-of-12 serving with one ace, and added 10 digs.

Brewer also was perfect on six serve receptions, continuing to show drastic improvement in her

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Clarkston matmen 4th at CC Invitational

DeGain brothers win individual titles to lead Wolves to fine finish

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

This year's wrestling tournament schedule is starting to look like a contest for second place.

With the Davison Cardinals fielding one of the most dominant teams in the state, the Clarkston and Oxford wrestling teams were left battling for scraps at Saturday's Detroit Catholic Central Invitational.

Oxford finished third at the tournament with 111 points, slightly ahead of fourth-place Clarkston, who had 108. Davison coasted to the tournament win with 237 points, way ahead of second-place Holt.

Oxford had two tournament champions, Charlie Myer (130) and Eric Ghiaciuc (heavyweight). Myer pinned Clint Montgomery of Warren Lincoln with one second left in their match, while Ghiaciuc beat highly regarded Nic LaFear of Davison 5-3 in the finals.

Willie Bryer of Oxford lost a thrilling match in the 189-pound finals to Scott Philburn of Fowlerville, 17-11, one of the highest scoring matches of the season.

The Wolves were buoyed by first-place wins by senior Pat DeGain (215 pounds) and freshman Clint DeGain (152). Senior Dave Welanko took second at 135, losing to defending state champ Joe Whitman from Davison.

Senior Jon Robinson suffered his first loss, and first major injury of the season in the semifinals of the heavyweight class. He broke his nose in his match against LaFear and ended up with a 3-2 loss. The injury occurred when the match was tied 1-1.

"Jon had a tough time after that, because it was a grinding match," said Clarkston coach Mike DeGain.

Robinson isn't expected to miss any action, coach DeGain said. He has been fitted with a nose guard and should be ready to go at Saturday's Adrian Tournament.

Also contributing to Clarkston were senior Dave Endreszl (fifth at 130) and junior Kevin Jenks (sixth at 171).

Pat DeGain also suffered a minor injury, dislocating a thumb in the semifinals. His 8-3 win over Jacob Dungey of Holt in the finals marked the first time this season he has not pinned his opponent in the first period.

"A.J. (Grant) had the same injury last year, and he adjusted to it," coach DeGain said. "Pat's and Jon's injuries shouldn't keep them from competing."

Springfield Christian netters stand on Calvary

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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With a young team, Clarkston Springfield Christian still has its mental lapses on the volleyball court. But Tuesday, the Eagles were able to overcome those shortcomings.

The result was hard-fought 15-4, 9-15, 15-7 Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference Red Division triumph over visiting Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

"With such a young team, we still do make a lot of mistakes," said Springfield coach Melissa Hughes. "I think we lose our focus for periods of time. But when we are focused, we're are playing very well."

In the first game against the Cougars, Springfield scored the first seven points and cruised to a convincing 11-point win. But the Eagles (3-3-0, 3-1) ventured off into the distance in the second game.

"We kind of lost it a little in the second game and let Calvary back into the match," said Hughes. "I don't think we should have ever let them come back and win the second game, but we made it harder than we should have."

In the third and decisive game, Sarah Robinson served up nine straight points early and the game was never in doubt.

Robinson, a senior setter, was 20-

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All tangled up: *Clarkston's Brian Chism has his grasp on Livonia Stevenson's Matt Rudley in a 140-pound match at Saturday's Catholic Central Invitational. Chism won the match.*

Staff photo by Tom Hawley

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for 21 serving with 13 service points, including three aces, and added 11 assists to lead Springfield.

Sophomore defensive specialist Amanda Vanaman added 20 digs and two kills, junior Rachel Conner had five service points and two kills, and freshman Angela Fornwall and sophomore Nicki Hortick each added two kills apiece for the Eagles.

"Our defense is getting better," said Hughes. "We do have our weaknesses and some teams have (exploited) it, but the girls are giving a good effort.

"But we're coming along," she added. "We hope to stay in the hunt for the league and challenge some of the top teams later in the season. We are a lot better right now than we were a year ago at this time."

n Warren Life Summit Christian Home Schoolers 8-15-15, Clarkston Springfield Christian 15-7-11 — Sarah Robinson was 9-for-11 with nine service points and six assists, but it wasn't enough as the Eagles dropped a non-league decision Monday to visiting Life Summit.

Suzanne Rydman was 9-for-13 attacking with two kills and four digs, Amanda Vanaman had seven digs, and Rachel Conner was 9-11 serving for Springfield.

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defensive game from a year ago.

■ **Walled Lake Central Invitational** — Clarkston notched some impressive wins Saturday, going 3-1-0 in pool play, and advanced to the semifinals of the Walled Lake Central Invitational.

Clarkston defeated Waterford Kettering (15-8, 15-8), Walled Lake Western (15-2, 15-12) and longtime nemesis Romeo (15-13, 15-8). Clarkston lost to Brighton (15-10, 4-15, 9-15) in pool play, before being ousted in the semifinals to Walled Lake Central (15-6, 15-17, 15-6).

Clarkston's best win of the day came against Romeo, a perennial power in Southeastern Michigan. The Wolves had a serving percentage of .966 and a serve reception percentage of .915.

Lyndsay Vincent led the Wolves with seven kills against Romeo. Setters Kristen Falck and Jennie Winn combined for 21 assists. Vincent served up five aces, while junior Tricia Brewer was excellent defensively with 12 digs.

"We played some games where we were pretty good," Richardson said. "Brittani Brewer has been playing very well for us."

Brewer, a third-year senior, had five solo blocks in the three-game marathon against Walled Lake Central. She has improved her defense from last year as well, going 9-for-11 in attack receptions with nine digs. She also led the team in digs against Romeo (nine) and Brighton (eight).

— Brad Monastiere contributed

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five rebounds, four steals and three assists, and senior point guard Matt Christie scored four points while dishing off seven assists.

Knoa Knapper, a 6-4 sophomore center, also provided a spark off the bench as he scored six points and added seven rebounds and five blocked shots for good measure for the Eagles, who had all nine players reach the scoring column.

"All nine players play and contribute," praised Hopkins. "With our defense, we create a lot of chances off the break and it seems a lot of guys wind up taking shots. These guys have not been playing selfish. They are spreading it around."

Springfield, which outscored Calvary 26-11 in the second quarter, upped its advantage to 40 points at 61-21 with 3:09 still left in the third quarter, which clicked on the running scoreboard.

The Eagles ran out the clock for the most part of the final period and finished with a convincing 40-point cushion.

"We're playing well right now," praised Hopkins, whose squad visits defending FBAC Red Division champion Rochester Hills Christian Friday. "We're just about through the first part of our league and I'm starting to see us come together. And our defense has been the key."

Senior point guard Gabriel Wasson, Calvary's leading scorer, was held scoreless and to only three assists. Senior forward T.J. Couch led the Cougars with nine points and four rebounds, while junior forward Brandon Raymond scored eight with five rebounds for the Cougars, who committed 25 turnovers and shot a dismal 24-percent (10-for-42) from the field and just 4-for-15 from the foul line.

Springfield shot a crisp 50-percent (29-for-58) from the field and committed only 16 turnovers, including just six after halftime.

■ **Clarkston Springfield Christian 72, Flint Valley School 45** — Knoa Knapper was unstoppable in the paint as he scored 20 points, added 11 rebounds and blocked seven shots as the Eagles cruised to the non-league victory Monday in Flint. Greg Irish added 20 points for Springfield.

■ **Clarkston Springfield Christian 99, Sterling Heights Christian 64** — Springfield just missed the century mark as Jon Vanaman scorched the nets for a season-high 28 points, leading the Eagles to the FBAC Red Division triumph Saturday in Clarkston. Greg Irish added 24 points, while Adam Armstrong scored 13 for Springfield, which trailed by eight points at the end of the first quarter.

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Wolves put Royal Oak on ice, 9-2

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Revenge is sweet. Just how sweet? Ask Clarkston's boys ice hockey team.

Clarkston took control of its rematch with Royal Oak Unified early and never let the Blades back into the match Friday, as Clarkston pounded Royal Oak 9-2 in an Oakland Activities Association Division I contest Lakeland Arena, which avenged a one-goal loss from earlier this season.

With the win, the Wolves (9-3-0) took over sole possession of first place in the six-school OAA Division I. The victory was also the third consecutive for Clarkston, which has outscored its last two opponents by a combined margin of 16-2.

Clarkston's top forward line of junior Jon Bemis, senior Anthony Facione and senior Bill Kalush had a monster day against the Blades, combining for 16 points. Bemis led the way with three goals and three assists, while Facione and Kalush added two goals and three assists apiece for the Wolves.

Senior forwards Jason Stoecker and Derek Hool also tallied for Clarkston.

The Wolves, ranked sixth in the Division I state poll by the Michigan High School Coaches' Association, scored four goals in the first period and maintained control throughout the remainder of the match. Clarkston outshot the Blades, a team comprised of players from Kimball and Dondero high schools, 46-18.

Royal Oak's only ray of light came midway through the second period when they scored twice with a 5-on-3 advantage. In fact, Clarkston spent most of that period shorthanded but was able to weather the storm.

"This was definitely the best game we have played all season," said Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier. "The guys came out and played a full game."

Royal Oak generally plays a physical brand of hockey, and last season used tough forechecking to match the Wolves' team speed. But the Blades never had the opportunity to even institute their physical play.

Clarkston nearly tripled Royal Oak with scoring chances as they controlled the puck through the neutral zone and used its depth to a distinct advantage.

Facione, a senior forward, said his teammates were very motivated heading into the contest and that they realized the winner of that match would be considered the favorite to win the OAA. Royal Oak and Clarkston do not meet again this season, at least in regular season play.

"Now we can't afford to lose to any of the teams that are behind us (in the league standings)," he said. "Coach keeps telling us to maintain our focus and in our games this week we were able to do that."

Some crisp team practices over the holiday season may have made a difference, as virtually the entire Clarkston team remained sharp. Krygier also focused on developing better team conditioning over the break, which has evidently paid off.

"Basically, I just had them skate until they couldn't skate anymore," said Krygier, smiling. "I have a lot of confidence that if it is a close game in the third period, our team can win."

Senior goalie Steve Badger picked up his second victory of the week and had little action in the first and third period. Over half the shots he faced were during the second period when Clarkston players spent a great deal of time in the penalty box.

Krygier is pleased with his penalty-killing unit, which is usually comprised of Facione and Kalush, along with senior defensemen Tom Newman and junior forward Jeremy Gabriel. Although the Wolves recorded two late power play goals, Krygier would like to see more production with the man advantage.

One of the big differences during Clarkston's three-game winning streak has been the emergence of Bemis, who has found more scoring opportunities. Krygier calls the speedy forward his "sniper."

"Jon needs the puck on his stick in front of the net because that's where he can be very effective," praised Krygier.

Bemis was recently re-united with his linemates after being split up for a few games. Facione said he is more comfortable playing on a line with Kalush and Hool and feels a key to their success is constant communication.

That trio is also looking forward to a second-half regular season schedule that will match Clarkston with many of the state's top teams.

"If we can hang in there with teams like (Redford) Catholic Central, (Birmingham) Brother Rice and Trenton, it will prove we have the ability to compete for a state title. I think we are all looking forward to the challenge."

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TEAM SCORES — 1. Davison, 237 points; 2. Holt, 131; 3. Oxford, 111; 4. Clarkston, 108; 5. Romeo, 96; 6. Redford Catholic Central, 92.5; 7. New Baltamore Anchor Bay, 89; 8. Warren Lincoln, 86; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 84.5; 10. Fowlerville, 78; 11. Howell, 61.5; 12. Birmingham Brother Rice, 59; 13. Fruitport, 49; 14. Westland John Glenn, 25.

275 — Eric Ghiaciuc (Oxford) decisioned Nic LaFear (Davison), 5-3; **consolation:** Derek Stansbury (Romeo) won by default over Jon Robinson (Clarkston); **fifth place:** Aaron Parr (Catholic Central) dec. Adam Barr (Holt), 5-3.

103 pounds — Josh Gunterman (Stevenson) dec. Keriston LaBelle (Davison), 9-2; **consolation:** Andy Puyear (Holt) dec. Russ Bohlinger (Fowlerville), 14-1; **fifth place:** Jeremy Steiner (Anchor Bay) pinned McIlwreth Netto (Brother Rice), 1:44.

112 — Brooks Cozart (Howell) dec. Shawn Newton (Davison), 7-4; **consolation:** Cainan Munsell (Lincoln) dec. Chris O'Hara (Catholic Central), 9-3; **fifth place:** Steve Storrs (Oxford) dec. Ken Schultz (fruitport), 13-7.

119 — Craig Trombly (Anchor Bay) dec. Jack Scott (Holt), 5-4; **consolation:** Dave Teets (John Glenn) dec. Craig Zube (Howell), 6-2; **fifth place:** Billy Bullock (Stevenson) pinned John Whitman (Davison), 1:42.

125 — Chase Metcalf (Davison) pinned Brian Sullivan (Brother Rice), 4:45; **consolation:** Manual Garcia (Holt) dec. Mike Mendoza (Lincoln), 4-3; **fifth place:** Dan Siedzik (Romeo) dec. Glen Paul Murray (Anchor Bay), 14-7.

130 — Charlie Myer (Oxford) pinned Clint Montgomery (Lincoln), 5:59; **consolation:** Matt Ghastin (Holt) dec. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn), 9-3; **fifth place:** Dave Endrezsl (Clarkston) pinned Clint Randall (Romeo), 3:32.

135 — Joe Whitman (Davison) dec. Dave Welanko (Clarkston), 15-7; **consolation:** Jeff Wheeler (Catholic Central) pinned Tony Schuster (Romeo), 4:54; **fifth place:** Drew Osterhouse (Holt) dec. Justin Nielson (Lincoln), 4-2.

140 — Scott Norton (Romeo) dec. Chad Roush (Davison), 6-4; **consolation:** Tom Kleinschmidt (Fowlerville) pinned Dave Beste (Anchor Bay), 0:48; **fifth place:** Jay Abshire (Catholic Central) dec. Jason Harrison (Brother Rice), 1-0.

145 — Kevin Henneman (Anchor Bay) dec. Jimmy McFall (Davison), 8-7; **consolation:** Derek Stabley (Romeo) pinned Sam Cooper (Fruitport), 2:21; **fifth place:** Clint Derringer (Lincoln) dec. Eric Steckling (Brother Rice), 7-2.

152 — Clint DeGain (Clarkston) dec. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson), 7-1; consolation: Kevin Harrington (Brother Rice) dec. Tim Polidan (Davison), 11-9; **fifth place:** Billy Johnson (Fruitport) dec. Jason Herbert (Fowlerville), 7-0.

160 — Mitch Hancock (Catholic Central) dec. Kevin Lee (Fruitport), 7-3; **consolation:** Casey Streeter (Davison) dec. Jamie Palomo (Lilcoln), 9-5; **fifth place:** Zach Heilner (Fowlerville) dec. Mike Falzon (Stevenson), 3-1.

171 — Jon Phillips (Davison) dec. Chad Cleeves (Holt), 10-6; **consolation:** Jake Shagena (Oxford) won on major dec. over Ryan Rogowski (Catholic Central), 14-5; **fifth place:** John MacFarland (Stevenson) dec. Kevin Jenks (Clarkston), 10-4.

189 — Scott Philburn (Fowlerville) dec. Willie Breyer (Oxford), 17-11; **consolation:** Ben Tecmire (Howell) pinned Adam Wilmoth (Davison), :43; **fifth place:** Eric Puninske (Stevenson) pinned Frank Mathias (Catholic Central), 2:28.

215 — Pat DeGain (Clarkston) dec. Jacob Dungey (Holt), 8-3; **consolation:** Kyle Tucker (Lincoln) dec. Derek Lehr (Davison), 9-4; **fifth place:** Ryan Tiseo (Romeo) dec. Tim McCarthy (Stevenson), 7-2.

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CLARKSTON 10, ROCHESTER 33
(1-7 at Pine Knob)

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RECORDS — Clarkston, 1-1, 1-0 Pine Knob; Rochester, 0-1, 0-1.

LAKE ORION 10, WATERFORD MOTT NTS
(1-11 at Pine Knob)

TOP FINISHERS — 1. Tiffany McKee (LO) 39.62; 2. Kristen Hanchin (LO) 43.76; 3. Tonya Hinman (LO) 44.76; 4. Paula Marchand (LO) 52.11.

Boys Skiing

CLARKSTON 12, ROCHESTER
(1-7 at Pine Knob)

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RECORDS — Clarkston 1-0, 1-0 Pine Knob; Rochester 0-1, 0-1.

LAKE ORION 10, WATERFORD MOTT 30
(1-11 at Pine Knob)

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RECORDS — Lake Orion 2-0, 2-0 Pine Knob; Mott 0-2, 0-2.

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Lake Orion hockey meeting

An effort in Lake Orion is underway to start a varsity boys ice hockey team through Lake Orion High School, and an upcoming meeting will get more information out to those interested in participating.

An informational meting will take place at the Orion Township Library, located at the corner of Clarkston and Joslyn Roads, on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Jack Leech, who was instrumental in the startup of the Clarkston High School hockey program in 1996, will be at the meeting presenting cost facts and other issues associated with starting a high school hockey program.

Any parents or students interested in a Lake Orion High School hockey program are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Fandy Mabery, through his pager at (248) 815-7975.

Reporting scores

With the winter sports season already in full swing for some area teams, the Eccentric would like to remind all varsity coaches to please send in their results by one of the following methods:

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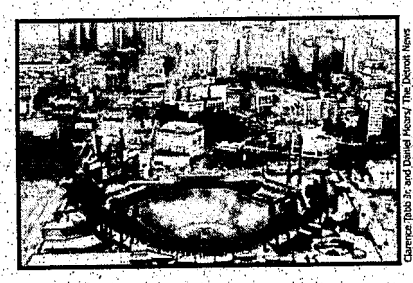
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By Barry Gibson
Director of Ticket Sales
Detroit Tigers

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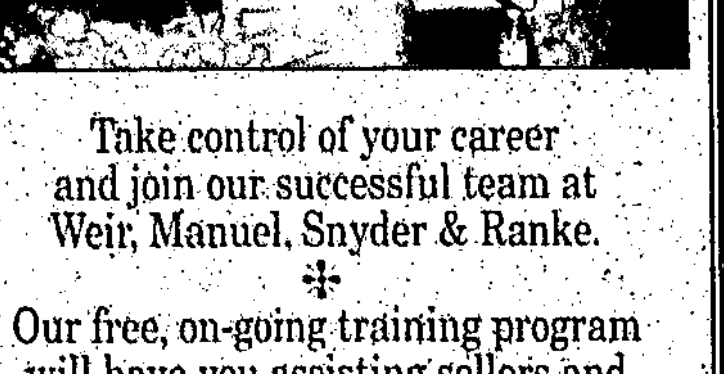

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appliance doctor

Washers spread bacteria, so clean with care



JOE GAGNON

■ It is recommended that underwear be laundered last, and bleach be used in the final operation.

I borrowed the first part of the headline for this column from the January issue of a trade magazine, the Appliance Service News, printed in Chicago. Before I give you my version of this alarming headline, I thought I might express to you my first thoughts when I read the story.

I recollect my mother, bless her soul, doing the washing back home in northern Canada. She had a big aluminum tub that she would fill with hot water that had been boiling on the pot-bellied stove. My father's underwear and my baby brothers' diapers would all be placed in this tub to soak for a few hours before she washed them in the wringer washer.

She would send me downstairs to remove the clothes from the tub and put them into the wringer machine, and always told me to not spill any of the Ajax on myself or the floor. I can still remember the smell of this Ajax when I would fill a large cup full.

I think I grew up with the cleanest and whitest long underwear in the world, but the thing I hated most about them was the itching I suffered from so much. The material was kind of rough and I was always embarrassed by the trap drawer.

(Those young editors who edit this column won't have a clue what I'm talking about and I believe they won't even ask. I hope not.)

The story about germs in washing machines is very alarming to me but it also reminds me of how clean a woman my mother was. Believe it or not, she would use a toothbrush to clean the corners when she washed the old oak floor.

The story starts out by saying that household washing machines may be transferring bacteria from one item to others in the tub during a typical wash cycle, according to a study conducted by Charles Gerba, an environmental microbiologist at the University of Arizona.

More than 60 percent of the machines tested positive for coliform bacteria, an indicator of **fecal contamination.** Further testing confirmed the presence of a germ called Staph, which came primarily from underwear.

Gerba did further tests by proving that bacteria such as E. coli, Salmonella and mycobacterium fortuitium placed on one cloth would and did spread to all other articles of clothing during the wash cycle.

If this isn't alarming enough, he found that these germs remained in the clothes even after putting the washer through a second wash cycle. When he was all done, he found the tub inside the washer was contaminated with these germs.

Running the clothes through a clothes dryer cycle for 43 minutes killed some, but not all, of the bacteria. Dryer heat eliminated the E. coli, but the others were still present.

Gerba recommends that consumers launder underwear last, and that bleach be used in the final operation. He points out the bleach kills 99.99 percent of all bacteria.

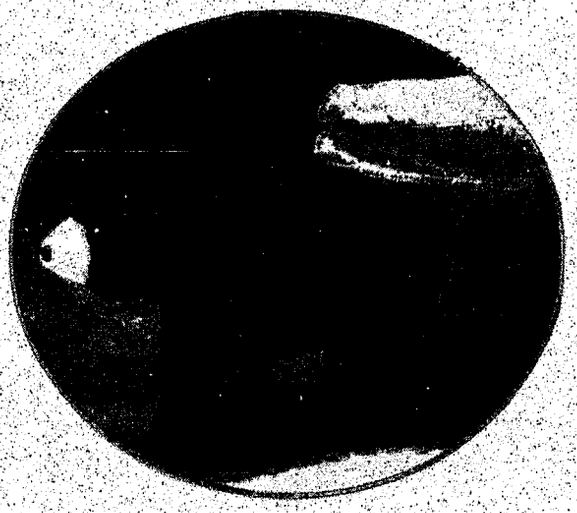
It isn't until now that I understand why my mother used to always ask me if I was wearing clean long johns when I went out. She was very smart and probably reasoned that if I was involved in an accident and ended up in a hospital, they would put my clothes in the washer before I was released. That would never do, especially in a hospital.

There are a lot of things to be aware of in this world, and I for one select those that I think about. This is one story that I think I'll pay attention to; so much so that I told Valorie I would do the whites portion of the wash this week.

That's right, folks, I'm going to soak all shorts, underpants and white footwear in a laundry tub with hot water and bleach. After that I will run them through the washer and dryer.

For all you curious people who read this column and will meet me at the auto show and upcoming home shows: I **no longer wear long johns.** Stay tuned.

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



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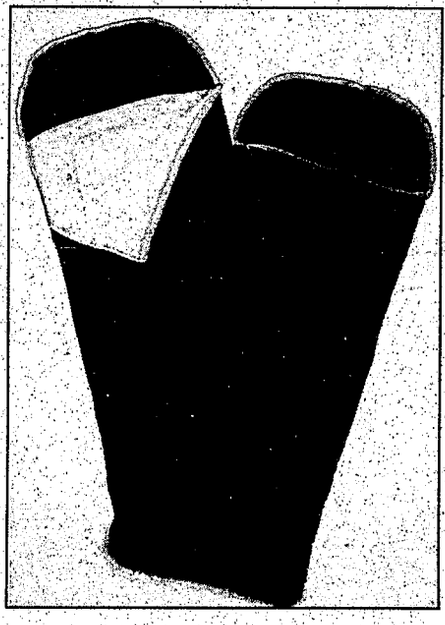

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Greet these new plants in new year



MARTY FIGLEY

The Perennial Plant Association has given the year 2000 honors to *Scabiosa columbaria* "Butterfly Blue."

First discovered in Ireland, the plant is an international winner. It grows 12 to 15 inches tall with foliage that hugs the ground. The pincushion name is derived from the stamens, which stand above the petals resembling pins stuck in a pincushion.

It is a long-blooming perennial and will continue flowering when spent heads are consistently removed.

Many companies are introducing new plants this year. If you're looking for excellent descriptions and color photographs of complete coverage of them, you'll find it in the January 2000 issue of Flower & Garden magazine. Annuals, perennials, irises, daylilies, roses, vegetables, fruits, shrubs/trees and houseplants, as well as new plants with international recognition, are featured.

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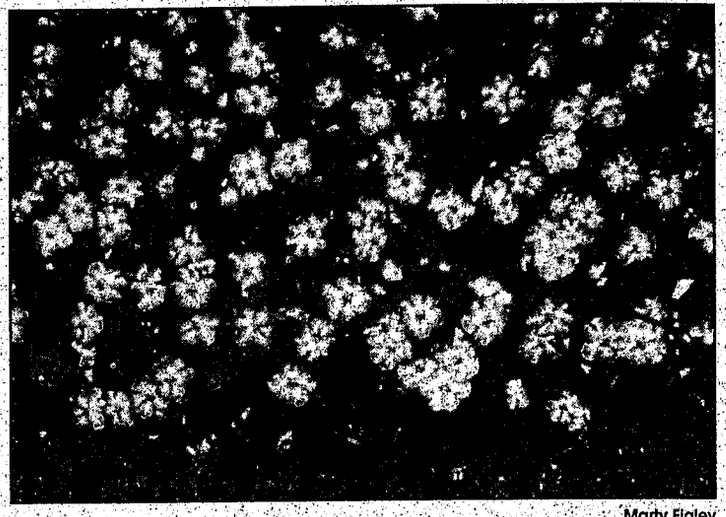

Marty Figley

Double beauty: *"Fiesta" Double Impatiens is new for 2000. It's from Ball Horticulture Company.*

Trees are valuable assets in our landscape besides the beauty they provide. Although they are pretty self-sufficient, there are some simple things that we can do to protect them during harsh winter weather.

The Michigan Forestry and Park Association Inc., a chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture Inc., suggests the following:

■ Add compost – Add a thin layer of composted organic mulch that blankets the soil surface. Mulch protects and conserves tree resources and recycles valuable materials. (Keep mulch 2 to 3 inches away from the trunk – M.F.)

■ Wrap trees – Properly wrap new trees that haven't developed a corky bark and could easily be damaged. This will keep animals from damaging a tree.

■ Remove deadwood – Remove or correct clearly visible structural faults and deadwood. Try to make small pruning cuts that minimize the exposure of a branch's central heartwood core.

■ Lightly prune – Perform limited greenwood pruning of declining and poorly placed branches. Pruning should conserve as many living branches as possible with only a few selective cuts.

■ Fertilize – Fertilize in small quantities. Adding essential elements over a mulch layer will help provide a healthy soil environment for root growth.

■ Strategically water – Water where soils and trees are cool but not frozen, and where there has been little precipitation. Winter droughts need water treatment the same as summer droughts. However, it is easy to overwater in winter, so be careful.

A healthy tree increases in value with age and it is in our best interests to protect that investment.

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

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■ Matthaei Botanical Gardens assistant curator David Michener will speak on "Stealing Great Garden Ideas" at a meeting of The Community House Garden Club 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Non-member, guest fee $6. Call (248) 644-5832 for club information.

Ooo! Stick with gooey buns for treat



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

I've never been crazy about morning food in the morning. I like breakfast food, all of it – from bacon and eggs to pecan peppered waffles – after noon. Worse, I particularly like sweets – heavy-duty carbohydrated sweet treats.

If you are going to indulge in sweet treats for your morning food, I suggest that it isn't done on a regular basis. Sweets aren't one of the major food groups!

Then again, if you are looking for that special gooey sticky bun, I have a few recipes I'm happy to share.

Take this gooey bun thing one step further and have a late morning event with friends. Have a variety of coffee and teas available. Serve these sweet snacks in colorful paper or washable napkin-lined basket, and have some moistened hand wipes available.

If sticky buns are your thing, check out Edy's new line of fancy ice creams in their Dreamery series. My husband, David McCall Johnston, did the painting on the container of "Sticky Buns" (along with Grandma's Cookie Jar). While totally delicious, these are definitely not breakfast foods. Serve that ice cream with a fancy tuile cookie or a chocolate-laced biscotti.

PERFECTLY PECANED GOOEY BUNS

Yield: 6 servings

Ingredients for the basic dough:

4 cups bread flour

1 tablespoon sugar

1 tablespoon (equal to 1 envelope) active dry yeast

2 teaspoons salt (preferably sea salt)

1 1/4 cups warm milk

1 large egg

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

Ingredients for the syrup:

2 3/4 cups brown sugar (not firmly packed)

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces

1/4 cup water

3 tablespoons light molasses

Ingredients for the buns:

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

All-purpose flour (for rolling out dough)

3/4 cup sugar

1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon

1 1/2 tablespoons grated orange zest

1 cup raisins (plumped in hot liquid), optional

1 cup pecan halves (picked through, no shells)

Special equipment:

Candy thermometer

Directions:

To make the dough: In the mixing bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a dough hook, add flour, sugar, yeast and salt; mix to combine.

Add milk, egg and softened butter; beat for 6-8 minutes on low speed until a soft, sticky dough forms.

Remove the hook; cover the bowl with plastic wrap and set aside in a warm, draft-free spot until dough doubles in volume, about 45-60 minutes.

To make the syrup:

In a small saucepan, combine brown sugar, butter, water and molasses. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly, about 3 minutes. Continue to cook until mixture reaches 242 degrees on a candy thermometer, about 8-10 minutes; remove from heat and cool slightly.

To make the sticky buns:

Set the oven rack to the middle position. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

Pour a tablespoon of the melted butter into a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Use a brush to grease the bottom and sides well.

On a lightly floured surface, roll the dough into an 8-by-14-inch rectangle.

Pour the remaining melted butter onto the dough; brush the butter over the dough completely.

Combine the sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle the cinnamon-sugar and orange zest evenly over the dough.

Pour half of the reserved syrup into the prepared pan.

Pour the other half of the syrup over the dough. Sprinkle half of the pecans over the dough and the other half in the pan. Sprinkle the plumped raisins over the dough.

Starting at one long side, roll the dough to form a log. Cut the roll into 6 equal pieces.

Place pieces cut-side down in the baking dish. Let stand for at least 5 minutes.

Bake the buns until they are evenly browned and seem firm in the center, about 45 minutes.

Turn the baking pan upside down onto a sheet pan. Let the buns stand 1 minute. Remove baking pan and serve warm.

Cook's Note: Raisins can be plumped in boiling water, rum or Vernor's ginger ale.

LAST-MINUTE PECAN STICKY BUNS

Yield: 8 buns

Ingredients:

2 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus more for greasing the pan

1/2 cup packed light brown sugar

2 tablespoons light corn syrup

2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice

1/2-3/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans

1/4 cup granulated sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 (8-ounce) tube refrigerated uncooked crescent-type rolls (uncooked dough)

All-purpose flour (for rolling out dough)

8 large pecan halves

Directions:

Place oven rack to middle position. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

Generously butter 9-inch round cake pan. In a small saucepan over low heat, melt butter. Whisk in brown sugar, corn syrup and lemon juice. Increase heat to medium and mix until sugar melts. Bring the syrup to a boil. Pour syrup evenly over bottom of prepared pan. Sprinkle bottom of pan with chopped pecans.

Unroll dough from tube on floured surface; press pre-made perforations together to make a solid piece. Roll out dough to an 8-by-12-inch rectangle.

Sprinkle evenly with sugar and cinnamon. Starting at a short side, roll up dough, jelly-roll style. Cut crosswise into eight 1-inch thick buns. Place buns into the prepared pan.

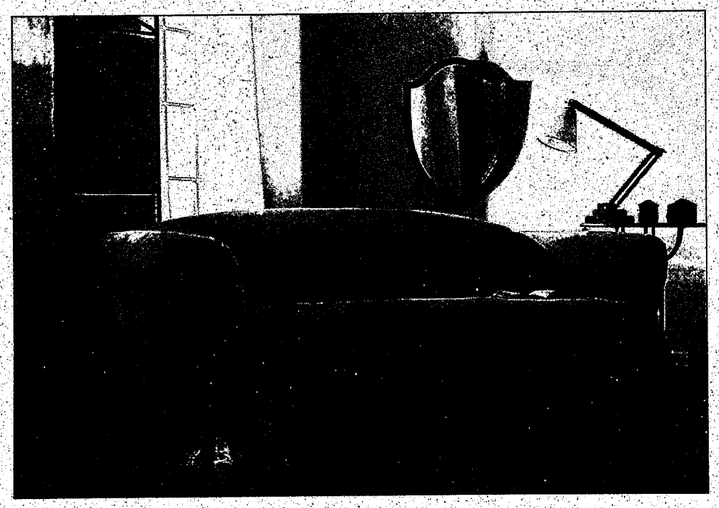
Bake until golden brown, about 18-20 minutes. Cool in pan 1 minute. Place plate over pan. Invert buns onto plate; remove pan. Spoon any remaining syrup onto buns, top with a whole pecan, and serve warm.



Great coverup: Savvy slipcovers at height of style



Getting the slip: *Savvy slipcovers help make your choice of looks for a room. These are by Sure Fit. A roses pattern, "Diana," covers a cotton damask in a stately setting (above). Loden green cashmere dresses a sofa in a contemporary look (below).*



BY CARI WALDMAN
Special Writer

While slipcovers are the quickest way to give life to old upholstery, they also provide a way to completely change the look of your furniture.

With influences from the fashion world, loose-fit slipcovers are keeping up with the times, meeting the market's demands for luxury, style and heavy-duty performance.

"Not only are ready-made slipcovers available in fabrics such as chenille, velour, corduroy and cashmere, but with recent technology advances including microfiber, these pile fabrics are ideal because they are machine washable," said Liana Toscanini of Sure Fit slip-covers.

"In fact, the woven patterns actually become more defined and comfortable with each washing."

Slipcovered furniture, which is accessible to all budgets, can be achieved in one of many ways: bought in the ready-made version to slip over existing furniture, custom made along with new furniture, handmade on your own, or professionally done in a slipcover shop.

"Fabric ranges from $10 a yard and labor runs around $675 to custom slipcover a full-sized sofa," said Audrey Peterson of Home Beautiful Upholstery in Oak Park.

"Slipcovered furniture can be made to accommodate anyone's needs, style or budget," said Julie Brewster of the furnishings and unusual gift store, Home in Royal Oak.

"Blending seamlessly with the shabby chic style of decorating, as well as a traditional or modern theme, slipcovers attain a warm, rich, inviting look while allowing furniture to be convenient, and really lived in.

"Accidents can be taken in stride, as most of our slipcovers are washable, which is ideal for kids," said Brewster, the practical mother of an 8-month-old baby.

"The initial investment is the custom piece of furniture and the tailor-made slipcover, which runs upwards of $1,200," Brewster said. "With 300 fabrics to choose, from tea-stained yellow linen to chocolate brown velvet, it is easy to come back and choose new slipcovers for the following seasons."

Yet another benefit, notes Brewster: "You are not locked into one look year after year."

For a fraction of the price, you can instantly update your room with ready-made loose-fit slipcovers that can be bought for sofas, loveseats and armchairs at retailers such as Pottery Barn, The JC Penney catalog, Target and Bed Bath & Beyond.

To ensure the oversized slipcovers don't appear sloppy, measure the width of your furniture in inches from outside arm to outside arm.

Of all of the slipcover qualities, today's better styling and fabrics offer an understated, elegant look for your home without spending a lot of money.

Valerie Meinzinger, an interior designer at Ethan Allen Home Interiors in Birmingham, suggests slipcovers to her clients who want a relaxed formality style that can be changed each season, simply with the switch of a cover.

"Ethan Allen's approach to slipcover sofas is tailored and classic, yet has a stylish shabby chic look, without being overly shabby," Meinzinger said. "The most important point of choosing slipcovered furniture is to wisely choose the design of the furniture underneath the cover, to ensure that it will be in style for many years.

"As we are now in winter, more people are staying home with their families, and we want to welcome people into our rooms.

"Colorwise, we are doing that by introducing texture and leaf patterns in fabrics in order to bring a touch of nature inside. Warm tones like brick, apple greens, and gold are replacing last season's popular hunter and burgundy colors."

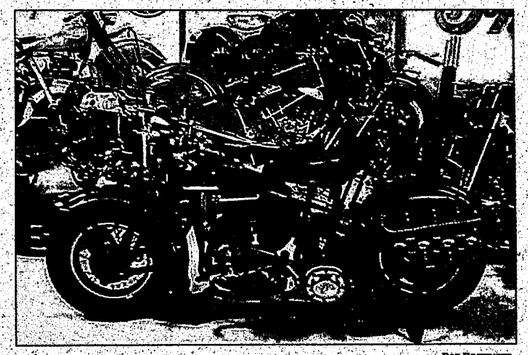
Meinzinger also recommends not choosing heavy upholstery for slipcovers, but softer fabrics to ensure a nice, soft drape.

With the change of the seasons, a new set of slipcovers is the most powerful way to add zip to tired spaces. As winter slips to spring, revamp your style and trade velvet for crisp denim.

With slipcovers, you give your rooms an opportunity to express their individual style.

On the cover:
Slipcovers, such as these from Ethan Allen, offer a relaxed formality style that can be changed easily every season.





BOB RECKINGER

Tiny bikes: *These miniature diecast motorcycles are examples of the pieces in collector shows in Plymouth this weekend.*

Full house: Dolls bring smile to collector

BY MARY KLEMIC
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"I collect dolls," Bonnie Wood told a visitor to her Redford house.

She does indeed.

Her doll population – in porcelain, vinyl and cloth; from elegantly dressed ladies to adorable children to such recognizable figures as Popeye and "Rugrats" characters – lines walls and fills shelves in almost every room.

"I think if you can walk into a room and smile, what better way to start a day?" Wood said. "That's probably just about what it is."

Wood will be one of the participants in two collector shows taking place during the Ice Sculpture Spectacular in Plymouth this weekend.

The Toy Show, Saturday, Jan. 15, will feature new, used, antique and collectible pieces. The Collectibles Show, Sunday, Jan. 16, will feature Beanie Babies, Pokémon, Furbys, Barbies and action figures, among other items.

Both shows will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Admission is $5, $2 for ages 2-12. Call (734) 455-2110 for information.

Wood has been collecting dolls for about 10 years, she said. It all started when husband Gene – who collects Lionel trains and other toys – couldn't decide which of two dolls to give her. He bought both of them for her.

"He created a monster," Bonnie said with her almost continuous smile.

"Like Topsy, it just grew and grew."

Gene built a special wall display to hold some of the dolls. On this day it included young women in dresses from the 1800s, dimpled toddlers, and a tall, slender angel with feathery wings. A boy in lederhosen sat on a little cart nearby.

Bonnie, who teaches doll making classes, made at least two of the dolls there – a porcelain little girl playing a violin, and a Teddy bear (made from a fur stole). She also makes doll clothes.

In other rooms are dolls on carousel horses, dolls from Germany and Spain. On its own shelf is a doll based on a Norman Rockwell painting of a young woman in blue jeans holding a prom dress in front of her.

"It's a happy home."

Wood's oldest doll is from around 1800 to 1850. She isn't as fond of fashion dolls such as Barbie, saying they're not as warm as other types.

"I like the warmth."

handyman hints

Be on alert to guard against scams

By Tina Ruark-Reardon
ImproveNet

Well, one night I was watching the news and I was shocked at the top stories on all three major news stations: "Consumers: Be on Alert!"

I started changing the channels to try to get all the information on the contractor scam stories. It's a scary thought that there are still consumers who don't take the correct steps in protecting their homes, family and money from bad contractors. It's something that I have written about several times, but this is the season to be extra careful.

And as much as I hate to say it, the consumers that need to be extremely careful are our single moms and elderly consumers. They are the easiest victims for a scamming contractor, says the State of Michigan Building Department. Here are some things to consider when you're looking to do any home improvement project:

■ Get two or three bids in writing for large projects, and understand the complete document.

■ Get a copy of the contractor's license and insurance. Do two phone calls to confirm the information given – one to the insurance company, and one to the license department of Michigan. It is easy to pass a fake document. Remember it's just a piece of paper, and it's usually a copy.

■ Ask to see some of the contractor's previous work, or just an address, to drive by and see from the curb. It's even better if you can see a job in the process to get an idea of what your yard will look like once the contractor starts the work. Also, if possible, ask to speak to the homeowner who used the contractor for a home improvement project.

■ Don't open your home to a door-to-door salesperson. Usually a good contractor has enough business to keep him busy from referrals.

■ If a contractor asks if you will be alone during the installation, be cautious. This should never be asked. If you don't know the contractor, always have someone with you when the workers are there.

■ When you ask for a copy of the builder's license or insurance, and they come up with an excuse, be cautious. All contractors in the state of Michigan know this is something they must provide, per Michigan law.

■ Get references or get someone from a matching service. There are many ways to find a good contractor, so why allow a stranger into your home?

■ Get an estimated time of completion, in writing; this will help you if a problem should arise with an uncompleted job.

■ Never, never, never pay for the job before it's finished. You need to have the work completed before paying (and the honest contractors won't ask for all the money up front).

Thought of the Week-"Good vs. Bad"

The good contractor is always a part of the answer.

The bad contractor is always a part of the problem.

The good contractor always has a plan.

The bad contractor always has an excuse.

The good contractor always sees an answer for every problem.

The bad contractor always sees the problem in every answer.

The good contractor says, "It may be difficult, but not impossible."

The bad contractor says, "It may be possible, but it is too difficult."

Question: Who's working for you?

Remember these items are to protect the consumers in our area, and you can never be too careful.

ImproveNet can provide consumers with contractors in their home area that have been pre-screened. We have an outstanding record for making a "wonderful" match. This is a free service provided to consumers and it's quick, safe and easy.

Contact ImproveNet at www.improvenet.com or call (800) 437-0473. Contractors wanting to get listed should call (734) 421-3361 and ask for Tina. ImproveNet is on 990 WCM, noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

at home calendar

■ The 11th annual St. James Antiques Show is scheduled Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple in Birmingham. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Admission is $6. A preview party with wine and hors d'oeuvres will take place 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13; admission is $40. Call (248) 644-0820 for more information. The show will feature 26 select dealers from the Midwest offering jewelry, furniture, furnishings, books, clocks, rugs and more. Door prizes will be given. Proceeds benefit St. James' outreach program, which includes Mariner's Inn, university chaplaincies and the Oakland County Child Abuse Center.

■ The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents a variety of classes related to home, garden and leisure. They include basic knitting for beginning as well as intermediate knitters, Thursdays, Jan. 13 to Feb. 3; a hands-on workshop on organizing family photos, Tuesdays, Jan. 18-25; and "Creative Picture Framing," Thursdays, Jan. 20-27. Learn how to make accessories for the home out of such materials as household glass and step stools in "Glass Painted Vase," Thursday or Friday, Jan. 13 or 14; and "Simple Painted Furniture," Wednesday, Jan. 19. Call (248) 644-5832.

■ The Cowboy Trader Gallery, on the upper level of 251 Merrill in Birmingham, will have its sixth annual Winter Indian Art Show Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Five leading dealers will sell baskets, kachinas, textiles, beadwork, fine art and pottery. Admission is free.

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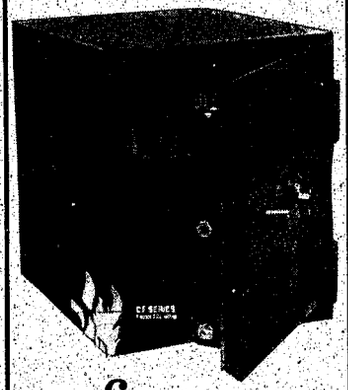

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By the book: Organize reading items



DIANA KOENIG

Q: I am a nut about reading, so my house is cluttered with reading materials, especially books and magazines. Can I do more than just throw them in a bookcase or a magazine rack?

A: Most of us have books around, but some of us have a lot of books and other reading materials, more than we can store and display easily. If you are one of these people, you may even be blessed with lots of bookshelves, but you can never find a book when you need it. We need more than just storage, we need organization.

First, let's tackle the storage issue. The volume of books you have and the storage space in your home will determine what kind of storage system to use.

Bookcases are the most obvious and easiest way to organize books, but if you have a lot of books, this can get prohibitively expensive and may require more room than you have available.

If you have the room, you can buy inexpensive bookcases at discount stores and garage sales. If you are handy with tools, you can buy supplies and build shelving units. Ask family and friends if they have any bookcases that they would like to donate to your cause.

You can also keep books in boxes, plastic baskets or plastic containers with lids. Store infrequently used high school and college textbooks in a box in the basement, assuming your basement is dry and the books won't mildew. Books your children have outgrown can also be boxed to save for grandchildren or other small visitors.

Your children can keep their own books in their rooms on bookshelves or neatly arranged in baskets.

Baskets allow some measure of organization without requiring meticulous arrangement. You can put them in a closet or on a toy shelf. Baskets are especially good for storing children's books because these books often come in odd sizes and shapes. Younger children can tote the basket to the kitchen while you are cooking dinner.

Some books are specialized and need to be kept in the area of the house where they are most useful. Set aside a special area in the kitchen for your cookbooks. Sewing books should be kept in the sewing room, while music books could be kept near the piano.

So many things wear out and are discarded, but we tend to keep books. Over the years you may accumulate a large collection. Some books are potentially valuable collector's items, and some are classics that will continually add value to your life. Many books, however, are simply read and left to collect dust on the shelf.

To avoid overloading your home with books and spending lots of money, you might consider alternatives to buying books. Visit your local library, trade books at a resale shop, or borrow books from a friend. Consider donating unwanted books to a library or school, or selling them.

You can organize books in many ways. Choose a system that serves your needs the best. Here are a few suggestions:

- Group the books in alphabetical order by either title or author's last name. This might work better after first grouping by category.
- Put books of similar categories together such as household, novels, biographies and self-help.
- Group and display books in separate areas according to who will be reading the books. Put books for young children on lower shelves.
- If you are trying to create an attractive display, group books on shelves by size.
- Divide books into broad categories by cover type; hardback vs. paperback.
- If you have many books and want to create a more elaborate system, create a database on the computer or on file cards. Create a "card" for each book and then record the category and/or location of each book.

Magazines, like books, need a storage place in your home. Keep "like" magazines grouped together on a shelf, in a file or in a basket. If you want information from a magazine, cut out the page and insert it in a labeled file folder.

A recipe from a magazine is a perfect example. You may come across a wonderful recipe but you will have trouble finding it when you need it if you don't cut it out and file it categorically with your other recipes.

Don't be afraid to discard old magazines, but keep some around for school projects.

Today's refrigerator bulletin: "Store your wealth of information in an organized fashion!"

Send your questions and success stories to: Diana Koenig, P.O. Box 1702, Manchester, Mo. 63011.

at home calendar

■ Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak, will offer an "Extra-wide Fabrics Sew Easy Seminar" 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15. Learn the tricks of planning, cutting, sewing and caring for fabrics 72 to 118 inches wide for easy window treatments, duvets, tablecloths and more home decorating projects with the bare minimum of seaming. Fee is $10. Advance registration is required. Call (248) 541-0010.

■ Learn how to put more color and variety into your landscape in a class, "Woody Trees," scheduled Wednesdays, Jan. 19 to Feb. 2, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. The class is part of a series taught by Merritt Wolson, owner of Merrittscapes Inc., a perennial farm and landscape design company.

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Include photography in resolutions



MONTE NAGLER

As the new century begins, don't forget to include your photography in your list of resolutions for the new year.

Here's my list of resolutions to help you usher in a photo-filled new millennium.

Very important, resolve to get those favorite shots enlarged, matted, framed and up on the wall. You're still thrilled by that colorful sunset you shot last summer, and that candid of the newborn baby nestled in Grandma's lap. So what are you waiting for? The small investment it takes to get them on the wall will pay off handsomely in enjoyable dividends.

Resolve to take one of the many excellent photography classes or workshops that are available throughout the area. Or treat that budding photographer in the family to a class to get the photography juices flowing.

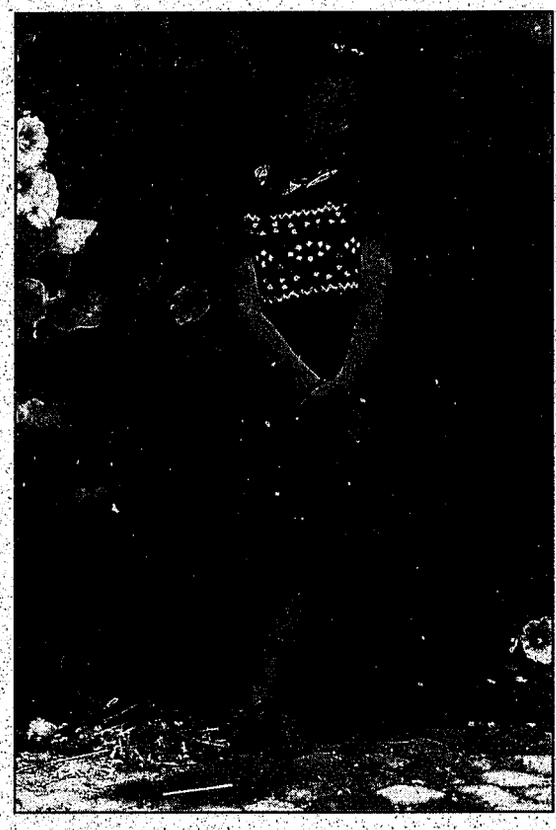
■ Resolve to photograph subjects different from what you've always done.

Resolve to enter a photography contest. There are many offered in the area. Unusual photographs with high emotional impact often place well and, of course, if you don't enter, you'll never know how well that special shot might have done.

Santa didn't leave you the new lens you've been longing for? Well then, how about pleasing that special person, yourself, with an after-holiday gift? Buy it for yourself and enjoy it throughout the coming year.

Resolve to photograph subjects different from what you've always done or perhaps in a different way.

For starters, how about a photo-documentary? Photograph a year in the life of one of your children or document the old oak tree in the back yard as it appears during the different seasons of the year. Put on your creative photographic hat and you'll think of many subjects you can photo-document.



Rewarding resolution: *Marilyn Dimitroff resolved to take more "people" pictures and it paid off with this delightful shot. Dimitroff took this picture in Turckheim, France.*

Resolve to take in more photography exhibits this year, look at more photography books and closely study and analyze photos you see every day. In short, begin in earnest to look at photographs. If you do, you'll be pleasantly surprised at how much you can learn.

And finally, does the winter weather keep you and your camera in hibernation? If so, resolve to bundle up and head outdoors to capture some of winter's fantastic scenes on film. You'll be glad you did!

To all readers, students and friends, best wishes for a happy, healthy and photo-filled new millennium.

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■ Now through Thursday, Jan. 20, while supplies last, guests will receive a family four-pack of tickets to a Detroit Viper hockey game with the purchase of any Sauder merchandise from Art Van Furniture Clearance Centers in Livonia, Waterford, Westland, Novi and five other communities. The tickets are for the game against the Cincinnati Cyclones Friday, Jan. 21, at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

■ Tour hours at Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University in Rochester are 1:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Tours for groups of 20 or more may be scheduled for other times; advance reservations are required for group tours. Call (248) 370-3140 for fees and other information.

■ Children visiting Art Van Furniture stores may spend time solving puzzles and coloring a special activity sheet focusing on the year 2000. Activity sheets are in the Kids Castles and guest service centers at all Art Van stores.

■ Among the scheduled sessions in the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens adult education program are "Wednesday a.m. Hiker," Wednesdays, Jan. 19 to Feb. 2. Call (734) 998-7061.

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■ The Michigan Forestry and Park Association Inc. will present basic arborist training workshops 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 13 and 27 and Feb. 10, at the Michigan State University Union Building in East Lansing. The workshops are for anyone who will be taking the International Society of Arboriculture certification test in March or anyone who needs a general review. Cost, which includes lunch and handouts, is $40 per person until one week prior to each session, or $45 at the door. To register, contact the MFPA office at (517) 482-5530, ashby.ann@acd.net or http://forestry.msu.edu/mfpa/index.htm The ISA certification study guide is for sale at $60 for members, $90 for nonmembers.

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All items will be displayed and sold in participating showrooms or special sale areas. Remaining showrooms will be closed but lighted for window viewing. COTS will sponsor light refreshments and beverages for a nominal charge.

As a special added feature, MDC's "Designer On Call" interior designers will be available to answer questions during the event. Designer On Call at MDC is a design program that enables consumers to work one-on-one with a professional interior designer and access the beautiful products at MDC.

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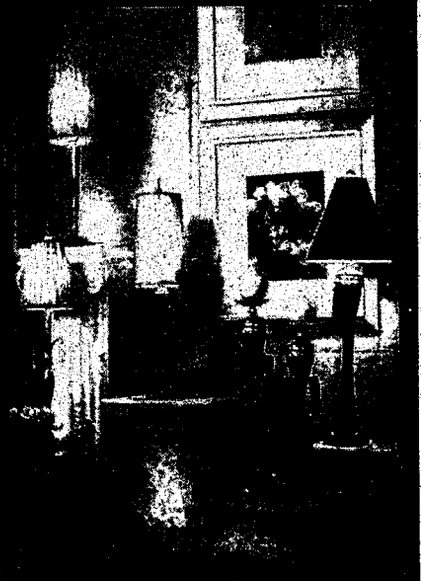

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



James Spader stars as Nick Vanzant, the pilot of a deep space medical vessel who must uncover a destructive force that threatens the ship, in "Supernova," a science fiction thriller opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



The Stuttgart Ballet makes its Detroit debut 8 p.m. at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets are $17-$62. Call the box office (313) 237-SING or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY

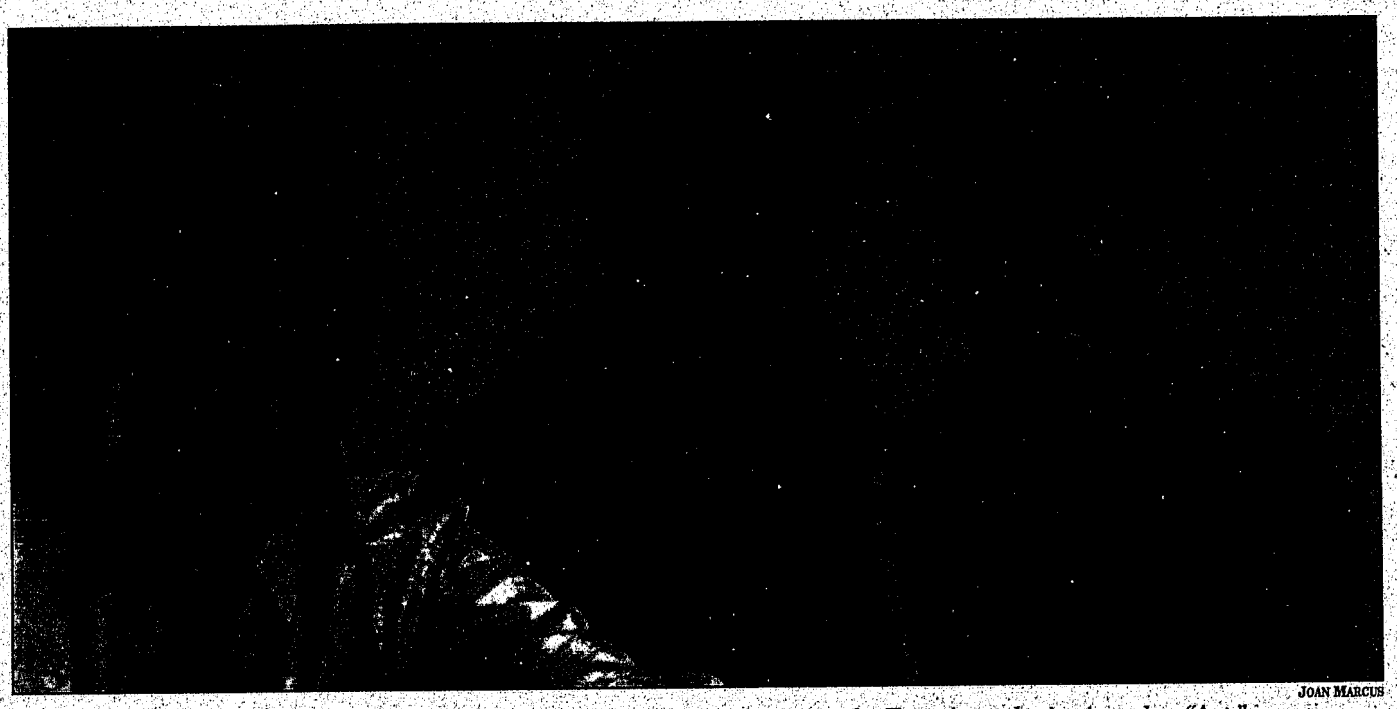


B.B. King performs classic blues with special guest the Bobby "Blue" Bland 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Avenue in Detroit. Tickets $27.50-$50. Charge by phone at (248) 433-1515 or (248) 645-6666.

HOT TICKET



Hot Ticket Item: *"The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, through Monday, Jan. 17, in downtown Plymouth, features ice carving competitions, an "Icy Toyland," and other surprises. Open 24 hours a day, for more information or directions, call (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.oeonline.com/plymouthice.*



JOAN MARCUS

On stage: *Jack Willis (left to right), Judd Hirsch and Cotter Smith star in the Tony Award winning play, "Art."*

ART
WITTY, MODERN 'ART'
A PORTRAIT OF FRIENDSHIP

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"Art" is about an artist the way "Fiddler on the Roof" is about a musician.

That is to say, it isn't.

The Tony Award-winning Best Play of 1998, which runs through Jan. 30 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit, deals with friendship, power and values.

Specifically, the aesthetic and monetary worth of an abstract painting, a large white canvas with some white stripes and nothing else. Starring Judd Hirsch, Cotter Smith and Jack Willis, "Art" is billed as a comedy.

Speaking by phone from Charlotte, N.C., the tour's stop before opening on Tuesday in Detroit, Smith took issue with that label.

Enjoyable

"The wonderful thing about this play is that it's so enormously enjoyable," he said. "And yet, it's also very serious and deeply moving. It's quite extraordinary."

Smith appeared on the ABC TV series "Equal Justice" and as Robert Kennedy in the mini-series "Blood Feud." In "Art," Smith plays Serge, one of three middle-aged, middle class Americans living in Paris. Recently divorced, Serge pays 200,000 francs (approximately $40,000) for the abstract painting. His longtime friend Marc (Hirsch) takes one look and calls it something that won't get printed here but will get laughs at the Fisher.

A third friend, Yvan (Willis), is called in as mediator. In trying to appease the other two, he ignites the quarrel that forces all three to re-examine their friendship.

"Art" was written by French author/actress Yasmina Reza and is directed by Matthew Warchus.

"To me the play is about the art of friendship," said Smith. "These friends, ostensibly over a piece of art, all of a sudden begin to uncover trouble in their relationship and how fearful they are of losing each other."

Art

WHEN: Through Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd. at Second, Detroit.

CURTAIN: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7 p.m. Sunday. No performances on Mondays.

TICKETS: $25-$47.50, available at the box office, and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 872-1000 for information.

Author Reza drew on men she knew to craft the play, which enjoyed success in 25 countries before opening on Broadway two years ago. She has insisted that it remain set in Paris no matter where it runs, with some minor Americanisms substituted in the English translation for clarity.

Story meaning

One member of the audience who found the story very clear was nine-year-old Madeline Smith, Cotter's daughter.

"I was curious what it would mean to her," said Cotter Smith. "She said, 'At first I thought you guys were ridiculous. I couldn't figure out what you were so upset about, why you were fighting over this painting.' And then she took a pause and said, 'But then I realized that you weren't fighting about the painting, that you were really very upset with each other about something else.' And I thought, that's how powerful the play really is, that she actually got that at the age of nine."

Smith cautions against bringing children to "Art" because of adult language, but says "it's a great play to take teenagers to because I think it will excite them about the theater." The play runs 90 minutes, with no intermission.

The three stars had not worked together before "Art." Hirsch is best known for his starring roles on "Taxi" and "Dear John," but has twice won Tony Awards ("I'm Not Rappaport" and "Conversations With My Father," both by Herb Gardner). Hirsch starred in "Art" in London and then on Broadway, where Jack Willis (currently appearing on screen in "The Talented Mr. Ripley") joined the cast.

To prepare for the national tour, Hirsch invited his co-stars to his home in upstate New York. As Smith tells it, "he hired a cook and we hung out together; it was really wonderful. We all get along so well; it would be a mess on a nine-month tour if we didn't."

A founding member of the Matrix Theatre Company in Los Angeles, Smith derives more satisfaction from his stage work than from lucrative film and television offers.

"We don't have to wait 10 hours until they get the lights right and do every line 50 times," he said. "To me, theater is very primitive as it goes all the way back to sitting around a campfire. You really do sit in a dark room and tell a story to a breathing audience. There's nothing quite like that."

FAMILY FUN

Get in on the act, spend an evening enjoying theater

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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This is a good weekend to introduce your children to the magic of theater.

The Rising Stars, a repertory theater for young people in grades six through nine, ages 10-14, is presenting "Pride and Prejudice," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 13-14, at Andover High School on Andover Road in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are $3 per person. Call (248) 433-0885.

Several local performers, including Lisa Andres of Livonia, are featured in Dearborn Family Theatre's production of "Bye, Bye Birdie," Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16, in the Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on the main campus of Henry Ford Community College, Evergreen south of Ford Road in Dearborn. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, with an additional show at 2 p.m. on Jan. 16. Tickets are $10, senior citizens $9. Call (313) 943-3095.

"Cinderella" opens Friday, Jan. 14, and continues through Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are $14-$16, all seats reserved. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 541-6430.

Presented by Stagecrafters, "Cinderella," with music by Richard Rodgers/book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, features a cast of 27 people from all over metro Detroit. Karl Miller of Troy stars as the prince who sweeps Cinderella off her feet.

The Rising Stars

"Pride and Prejudice" is based on Jane Austin's classic novel. The play centers on Mrs. Bennet's determination to see her daughters married well. It is an age when a woman's future depended on who she married. Headstrong Elizabeth, the second eldest of the Bennet clan, resolves to marry for love, or not at all. Her refusal to do what is expected of her brings Mrs. Bennet to the "end of her nerves" in this romantic comedy set in the early 1800s.

The play features 22 actors from Bloomfield Hills, Pontiac, Sylvan Lake, Waterford, Clarkston and other cities in Oakland County. Rising Stars is sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills Parks and Recreation Department. In addition to putting on five shows per season, the group studies improvisation, monologue delivery and other aspects of theater.

"Pride and Prejudice" is directed by Thomas Logan of Pontiac and Danielle Paccione of Rochester Hills.

In March the group will present "The Little Luncheonette of Terror," May brings "The Hobbit" and "The Skin of Our Teeth" is the scheduled summer production. For more information about The Rising Stars, call (248) 335-1788.

Dearborn Family Theatre

Celebrating its third year, under the direction of founder and artistic director Mary Bremer, Dearborn Family Theatre is presenting "Bye, Bye Birdie," Jan. 14-16.

Please see FUN, E2



Acting: *Shaina Yorke (left to right), Erin Biebuyck, Kaitlin Hoke, and Erica Lardo in a scene from the Rising Stars presentation of "Pride and Prejudice."*

Meadow Brook's obsession with playing it safe

"Dangerous Obsession," a psychological thriller runs through Sun day, Jan. 30 at Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills. Performances Wednesday-Sunday, curtain times vary. Tickets $19.50-$35, call (248) 377-3300, or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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The most telling feature of "Dangerous Obsession" at Meadow Brook Theatre is that the onstage drama doesn't attract the slightest interest until the uninvited house guest pulls out a handgun. He points it to force confessions and to demand nothing less than the truth from his unsuspecting hosts – or else. (No need to point the gun at a critic.)

That gun-toting premise, by the way, can be found in easy formulas for television dramas and insipid soap operas. Need a boost of dramatic urgency? Point a gun. Not exactly an original idea. And unfortunately, that bit of dramatic trickery comes at the end of the interminable first act, whereby the only anticipation is how many alcoholic drinks can be imbibed by the cast before intermission.

Once it's clear that the visitor, John Barrett (Robert Morgan), has arrived with a mission to confront the couple who he and his wife met at a business conference, the road ahead is painfully predictable.

REVIEW

Barrett is an annoying inquisitor searching for answers about the relationship between Mark Driscoll (John Biedenbach) and his own wife. The screw turns as it's revealed that Barrett's wife was in a "tragic" car accident. Who's to blame? Where's justice to be found? And for that matter, where was Mark Driscoll on that fateful night?

Barrett has his own ideas. He has arrived carrying a briefcase filled with bits of evidence to prove his case. Of course, he enforces his right to make a case by shooting off his gun every now and then and holding the Driscolls hostage to his plan. Barrett's intention straddles the line between an obsession and self-righteousness, but is never altogether believable.

Meanwhile, Mark and Sally Driscoll (Tracey Copeland) are coaxed into discussing their own tenuous bonds of marriage. And soon, it's their own relationship that's on trial. The notion of mutual trust has long been discarded.

But can the truth save them or bring on their demise? Never mind any statement about love, suspicion and the human condition. This play's resolution is something borrowed from a poll taken at a dinner theater production.

Dressed up as a domestic play about revenge and a psychological thriller, ultimately "Dangerous Obsession" suffers from a lack of plausibility.

The problems aren't with the production or the acting, but with N.J. Crisp's script filled with one too many cute and neatly arrived at revelations.

It doesn't help that Meadow Brook attempted to make the play more intimate by localizing several of the locations within the drama. Apparently, noting that the Driscolls are from Grosse Pointe Park and that Barrett is from Royal Oak is intended to make the story appear less unlikely. Doesn't work.

Overall, "Dangerous Obsession" suffers from being overly neat and tidy, which makes it all too safe and predictable. Just like a made-for-TV movie. All that's missing are the commercial breaks.

Fun *from page E1*

Lisa Andres of Livonia plays Rose Alvarez, the leading female role, while her daughter, Brooke, is cast as Kim MacAfee. Stephen Sell of West Bloomfield stars as Kim's dad, Harry MacAfee.

Stephanie Travis of Southfield is in the teen chorus. Children's chorus members include Kandace Carr, Tabetha Tybercza and Darlene Vangel of Redford, and Kelsey Stewart of Westland.

"Bye, Bye Birdie" opened on Broadway on April 14, 1960. The music was written by Charles Strouse. Lyrics are by Lee Adams, the book is by Michael Stewart. The show ran for 607 performances on Broadway.

Here are some other family shows that are now playing at metro Detroit theaters:

■ "Annie Jr." is presented by Tinderbox Productions, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 22, 29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, 23, 30, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. Tickets are $5. Call (313) 535-8962.

■ "Jack in the Beanstalk" continues at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main, downtown Northville, through Sunday, Jan. 16. Tickets are $7. Call (248) 349-8110 for show times.

■ 'Bye, Bye Birdie' opened on Broadway on April 14, 1960. The music was written by Charles Strouse. Lyrics are by Lee Adams, the book is by Michael Stewart. The show ran for 607 performances on Broadway

Good or bad, art is always in the eye of the beholder

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

You've heard the expression, and maybe even used it. "I may not know everything about art, but I know what I like."

Traditionally, it has been uttered as a polite way to suggest that a particular work is unappealing and devoid of meaning. In recent years, the expression seems to have evolved a bit. Now it's more like: "Get that worthless piece of trash out of here." Diplomacy and civility just may be a vanishing art.

That's why "Art," Yasmina Reza's Tony Award winning comedy, is a play for the times. The clash between modern art and old-fashioned friendship is so contentious that it presents a challenge to the actors to preserve the story's comedic intent. The current production, which runs through Jan. 30 at the Fisher Theatre, stars Judd Hirsch, Cotter Smith and Jack Willis. The furor in "Art: is over the value of an expensive piece of modern art that Hirsch considers just a waste of white on canvas. If that backdrop seems a bit tepid for such heat between the two, remember how Detroit got so piqued about polka dots.

In the next edition of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16, series producer Mark Nathanson provides a behind-the-scenes look at the production with Cotter Smith and Jack Willis.

Debate

The value of art is rarely a consensus, whether it's exhibited in a museum, gallery, or on a Detroit Public TV arts series. Even though some of the Detroit area's most knowledgeable observers of the arts scene help select the attractions to be featured on BACKSTAGE PASS, there's often what I like to call a healthy debate about the segments used.

I'm sure there was a time when purists questioned the value of photography as an art form. The new techniques and powerful works of photographers throughout the 1900s squelched that notion.

Among them is Sandy Skoglund, featured in *Life* magazine as one of the world's top 100 photographers. The fact that she is also internationally known for her sculptures, installation pieces, and work in alternative media is further evidence of her stunning versatility in creative expression. Skoglund's work is being exhibited through Feb. 4 at the Elaine L. Jacob Gallery on the campus of Wayne State University.

"Misbehaving! Works from the Studio of Sandy Skoglund" includes photographs and sculptural elements from various installations in a career retrospective.

Marsha Miro hosts a feature story about the exhibit and the artist on the Jan. 16 edition of BACKSTAGE PASS.

Cyber art

Cyber art is now the new frontier. While some artists are skeptical, others see it as the medium of the future. Certainly, it is a simple way for artists to exhibit their works.

Good and bad art will always be in the eye of the beholder. There are those who believe even the atrocious stuff deserves special merit. Browse the Museum of Bad Art (www.moba.com) for an eyeful.

I know what I like, and sometimes it's a good laugh.

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THEATER

JET captures the 'Prisoner of Second Avenue'

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents the "Prisoner of Second Avenue" through Sunday, Jan. 23 in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday. Tickets $15-$25, call (248) 788-2900.

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Melvin Edison is a 47-year-old throw rug ready to unravel. Burned out at work and bummed out at home, he comes apart at the seams the way only a Neil Simon can orchestrate it. As a local production, "Prisoner of Second Avenue" is played out as only the Jewish Ensemble Theatre can play it.

There is a dearth of area actors who are the right age for "Prisoner" and who can speak Simon lines, pause Simon pauses and look Simon looks. JET doesn't have this problem. It brings out the best local talent or it brings them in. With "Prisoner" they did both.

On a sweltering summer night in Manhattan, the heat rises from the street fourteen floors below. So does the stench of garbage. Dogs are barking, neighbors are partying, the air conditioner keeps blasting and the toilet keeps running. Such is the stuff of which New York nervous breakdowns are made. For Mel (John Siebert), the clock is most definitely ticking.

"(We) live like some kind of a caged animal in a Second Avenue zoo," he moans to his patient wife. When she suggests an analyst, he answers, "I'm disappearing, Edna. I don't need analysts; I need Lost and Found." After being fired he concludes, "miracles don't happen when you're 47. When Moses saw the burning bush, he must've been 23, 24 the most."

Siebert captures that East Coast kvetching rhythm wonderfully, although a bit too fast at times. Michigan native Roxanne Wellington was brought in from New York to play Edna, and brings off the role-reversal very nicely. Forced to go back to work, Edna dutifully hurries home to make Mel lunch while he grows more paranoid about "The Plot" that only people stuck home listening to radio call-in shows know about. Watch as he cautiously unscrews the phone to check for bugs.

After the breakdown, Mel's successful older brother and three daffy sisters arrive to help out. Brother Harry suggests they each chip in X dollars for doctor bills. "Is it a big X or a little x," they first need to know.

There aren't three more perfect actresses in town for these roles than JET's Artistic Director Evelyn Orbach, Henrietta Hermelin Weinberg and Rochelle Rosenthal. They look like they've already lived through every word. However, they also give us unscripted business (cutting an apple, fussing with sofa pillows) that comes across more like one-upmanship than something to do. As Harry, Fred Buchalter competently deals with the crisis of Mel's illness and the burden of having those three as sisters.

Director Mary Bremer misses the mark only twice. When the siblings come to call, Mel shows too little of the effects of the sedatives he's on (note to Edna: it's pronounced "VAL-ee-um," not "VAL-yoom"). In the final scene, with the breakdown behind him, he should be a somewhat kinder and gentler Mel as a contrast to Edna's now being the breadwinner. By returning him totally to his old self, the last gag loses its impact.



On stage: *John Seibert (left to right) as Mel, Rochelle Rosenthal as Pauline, Evelyn Orbach as Jessie, and Fred Buchalter as Harry in "The Prisoner of Second Avenue."*

Learn about 'The making of a Steinway'

PRNewswire – Miles Chapin, a fifth generation descendant of Henry Englehart Steinway, founder of Steinway & Sons, will appear at local Hammell Music locations on Saturday, Jan. 15 to present "88-Keys: The Making of a Steinway."

Chapin's presentation will combine aspects of the family's history with facts about the design and manufacturing of Steinway pianos.

Two lectures have been scheduled. Chapin will speak at Hammell Music's Livonia location at 15630 Middlebelt, North of 5 Mile road at 11 a.m. The program will be repeated at Hammell Music in Bloomfield Hills, 4110 Telegraph, South of Long Lake Road, at 2 p.m.

There is no admission charge, however seating for both lectures is limited. Phone reservations are being accepted by Hammell Music at (800) 742-4544.

Chapin, who resides in New York City, is an accomplished actor with many television appearances and more than eighteen motion pictures to his credit. His hardcover book, from which the lecture is drawn, was released in late 1997 and is currently in its fifth printing.

Fans of the Martha Stewart television series may recall an episode in which Chapin appeared to discuss the process of rebuilding Stewart's 1920s Steinway player grand.

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Valley Song," opens Thursday, Jan. 13 to Sunday, March 19, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. $15. (313) 868-1347 2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"Dangerous Obsession," continues to Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. $24-$35, ($19.50-$24 previews Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 5-7). (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

WSU BONSTELLE
"Before It Hits Home," explores how people and families change and grow when outside situations hit home, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 21-22 and 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 23 and 30, at 3424 Woodward, Detroit. $8-$10. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY
"Our Town" through Saturday, April 15, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, family night 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 ($15, $5 children); "Some Americans Abroad," through Saturday, Feb. 5, at the theater 4743 Cass, Detroit. $11-$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS
"Made in the USA: Encore," a musical review showcasing the past century of American song and dance, Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 27-29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. $15, student/senior/group rates available Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 14-15 and 21-22, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. $11. (248) 625-8811

DEARBORN FAMILY THEATRE
"Bye, Bye Birdie," 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, in Adray Auditorium at the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, Evergreen Road, south of Ford Road, Dearborn. $10, $9 seniors. (313) 943-3095

PHOENIX PRODUCTIONS
Present two comedies "Lone Star" and "Private Wars," Thursdays-Sundays through Jan. 16, show time is 8 p.m. except for 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 performance, at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. $12, $10 students/seniors/veterans. (313) 581-7544

PLAYER'S GUILD OF DEARBORN
"Jake's Women," Jan. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 , at 21730 Madison, South of Outer Drive and East of Monroe, Dearborn. $11. (313) 561-TKTS

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS
"Deathtrap," Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 28-30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sundays, at 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. $11, $10 seniors/students. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTAN'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK
"The Foreigner," Jan. 21-23 and 27-29, at the theater on the campus of Cranbrook Education Community, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527

STAGECRAFTERS
"Cinderella," Jan. 14 to Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays (except Thursday, Feb. 3), and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. $14-$16. (248) 541-6430

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM
"Oliver," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 21-22, 28-29 and Feb. 4-5, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 23 and 30, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, south of Maple, Birmingham. $14, $12 students under 18 and under. (248) 644-2075

DINNER THEATER

FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE
Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy opening Saturday, Jan. 22, Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. $29.95. (734) 453-7272



Cool festival: *The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, through Monday, Jan. 17, in Kellogg Park, The Gathering and the Central Parking Structure in downtown Plymouth, features ice carving competitions, an "Icy Toyland," and other surprises. Open 24 hours a day, for more information or directions, call (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.oeonline.com/plymouthice. Visit the warming center in Flagstar Bank on Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey. The Plymouth Whalers are hosting an ice skating party 5:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Compuware Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth. Tickets are $5 at the door, reservations not necessary.*

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

ANNIE JR.
Runs 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 16, 23, 30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29, Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. $5. (313) 535-8962

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Jack and the Beanstalk," a musical puppet show for children, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 29-30, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. $5. (248) 625-8811

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Jack in the Beanstalk," through Sunday, Jan. 16, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. $7. (248) 349-8110

MOSAIC YOUTH THEATRE
"Everybody's Talking," a new musical play about love, social image and hearsay, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 15-16, at the Trueblood Theatre, in the Frieze Building on the corner of Huron and State Street, Ann Arbor. $15, $7 student with ID. (734) 764-0450

PUPPETART
"Close the Window...or Chelm's Law," 2 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 22 and 29, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. $7, $5 children. (313) 961-7777

SPECIAL EVENTS

CARD/COIN/STAMP & SPORTS COLLECTIBLE SHOW
Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16, meet former Red Wing star Alex Delvecchio 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, in the Food Court at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road and Middlebelt, Livonia. (734) 522-4100

"CLASSICS ON THE LAKE"
The series continues with the CutTime Players presenting "Peter and the Wolf" narrated by former Detroit Chief of Police Isaiah McKinnon, and "Suite for Flute and Jazz Septet" with Alexander Zonjic as guest flutist, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, in the shrine chapel on the campus of St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake and Commerce roads, Orchard Lake. $15, $10 children ages 12 and under. (248) 683-1750

COLLECTIBLES SHOW
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. $5, $2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

DAVID COPPERFIELD
"Journey of a Lifetime" Tickets on sale now for five magical performances, March 24-26, Fox Theatre, Detroit. $27.50-$45. Call (248) 645-6666

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Spitzer & Sons, professional magicians and jugglers, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, $3.25. (248) 424-9022

PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SCULPTURE SPECTACULAR
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SESAME STREET LIVE
"When I Grow Up," Jan. 19-30 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. $25, $16, $14, $10. (248) 433-1515

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL
Canton Project Arts holds its second annual storytelling festival Saturday, Jan. 22, "Storytelling Through the Ages" provides hands-on workshops and concerts for children and adults throughout the day and evening, children's show takes place 1-2:30 p.m. and a family concert 7-9 p.m. at the Summit on the Park Community Center, Canton. Tickets for the entire day and evening event are $5, $15 for a family of three or more. For advanced ticket reservations, call (734) 397-6450

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11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. $5, $2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

BENEFITS

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" to benefit Capuchin Soup Kitchen 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4. $50, includes a theme dinner after the show. (248) 553-2955

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE
A salute to the National Federation of Music Clubs, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates. Free. (248) 335-7160

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Brahms' Second Symphony, Torke's Javelin and Hindemith's Mathis der Maler Symphony, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15; special concert of spirituals and gospel selections honoring the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr., features bass-baritone Simon Estes 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. $14-$66. (313) 576-5111

ARTHUR GREENE
Plays the complete Scriabin Sonatas, Part II, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, with introductory commentary by Jim Leonard at 2:30 p.m., at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. $25, $15, $10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With the Madonna University Chorale, Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9" and Richard Strauss' "2001 Space Odyssey," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. $15, $10 students. (734) 464-2741/(734) 421-1111

YO-YO MA
The cellist performs 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. $55, $45, $35, $20. (734) 764-2538

PRELUDES WEST
DSO musicians Greg Staples (violin), Pauline Martin (piano) perform works by Mozart, Ernest Bloch, William Kroll, and a Helfitz arrangement of the March from Prokofiev's opera "The Love for Three Oranges," noon Friday, Jan. 21, at Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. $25, $10 children. (313) 576-5154

FLAVIO VARANI
The pianist performs French and Russian compositions, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. $15, $10 students/seniors. (313) 882-5330

POPS/SWING

JUST FRIENDS ENSEMBLE
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. $20. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666 (classical pop to Broadway)

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY
"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through November, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

ALTURO SHELTON
The musical impressionist sings "A Motown Tribute," voices include Stevie Wonder, Sammie Davis, Jr., Redd Fox and Nat King Cole, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Pontchartrain Hotel, Washington Blvd. and Jefferson, Detroit. No cover. (313) 965-0200/(248) 354-1194

AUDITIONS

BLUE LAKE BALLET
Auditions for middle and high school students who want to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's dance program in summer of 2000, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Wayne State University, 3226 Old Main, Detroit. Students unable to audition may send a video. (800) 221-3796

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS
Auditions for "A Case of Libel" by Henry Denker 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 17-18 at the Depot, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. (248) 625-8811

COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, open jam for string band musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m. (free), at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann ARbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. $7. (734) 426-0241

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Chapel Hills Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 662-5158 or eba@umich.edu

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
Auditions for 12 men and 12 women for Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.(248) 626-8767

FIRST THEATRE GUILD
Auditions for "Pied Piper of Hamelin," a youth production for school-age children through high school, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151

FREEDOM DANZ: XPRESSIONZ
Auditions for hip-hop flavored dance companies Friday, Jan. 21, ages 6-12 5:30-7 p.m., ages 13 to adult 7:30-10 p.m., at the studio on the second floor at 229 Gratiot, Detroit. (313) 964-8497

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Auditions for the youth orchestra will be held Saturday, Jan. 22. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 591-7649

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
Auditions will be held 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 18 and 25, and Feb. 1 by appointment, tenors and basses are especially needed by there are some openings for sopranos and altos, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY
Rehearsals began 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, selected works to be performed are "Te Deum" by A. Bruckner, "Magnificat" by J. Rutter and "Coronation Anthems No. 1 and 4 by G. F. Handel, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-8353

SESAME STREET LIVE
Auditions for actors who can dance and dancers who can act for national touring stage productions, 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. (612) 375-9670, ext. 704 or www.sesamestreetlive.com

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
Auditions for all voice parts, in room 530 of the Forum Building, at the college, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (313) 937-0975

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION
The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoufLinks@aol.com

STAGECRAFTERS
Auditions for "Barefoot in the Park," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 17-18 (registration begins 6:30 p.m.), in the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances March 24-26 and 29-31, and April 1-2 and 6-9. (248) 541-4832

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD
Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

ORGAN

W. MICHAEL BRITTENBACK
Performs on the historic Aeolian Skinner organ 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at All Saints Episcopal Church, Williams and Pike streets, Pontiac. $10. (248) 334-4571

"MUSIC FOR MEDITATION" SERIES
David Wagner plays the music of J.S. Bach: Trio Sonatas and Individual Works Part II, noon Thursday, Jan. 20, at St. Michael's Church, Livonia, and noon Friday, Jan. 21, at St. Paul's Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free/

JAZZ

AMIGO
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JOHNNIE BASSETT & THE BLUES INSURGENTS
8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Edison's 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

BESS BONNIER
With Paul Keller as part of the B'Jazz Vespers series, 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits and Bates, Birmingham. A free will offering is taken for musicians. (248) 644-0550

RON BROOKS
9:30 p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, January 15-16, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $7. (734) 662-8310

TODD CURTIS
Thursdays, at Elle's, 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

BILL GAFF
8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

FRODE GJERSTAD TRIO
Part of the Jazz at the Edge series, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. $15, $10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

JEFF HASS TRIO & FRIENDS
With Marcus Belgrave 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $15. (734) 763-8587

RICH K. TRIO
8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With vocalist April Tini 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, with saxophonist Chris Collins, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, east of Middlebelt Road, Garden City. $5 cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756

BILL MORRISSEY
8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. $12. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666 (blues)

TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX
3-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Steak and Ale, 32750 Concord, across from Oakland Mall; Madison Heights. $4 cover. (248) 588-4450

STRAIGHT AHEAD
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Edison's 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

TAKE 6
8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. $25, $20, $15, $10. (734) 764-2538

JANET TENAJ TRIO
Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

THE BROTHERS GROOVE
9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

TOTY VIOLA
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Edison's 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

ED WELLS
The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

WORLD MUSIC

THE CASSIDYS
A Dublin group with champion step-dancer, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Athens High School, John R and Wattles, Troy. $15. (248) 435-5307/(810) 979-8406

MACAOIBH
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, at John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. (248) 474-5941 (Celtic folk music)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

COMPANY OF STRANGERS
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, at John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

CHARLIE KING
The musical storyteller and political satirist performs 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. $13.50. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

RARELY HERD
7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington on the north side of Lincoln, Royal Oak. $15. (248) 544-4903 (bluegrass)

LEON REDBONE
8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor.

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$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. $10, $9 members/students/seniors. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666 (bluegrass)

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN
Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7586

DANCE

ADVANCED ENGLISH FROLIC
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. $7. (313) 937-1552

BALLROOM DANCING
9 p.m. Saturdays, at the Dance Scene, 25333 Van Dyke, Centerline. $6. Also swing and Latin classes. (810) 757-6300

COUNTRY LINE DANCING
Lessons, dining and dancing 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, in the Food Court at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road and Middlebelt, Livonia. (734) 522-4100

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE
Hosts West Side Story Dance Workshops, learn actual choreography to be taught from the dance numbers in the theater company's spring production, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1 and 8, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe. (248) 594-9673/(313) 884-0196 or www.gpt.org

HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE
Language and zither lessons. (248) 352-0927/(734) 946-6261

MICHIGAN SWING DANCE ASSOC.
Lesson 3 p.m/ Sunday, Jan. 16 ($3, free for members), Boogie Woogie class, dance 4-8 p.m. $6 members, $8 non-members, at The Amber House, 7012 E. Nine Mile, between Van Dyke and Mound, Warren. (248) 926-5484

BEBE MILLER COMPANY
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Power Center, 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor. $32, $30, $22, $16. (734) 764-2538

O'HARE'S IRISH DANCERS
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696, Farmington Hills. $12. (248) 471-7667

POLKA BOOSTER CLUB
Inaugural Ball 4-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, doors open at 1:30 p.m., dinner at 2:30 p.m., at Pvt. John Lyskowa Hall, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Heights. (313) 561-8389/(248) 471-2963

STARDUST BALLROOM
Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. $8. (248) 356-5678

STUTTGART BALLET
8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 13-15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. $17-$62. (313) 237-SING/(248) 645-6666

COMEDY

DOWN HOME COMEDY SUPERSTAR TOUR
Featuring D.C. Curry, Joe Torry, Sheryl Underwood, hosted by Bobo Lamb 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. $37.50, $29.50. (248) 433-1515

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB
Mark Sweetman with Dee Profitt, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, at 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Darwin Hines through Saturday, Jan. 15, Mike Green, Wednesday-Saturday, Jan. 19-22, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays ($5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Diane Ford, Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 13-16, John Pinette Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Dan Grueter, also Keith Ruff, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 13-15; Jim David, also Rob Little, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 20-22, at the club, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY
"Phantom Menace to Society" Wednesday-Sunday, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mainstage comedy acts: $10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, $17.50 on Fridays, and $19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM
Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. $6, $4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30; "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $3 for adults, $1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Mexican artist Alejandro Garcia Nelo creates a large-scale paper altar in Rivera Court using the traditional Mexican folk art of papel picado, Saturday, Jan. 15 to Sunday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 Garcia Nelo will give a demonstration of papel picado techniques, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Avenue. Free with recommended museum admission of $4, $1 children. (313) 833-7900

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is $3 for adults, $2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional $4. (313) 577-8400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission $2, $1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m, Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

MEADOW BROOK HALL
Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. $8; $6 seniors, $4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Celebrate the Century" exhibit continues at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. $2, $.50 kids, $5 family. (734) 455-8940

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM
"A Stitch in Time" quilt exhibit continues through Saturday, Jan. 29, at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road at Van Hoosen Farm, east of Rochester Road off Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. $3, $2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD
Interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, NASCAR Pit Stop Challenge, Turbo Tour full-motion simulator ride, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily including the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday Monday, Jan. 17, at 1151 Village Drive, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. $6, $5 seniors, $4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

POPULAR MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues).

LORI AMEY
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills, 1122 South Rochester Rd. All ages. (248) 652-0558

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL
Featuring Shawn Colvin, Arlo Guthrie, Great Big Sea, Matt Watroba and more, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Tickets $30, $25. (248) 645-6666.

ASTRAL PROJECT
8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. $15 advance. (734) 662-8310.

BECK
7:30 Thursday Feb. 3, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave. in Ann Arbor. All ages. $22.50. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-TKTS.

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues).

BOY SETS FIRE
With Reach the Sky, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $7. (313) 961-MELT.

B'JAZZ VESPERS
With Bess Bonnier and Paul Keller, 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Features "The Women of Jazz." (248) 644-0550

BOTTLE ROCKETS
Wednesday, Feb. 16, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

BROTHERS GROOVE
10 p.m. Tuesdays in January, Fifth Avenue, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 9:30 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 3, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

BUMP N' UGLIES CD RELEASE
With Teenage Frames, Gutterpunx, The Outsiders, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. $5 advance/$7 day of show. (313) 961-MELT.

SCOTT CAMPBELL
Will host an acoustic open mike jam every Thursday at 8 p.m. beginning Jan. 20 at Carbon, Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. Free admission, free parking, 18 and over. (313) 366-9278 or www.scottcampbell.net.

CHAIN REACTION
10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, Token Lounge, Westland. (734) 513-5030.

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

ALEX CHILTON
8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $13. 50 advance. (313) 961-MELT.

CHISEL BROTHERS FEATURING CHEF CHRIS
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over (blues)

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND
Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

COMPANY OF STRANGERS
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan 14-15, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-5941.

COWBOY JUNKIES
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. Tickets $20, $25 on sale Jan. 31. (248) 645-6666.

THE CRO-MAGS
With All Out War and Shutdown, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. $10. (313) 961-MELT.

CROSBY, STILLS, NASH AND YOUNG
8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets $76, $51, and $40.50 reserved. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

CUBANISMO
7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $25 advance. (248) 645-6666.

THORNETTA DAVIS
7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, 28-29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues).

DETROIT BLUES: THE DELTA MEETS DETROIT
Featuring The Butler Twins, BB Queen and more, 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. Free. (313) 831-1250

DESNUDO
Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 13-15, Wagon Wheel Tavern, 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

DJ SKRIBBLE
Will host "Global Beach Party" Friday, Feb. 4, at La Boom teen nightclub, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 962-1000

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With Cloud Nine, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com.

FAN MAIL TOUR
With TLC, Christina Aguilera, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets $39.50 and $29.50 on sale. (248) 645-6666.

FINVARRAS WREN
Featuring Jim Perkins, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan 28-29, Cowley's, Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. (248) 474-5941.

THE FLATLANDERS
Featuring Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $20 advance. (248) 645-6666.

FREED
5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292.

THE GREENHORNS
With Come-ons, Babykillers, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $7 cover. (313) 833-9700

GORDON BENNETT
10 p.m. Wednesdays in January, also Friday, Jan. 14, Fifth Avenue, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART
7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $10 advance. (248) 645-6666.

HARRINGTON BROTHERS
7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues).

COREY HARRIS
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $12 advance. (248) 645-6666.

ROY HAMILTON JR. & THE GOLDEN BOYS
7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 20, 27, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues).

WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK
With Big Barn Combo and Driftweed, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $12.50 cover. (313) 833-9700

JEFF HEALEY BAND
8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, Magic Stick, Detroit. Tickets $12.50 on sale now. (248) 645-6666.

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. No cover. (734) 213-1393

IMMIGRANT SUNS
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $7 cover. (313) 833-9700

ALAN JACKSON
With Lonestar, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets $32.50 and $25.50. (248) 645-6666.

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With Park, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com.

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MOVIES

'The Hurricane' will win over audiences

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES – The fictional Rocky Balboa found his vindication in the ring. The real-life boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter achieved his in the courts after 20 agonizing years, and he had to do it from prison.

Norman Jewison's "The Hurricane" bears little resemblance to "Rocky" except that the protagonists of both are prizefighters facing long odds. "Rocky" was a heartwarming tale of an unknown who makes an unlikely climb to become champion. "The Hurricane" tells of a contender whose career is ended when he is snared in a legal trap of revenge and bigotry.

Rubin Carter, whose slashing style earned him the name Hurricane, seemed destined for the middleweight title in the early 1960s. Then in 1966, he and a fan were arrested and charged with the shooting of three people in a New Jersey bar. The sole evidence was the testimony of an ex-con who claimed to have seen the pair fleeing from the bar with guns.

Even though they had been exonerated by the police and a grand jury, Carter and the fan were convicted and given three life sentences. After years of trying to prove his innocence, Carter was aided by an American youth and Canadian social activists. They helped win his freedom.

Obviously this is first-class film material. The wonder is why it took so long to reach the screen.

"The Hurricane" traces Carter's life from his early days, when he fights a pedophile who preys on slum kids. A bigoted cop named Della Pesca (Dan Hedaya) accuses Rubin (Mitchell Taylor Jr.) of attacking a pillar of the community, and the boy is sentenced to a juvenile detention prison.

As an adult, Carter (Denzel Washington) transfers his anger into boxing, and his ferocity wins him victories and the adulation of the crowd. But at the peak of his career, he is again hounded by Pesca, the relentless Javert to Carter's Jean Valjean. The detective falsifies evidence and Carter is convicted.

Carter remains aloof from the other prisoners, sleeping by day and educating himself by night. His efforts for justice fail, even after his book, "The Sixteenth Round," is published. Pleas from Bob Dylan – who championed Carter in a song he wrote – and Muhammad Ali fail to sway the courts.

An underprivileged city boy (Vicellous Reon Shannon) living in Toronto is inspired by the book and he makes contact with the prisoner. He also induces his three Canadian mentors (John Hannah, Deborah Kara Unger and Liev Schreiber) to help uncover evidence that would free Carter.

Having trained for a year and shed 35 pounds, Washington looks every inch the professional boxer. He is convincing in the ring and brings forceful emotion to Carter's long struggle for freedom. Shannon as the idolizing youth plays a perfect counterpoint to the anguished fighter, saving him from despair at his lowest moments.

The rest of the cast, most of them unfamiliar faces, perform admirably. Rod Steiger, who won an Academy Award for Jewison's "In the Heat of the Night," makes a brief but stirring appearance as the federal judge who recognizes the long injustice to Carter.

Jewison is at his best in social dramas such as "In the Heat of the Night," "... And Justice for All" and "A Soldier's Story" (Washington's first starring role as an adult), and he proves his talent again with "The Hurricane."



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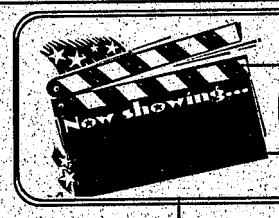
Fight of his life: *Rubin "Hurricane Carter" (Denzel Washington) is a boxer sentenced for a crime he didn't commit in "The Hurricane."*



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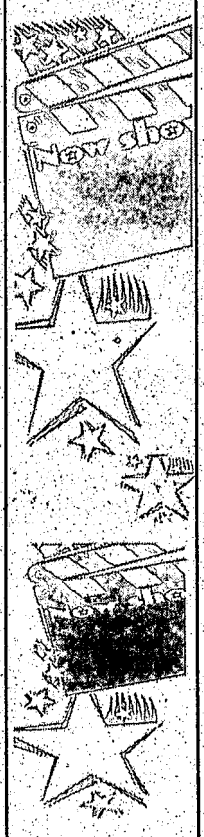

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 14

HOLY SMOKE
A young woman is rescued from an Indian Guru by her concerned family, only to turn her follow-up encounters with a deprogrammer into an all out battle of the sexes. Stars Harvey Keitel and Pam Grier.

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The story of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, middleweight boxing champion who is accused of a crime he didn't commit. After 20 years in jail, he is released. Stars Denzel Washington.

SUPERNOVA
A routine rescue mission — set in the 22nd century — goes bad when a black hole jeopardizes the fate of both the rescue ship and the battered space freighter.

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HOW TO STEAL A MILLION
Starring Audrey Hepburn and Peter O'Toole, will be shown at the Historic Redford Theatre. Call (313) 537-2560 or check the Web at theatreorgans.com/mi/redford.

ANGELA'S ASHES
Based on Frank McCourt's best-selling novel, the film depicts his memoirs of growing up in a struggling Irish family. His depressed mother tries to keep the children in moldy bread and hand-me-downs, while his father drinks away the money he earns. Stars Emily Watson and Robert Carlyle.

CRADLE WILL ROCK
Revisit the year 1937 and Orson Welles' attempt to mount the production of a musical of the same title, which made it to Broadway even after the U.S. Government shut it down. Stars Hank Azaria, Ruben Blades, John and Joan Cusack.

DOWN TO YOU
A romantic comedy set among college students in New York City. Directed by Kris Isaacson. Stars Freddie Prinze Jr., Selma Blair and Henry Winkler.

PLAY IT TO THE BONE
This offbeat adventure centers on two friends who journey to Las Vegas in hopes of resurrecting their failing boxing careers, only to end up in a battle for the belt. Stars Woody Harrelson and Antonio Banderas.

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STREET SCENE

'Turnaround' and catch this local blues quartet

STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

My earliest memory of music in my life is a hard one to admit to. As a little girl, I grew up watching The Monkees on television. Davy, Mickey, Mike and Peter ran around singing songs and getting into mischief, and I didn't want to miss a minute of it — even if the show was already in re-runs.

When my family moved from our home in northern Indiana to Rochester, Mich., I couldn't have been older than 5. I vividly remember asking my mom if "The Monkees" would be on TV at our new house. That was the one thing I wanted to take with me.

It seems Jeff Franchi shared a similar experience. I didn't ask the guitarist whether his favorite Monkee was Davy Jones, but I did ask him for his earliest musical memory. And watching "The Monkees" was it.

Franchi, guitarist and vocalist for The Turnarounds — a Wayne County-based blues band — grew up surrounded by music. His father played the accordion, and his older brothers played in rock bands who often practiced in the basement of the family's Farmington home. Franchi remembers setting up his toy drum set in the basement and playing along with the band when he was a little boy. It was a big deal when his brother let him sit behind The Real drum set. He played percussion for years, throughout his time at Farmington High School, but also took up the guitar, which he's now been playing for 20 years.

"There was always music around," he said. "It was almost like I didn't have a choice."

Almost three years ago, Franchi made a choice. He joined four other musicians who share his passion for blues and formed a band — The Turnarounds. After one year of recording on and off at Circle Sky in Farmington and The Loft in Saline, the band is ready to release its first CD, titled "Are You Ready." In 15 tracks, The Turnarounds combined catchy originals with covers like Stevie Wonder's "Superstitious."

Initially called The Blues Shakers, the band consists of Franchi, guitarist Todd Best, a former Westland resident who attended Livonia Franklin High School, bassist and lead vocalist David Gondoly, a former Canton resident, and drummer Bill Henrikson, a Redford resident and Redford Union High School graduate. To avoid confusion with other bands in the area, they changed the name to The Turnarounds.

Franchi and Best are co-workers at Joe's Music in Livonia, where they both play guitar. Best, who grew up listening to his brother's ACDC records, also acquired an affinity for playing music at an early age. He remembered making a cut-out of a guitar in third grade. He and his friends used it at a lip-sync performance of Pink Floyd's "The Wall" at school. Since that early stage experience, Best has grown used to performing. He met Gondoly while studying music at Wayne State University. And Best knew Henrikson from working with him in other bands over the past decade. They all came together to form The Turnarounds.

"We're just a bunch of friends playing music together," said Best, who admits he's always been interested in blues music. "It's really expressive."

Franchi agreed. "One of the reasons (the blues) attracted me is the fact that you can improvise. I don't like playing Top 40, being a human jukebox." He gets bored playing songs the same way. With blues, the music is open to ever-changing interpretation.



Bluesmen: *David Gondoly, Bill Henrikson, Todd Best and Jeff Franchi are The Turnarounds, a Wayne County-based blues quartet.*

ARTISTIC IMPRESSIONS

Both Franchi and Best agreed the best music derived from life experiences and true emotions. While the band performs regularly, and can be seen at places like Lowertown Grill in Plymouth, Franchi said live music in the Metro area isn't as easy to find as it used to be. Best agreed that more bars and clubs rely on DJs for entertainment, which makes it hard to find places to perform.

"If you do Top 40, you get more work," Franchi added. "I'm personally willing to put up with that limitation."

Best said blues music is something everyone can relate to. By adding elements of rock, jazz, pop, and even a little country, the music can draw in listeners who never thought they'd become blues fans. "We really mix it up."

Franchi has a saying for those who question The Turnarounds' style: "If you come in and see us and you don't like the song, stick around. It'll change."

Like the weather, The Turnarounds perform unpredictable blues Friday, Jan. 14, The Taproom, Ypsilanti, Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, The Alibi, Farmington, and will host a CD Release Party for "Are You Ready" 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Lowertown Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Call (734) 451-1213. More information and CDs are available at http:// turnarounds. hypermart. net.

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STAY TUNED...

Look out **Jenny Jones**. The talk show maven has taken a liking to the musical stylings of Kalamazoo's **Knee Deep Shag**. The band will return to the "Jenny Jones" show on Tuesday, Jan. 18. The topic is "prove your talent."

CD REVIEW

Methods of Mayhem
Methods of Mayhem
MCA Records

No doubt shocking old fans, former Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee has assembled hip-hop heavyweights like Snoop Dogg and Lil Kim to help out on the self-titled debut record by his rap-metal band, Methods of Mayhem.

Give Lee credit for that, because the D-O double-G and the Queen Bee add spice and credibility to what could have amounted to a rip off of Limp Bizkit, Korn or any other rap-metal band of the moment.

Lil Kim heats up the track "Get Naked" with her typically trashy talk and, along with guests Fred Durst, George Clinton and Mix Master Mike, helped Lee find his way to alt-rock radio. The earnest delivery and bludgeoning beats make it easy to forgive the disposable lyrics.

Snoop Dogg rescues "Who The Hell Cares," while Kid Rock boosts "New Skin." Surprisingly, Methods of Mayhem manage to capture Roni Size's drum 'n' bass — without his help — on the closing cut, "Spun."

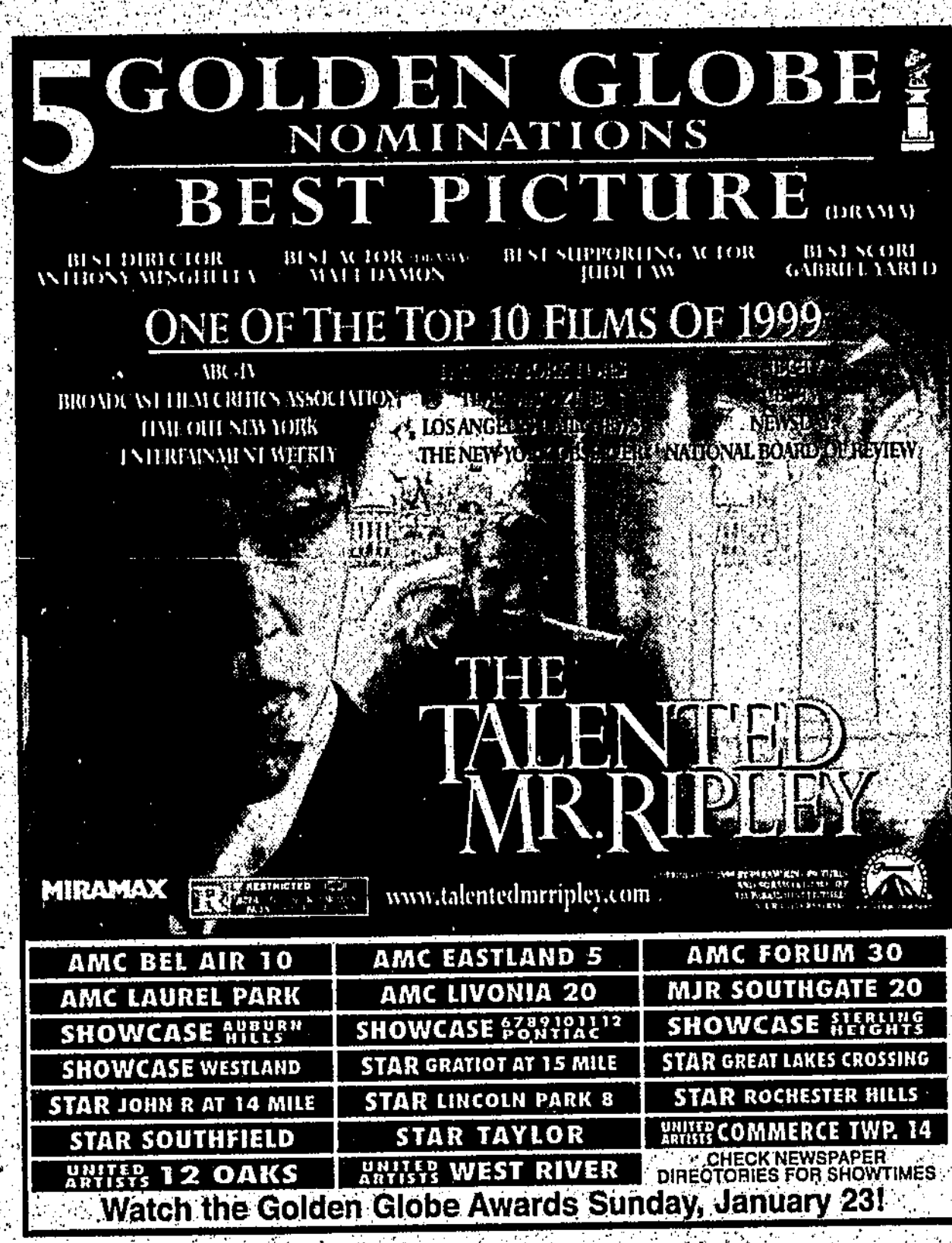
The lesson here is that Methods of Mayhem have released an acceptable record because they brought in the right people and made their rip-off of others' music sound somehow fresh.

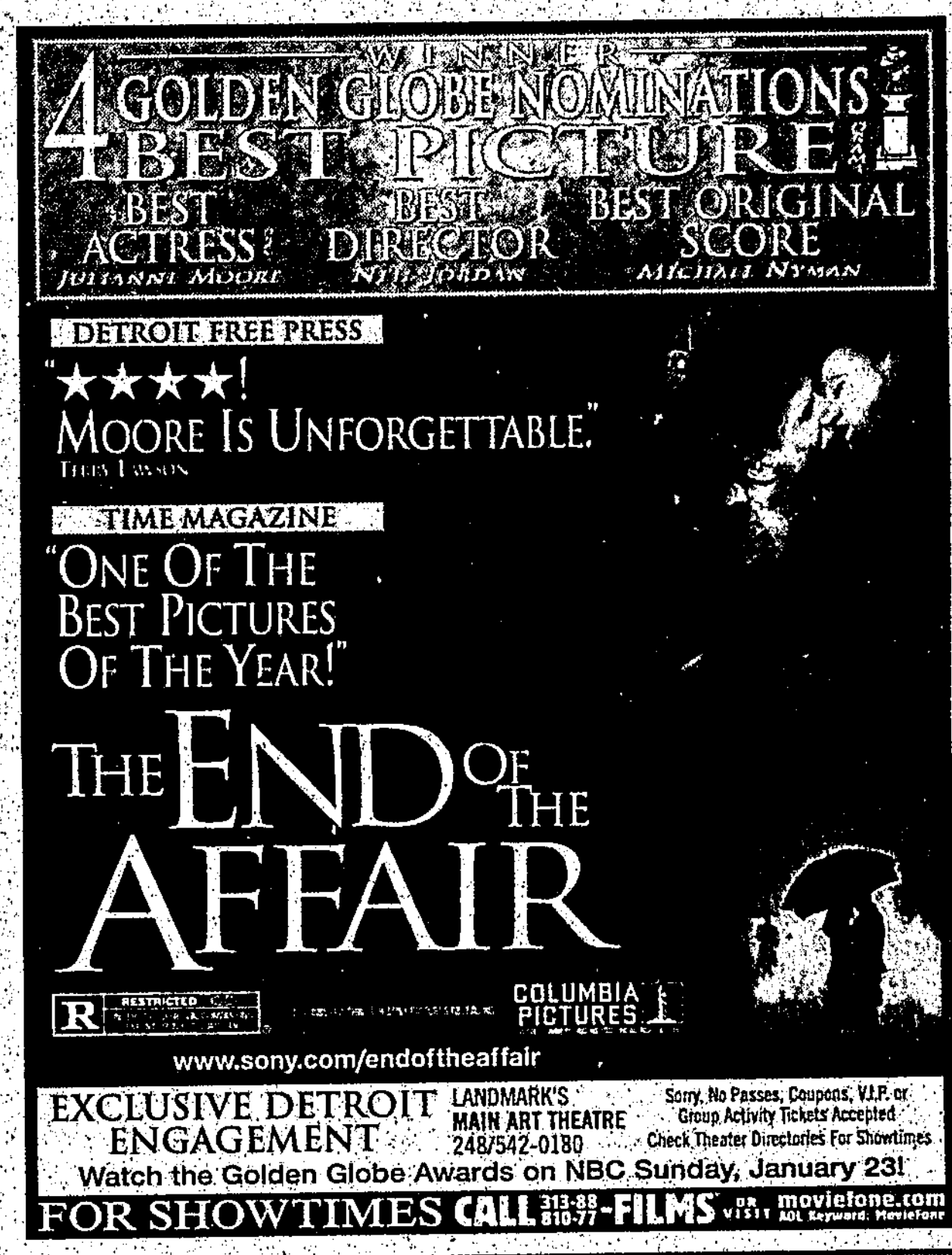
Even so, the lyrics here are to be mostly avoided. Tommy Lee fires off like some angry juvenile at news reporters, police officers and others who have, it seems, conspired to make his life miserable.

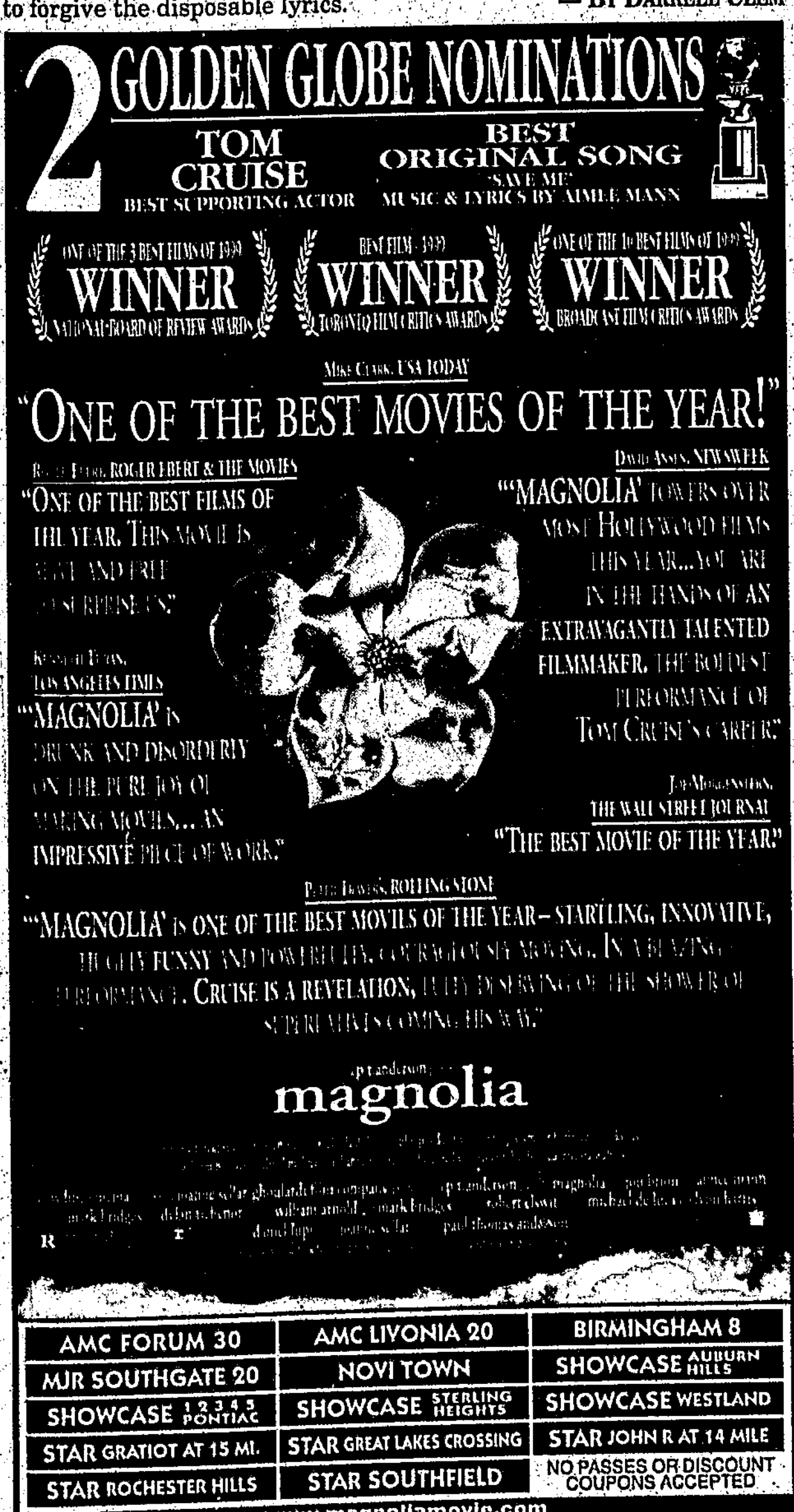
On "Narcotic," the lyrics reach a new low with "Forget about rehab. Give me more."

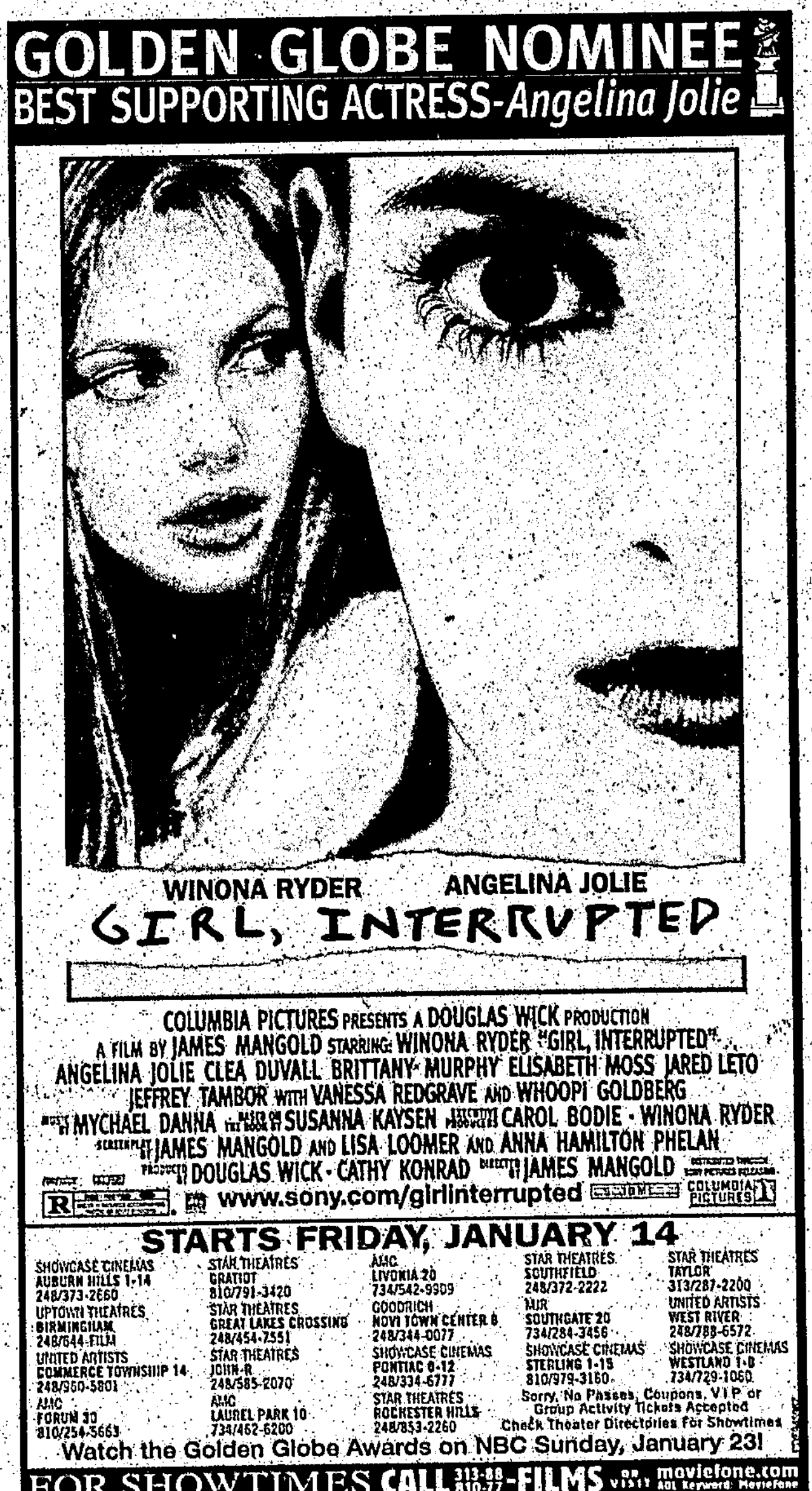
More what? Talent?

— BY DARRELL CLEM











DINING

Hockeytown Cafe scores with Red Wings fans

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Ed Kroninger foresees a bright future for Detroit's Hockeytown Cafe.

The Farmington Hills resident attended the opening of the Red Wings-themed restaurant last fall.

"I think it's fantastic. What an unbelievable location. It's gonna be great all year long. It's a goldmine waiting to happen."

The restaurant on Woodward Avenue in the Second City building shows off Red Wings memorabilia from Hockey jerseys and photographs to an actual Zamboni parked in the entrance.

Who needs a Hard Rock Cafe in Detroit? The restaurant just reassures fans and visitors alike that this is still "hockeytown."

Valarie Bollard said she was never a hockey fan until she joined the staff. "I love working here," she said. "Everyone's very friendly."

One trip to the bar will prove that. Hockeytown bartenders chat with those who stop in for a beverage or meal. They mix up cleverly-named beverages like the Most Valuable Margarita or creamy drinks like a Break Away, which is made with vanilla ice cream, Chambord, Creme De Cocoa and rum.

Non-alcoholic specialties include a Wild Berry Breeze, for a strawberry and raspberry frozen treat, or a Squeeze Play, a lemonade carrying a raspberry kick.

Drinks are placed on a strip of ice that stretches all the way around the bar, just another reminder of that special sport of choice.

Hockeytown Cafe features eight domestic and imported bottled beers. The wine list shows nine varieties of white wine, 12 reds and four types of champagne or sparkling wine. Most are available by the glass or bottle.

Three levels

Dress up or dress down. Bring the kids or a date; it's suitable for any occasion. The dimly-lit restaurant offers dining on three different levels, so even when the place is packed, it's possible to enjoy a meal with space and comfort.

But Hockeytown Cafe is more than atmosphere for sports fans. The menu offers a mix of traditional favorites and eclectic entrees fit to satisfy the hungriest food connoisseurs.

Leave the hockey sticks and pucks behind and start off with an unusual appetizer, like Hoisen-Sesame Chicken Skewers or Crab and Risotto Cakes. Those with light appetites might go for a Cobb or Classic Caesar Salad.

If the goal is a hearty sandwich, Hockeytown's got it covered. From a Chicken Focaccia sandwich with roasted peppers and provolone cheese, to a Grilled Portobello Mushroom Sandwich or Hockeytown's signature burger, choices are plenty. Sandwiches come with potato chips, but may be substituted for french fries and cole slaw for a nominal fee.

Entrees range from a slab of Baby Back Ribs to a Spinach and Brioche Encrusted Whitefish. Dinner entrees cost between $13.95 and $21.95 and include a starch and vegetable.

The Filet of Beef is prepared with a Traverse City Cherry and Walnut Crust and a Port Wine Sauce, giving a hearty Northern Michigan appeal. Pork Chops take the tastebuds south when served with a Caribbean Barbecue Glaze and Mango-Cilantro Salsa.

Pasta

If pasta is your pick, try Cannelloni with Ricotta and Spinach or Blackened Cajun Beef Pasta, served with roasted peppers, tomatoes and a creole sauce.

To satisfy any sweet tooth, the restaurant offers six desserts and seven varieties of sweet coffee drinks.

Try an Apple Cobbler with a scoop of French Vanilla Ice Cream, or Rocky Road Cheesecake with an enticing chocolate glaze. Dip into a Raspberry and White Chocolate Creme Brulee or taste the Almond Cherry Tart, which is baked in a sugar cookie crust.

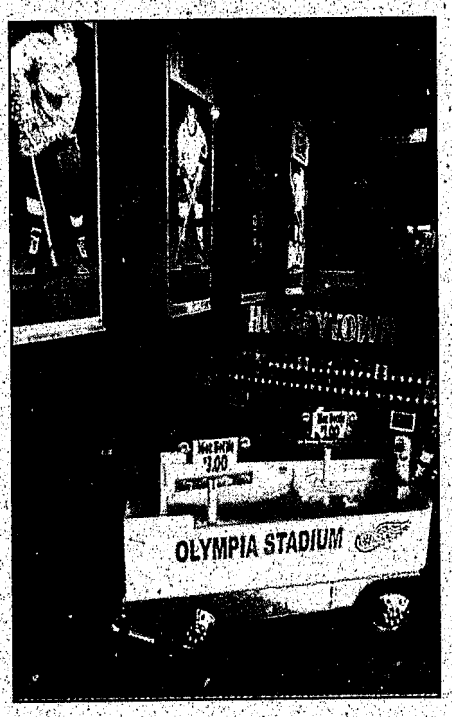
Whether the goal is to stop in before a game at Joe Louis Arena or grab a bite after a show at Second City, patrons won't leave Hockeytown Cafe hungry.

Hockeytown Cafe

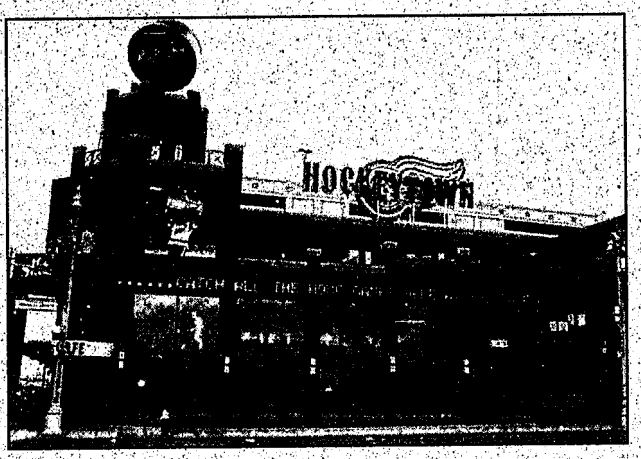
Where: 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit — inside the Second City Building, (313) 965-9500.
Open: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday.
Menu: American favorites including ribs and burgers with an eclectic mix of entrees such as Spinach and Brioche Encrusted Whitefish.
Cost: Appetizers, $5.95-$9.95; sandwiches $5-7; pasta, $11.95-$15.95; entrees, $13.95- $21.95.
Reservations: Recommended for dinner
Credit cards: All majors accepted
Highlight: For information about reserving the restaurant for groups, or dinner/show packages, call (313) 965-2222.



Lunch or dinner: *Hockeytown Cafe is open seven days a week and offers burgers, salads, appetizers and entrees for hungry hockey fans.*



Sports fans: *Hockeytown Cafe is decorated with a lot of Red Wings memorabilia.*



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Agent may get part of good faith deposit

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I would suggest that you have an experienced real estate attorney look at your listing agreement, if any, and in the absence of a listing agreement, you may not owe the real estate agent any money.

But it's hard for me to perceive that the listing agent would have listed your house without a written agreement the the agent must have to enforce his rights.

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Home builders expect another busy year



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESSLER

Housing forecast: *Residential builders here expect to be busy again this year.*

Residential builders here anticipate another good year even though the chief economist of their national association told them last week that he expects the economy to cool.

Rising values of existing houses will continue, in great part, to fuel new construction, said Bernard Glieberman, president of Crosswinds Communities in Novi.

Every homeowner has a profit in his house, Glieberman said. "What do they do? People who have profit in one house buy the next. You have full employment ... equity in homes, equity in the stock market. It translates to buying power."

Norman Finkelstein, president of Norwood Cos. in Farmington Hills, also pointed out that the market for existing houses affects new construction and vice versa.

"Tremendous pent-up value in peoples' homes enable them to tap into the higher end," Finkelstein said. "And they're willing to do it. Somebody's got to move into new homes to allow vacancy in existing homes."

Soaring values of existing houses gives buyers options, said Todd Craft, who sells both existing through RE/MAX Executive Properties in West Bloomfield and new for Benchmark Homes in Bloomfield Hills.

"Market sales have been so hot, resale is inflated," Craft said. "A person can spend $200,000 for a home of 1,500 or 1,800 square feet in Royal Oak. If they spend $200,000 in a new home, they can get 2,000 or more square feet and they can pick the colors. I think new houses keep soaring because people are comparing."

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan expected to pull permits for 18,411 single-family homes last year in a seven-county area including Oakland and Wayne.

That would be the third-best count of the decade and just 400 behind the high-water mark of 18,830 in 1998. In 1990, 10,710 single-family permits were issued.

Waterford led the way in Oakland County during the January-October period last year with 409 permits, followed by West Bloomfield, 335, Independence Township, 308, and Orion Township, 287.

The top three communities in Wayne County were Canton, 556, Brownstown Township, 375, and Plymouth Township, 251.

Dave Kellett Sr., president of Kellett Construction in Bloomfield Hills and BIA president, projects that single-family permits should stay in the 18,000 range this year, too.

But there are a few clouds on the horizon.

A labor shortage and a scarcity of some materials – brick, especially – have caused some construction delays, said Dan MacLeish Sr., a Troy custom builder.

"It takes longer to get homes done, 12-13 months now," he said of the 4,500-square-foot houses he normally builds.

"It's certainly a challenge to get houses up as in the past because of the labor situation," added Scott Jacobson, a Bingham Farms builder.

Richard L. Komer, a Southfield builder, and Finkelstein each project cost increases upwards of 7 percent to produce the same home they did last year.

At least one developer, Amos Knoll of Coast to Coast in Bloomfield Hills, said he isn't troubled by having to go farther and farther out to find land for potential housing tracts.

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Scott Jacobson
Bingham Farms builder

He suspects that potential buyers aren't, either.

"If people know they can get away, get privacy, a large back yard, people will do it," Knoll said. "If the drive (now) takes 30 minutes, they will go 60.

"Now, it's the boondocks," Knoll said. "A few years later, everything else moves out to the boondocks. When commercial developers see housing going on, they start moving."

Dave Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders, told builders here last week that he expects the Fed, the nation's central banking system, to raise interest rates in an effort to slow economic growth and keep inflation from getting out of control.

Higher interest rates generally lead to higher mortgage rates and higher unemployment and also depress the stock market.

"Those will take a toll on consumer confidence, which is a key factor in housing," Seiders said.

But taking a couple small doses of medicine now from the Fed or financial markets will sustain growth without tumbling into high inflation or recession, he added.

"We need a slowdown," Seiders said. "Most builders I talk to say some slowdown is welcome. They can't get labor. Some materials are in short supply. It would be good to get a bit of a breather, things in balance."

Seiders predicts a 7- to 8-percent decrease in housing starts nationally this year to about 1.5 million. "That's a great level of activity but below the standards of the last few years," he said.

Seiders suggested that builders be prepared to move to adjustable-rate mortgages and make temporary lower interest rate buydowns available to purchasers if rates rise steeply.

A Longer View

Here's the 5-year change in average house prices for selected states from the 3rd quarter of 1994 through '99.

State	% Increase
Michigan	42.7
Massachusetts	34.8
Minnesota	34.8
Arizona	28.9
Wisconsin	26.8
Ohio	26.8
Indiana	25.2
U.S.	23.9
California	20.8
Texas	19.5
Illinois	19.4
Florida	19.3

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Part 2

The more you're in debt, the more time it will take to straighten out your credit. It could take several years. If you are deeply in debt, you won't be able to get a mortgage until you are out of it. A credit counseling service can be your best way out. It will help you clean up your report in the process.

"There is no goal more effective for keeping someone's motivation high than the prospect of buying a house," Williams says. "It is the greatest motivator in the world. I think it's almost universal that people realize that home ownership provides a level of financial security. With it they can begin to build some capital, some equity."

Some people, however, are afraid that going to a credit counseling service to get out of debt will be one more black mark on their credit report. "I don't think that it has an impact," Williams says. "The majority of people coming to us already have black marks. We're their best chance of erasing them." The alternative is usually bankruptcy, and the mark of 7 to 10 years it leaves on your credit report.

Williams' office, and hundreds of others like it, works with the credit card companies. In fact, much of their financing comes from credit card companies. They contact the various creditors and set up a repayment schedule. In some cases a creditor will lower the interest rate.

The people in trouble then send a monthly check to the counseling services, which distribute it among the various creditors. However, it is important to point out that some companies, especially retail stores, will not work with credit agencies. They insist on dealing directly with the creditor.

David Mully's company, Mortgage Detroit, provides mortgage rate updates and useful information daily for consumers who are shopping for home financing in Michigan. For daily lender updates, go to www. MortgageDetroit. com. Mully is a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan, Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association and the National Association of Real Estate Editors. To contact him, call (248) 305-7337 or e-mail dmully@ mortgagedetroit. com

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HOME Of The WEEK

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HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 6 - 10, 1999, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills
3630 Camden Ct $207,000
3636 Camden Ct $285,000
3644 Camden Ct $245,000
2753 Genes Dr $105,000
728 Hamlet Rd $150,000
3129 Oxford W $315,000
464 Robert Ct $168,000
910 Slocum Dr $136,000
3041 Waukegan St $110,000

Beverly Hills
32340 Arlington Dr $250,000
16937 Beverly Rd $211,000
16940 Dunblaine Ave $202,000
30043 Fox Run Dr $372,000
23011 Nottingham Dr $410,000
19400 Riverside Dr $645,000
31714 Southview St $272,000
20022 Wellesley St $395,000

Birmingham
489 Argyle St $649,000
1300 Buckingham Ave $739,000
553 Coolidge Rd $135,000
1551 Derby Rd $205,000
1109 Derby Rd #2 $83,000
1835 Fairview St $565,000
1800 Fairway Dr $499,000
1587 Henrietta St $183,000
550 Landon St $285,000
1037 N Old Woodward $175,000
694 Pleasant St $445,000
2466 Polo Pl $335,000
544 W Frank St $280,000
1844 W Lincoln St $478,000

Bloomfield Township
4364 Barchester Dr $675,000
201 Barrington Rd $217,000
1183 Rolling Hills Dr $148,000
1995 Shore Hill Dr $418,000

Bloomfield Hills
260 Billingsgate Ct $245,000
1354 Brmbibsh Rn U-77 $222,000
703 Brookmoor Ln $317,000
4051 Cranbrook Ct $625,000
150 E Long Lake Rd #6 $167,000
1230 E Square Lake Rd $199,000
2306 Eastways Rd $373,000
1930 Fox River Dr $246,000
245 Harrow Cir $460,000
3180 Kenaway Dr $380,000
5711 Kingsmill Dr $274,000
4105 Lakeridge Ln $440,000
5758 Raven Rd $365,000
2805 S Woodward #A1 $112,000
4113 Telegraph #E-201 $80,000
801 W Long Lake #A7 $115,000
212 Westwood Dr $590,000

Clarkston
6389 Almond Ln $187,000
1054 Blue Ridge Cir $74,000
7230 Bluewater Dr #27 $93,000
8296 Brookstone Ln $128,000
7215 Chapel View Dr $185,000
4411 Clearview Dr $330,000
5461 Columbia $141,000
6687 Dixie Hwy $120,000
5116 Drayton Rd $117,000
9015 E Bluewater Dr $115,000
7730 Foster Rd $267,000
6397 Golf View Dr $253,000
5517 Loch Moor Dr $265,000
5187 Mattawa Dr $152,000
5055 Mohawk Ave $178,000
6380 Oak Hill Rd $245,000
5965 Paramus $143,000
8447 Peaceful Valley Dr $365,000
6480 Pine Knob Rd $137,000
6656 Ridgeview Dr $223,000
6906 Royal St George $319,000
5512 Saint Andrew Dr $640,000
4990 Sashabaw Rd $110,000
5115 Timber Ridge Trl $186,000
5523 Warbler Dr $168,000

Commerce Township
2130 Applebrook Dr $352,000
1720 Big Trail Rd $142,000
5510 Bridge Trl E $328,000
2882 Brisbane St $80,000
129 Cardinal St $105,000
9241 Commerce Rd $83,000
516 Decker Rd $169,000
5721 Deerwood $295,000
4064 Emerald Pines Dr $212,000
3811 Hardyke $234,000
3790 Hearthstone Dr $285,000
2475 Ivy Hill Dr $51,000
8266 Lake Pine Dr $260,000
2870 Lauryl Dr $161,000
2744 Orenda St $143,000
150 Winslow Cir $216,000
264 Winslow Cir $204,000
265 Winslow Cir $208,000

Davisburg
9158 Sherwood Dr $174,000

Farmington
32060 Grand River # 6 $55,000
32718 Grand River # B $77,000
33760 James Ct $200,000
23106 Lilac St $127,000

Farmington Hills
22068 Albion Ave $117,000
37820 Amber Dr $300,000
25871 Arden Park Dr $204,000
28264 Bayberry Rd $198,000
35111 Bunker Hill Dr $228,000
30917 Cedar Creek Dr $268,000
38738 Chessington $164,000
38354 Churchill Ln $176,000
38356 Churchill Ln $202,000
38362 Churchill Ln $174,000
29918 Club House Ln $255,000
30746 Cntry Ridge Cir $362,000
26049 Drake Rd $176,000
30281 Fiddlers Grn $234,000
28136 Golf Pointe Blvd $313,000
28330 Green Willow St $180,000
38884 Holsworth Ct $325,000
36640 Howard Rd $200,000
26839 La Muera St $190,000
38077 Lancaster Dr $260,000
35615 Lone Pine Ln $203,000
35755 Lone Pine Ln $220,000
35805 Lone Pine Ln $222,000
28810 Lorikay St $199,000
29120 Lorikay St $183,000
29333 Medburn Ct $177,000
21095 Metroview Rd $237,000
29900 Minglewood Ln $215,000
23365 N Stockton Ave $155,000
37086 Sandalwood $270,000
38152 Saratoga Cir $198,000
38503 Saratoga Cir $172,000
37812 Thames Dr $228,000
32013 W 12 Mile #302 $55,000
30445 W 14 Mile Rd #56 $65,000
26895 Wembley Ct $115,000
21350 Whitlock St $50,000
28575 Wintergreen $133,000
27255 Winterset Cir $269,000
27275 Winterset Cir $275,000
30038 Woodbrook St $250,000

Franklin
32720 Colony Hill Dr $390,000

Keego Harbor
1659 Cass Lake Rd #B $92,000
3022 Glenbroke St $68,000
3080 Orchard Lake Rd $115,000
3156 Summers Rd $92,000

Lake Orion
836 Corners Ct $129,000
70 Crescent Ave $107,000
650 Harry Paul Dr $55,000
216 Heights Rd $168,000
274 Lake St $130,000
767 Merritt Ave $164,000
127 N Broadway St $105,000
505 N Conklin Rd $86,000
803 Pine Tree Rd $260,000
77 Sipples Dr $118,000
304 W Clarkston Rd $117,000
304 W Clarkston Rd $117,000

Lathrup Village
27470 Evergreen Rd $106,000
18130 Roseland Blvd $210,000

Novi
24529 Bashian Dr $115,000
44900 Bayview Dr #14 $130,000
25774 Beck Rd $164,000
22747 Bertram Dr $310,000
48340 Burntwood Ct $390,000
22251 Chelsea Ln $223,000
23244 Cranbrooke Dr $162,000
1295 E Lake Rd $220,000
23700 Harvest Dr $261,000
41792 Independence Dr $171,000
23690 Maude Lea St $155,000
22445 Meadowbrook Rd $280,000
22042 Picadilly Cir $530,000
23917 Ripple Crk $144,000
1155 S Lake Dr # 69 $113,000
30733 Sandalwood Cir $245,000
41577 Sleepy Hollow Dr $180,000
23323 Whitehall Dr $456,000

Oakland Township
150 Elm Dr $175,000
3088 Paint Creek Dr $250,000
60 Piney Hill Rd $117,000
3545 Century Oaks Cir $590,000
3320 Tupelo Ct $650,000

Orchard Lake
5518 Sunshine Pl $200,000

Orion Township
4405 Alan Ln $167,000
4090 Bandury Dr $247,000
2606 Calais Dr $174,000
3778 Rolling Hills Rd $279,000

Oxford
5730 Brooks Dr $218,000
1930 Deer Path Trl $575,000
162 Howland Pines Dr $60,000
740 Patricia Ct $59,000
4687 Seymour Lake Rd $65,000
1097 Woodbriar Dr $184,000

Rochester
1015 Bloomview Cir $335,000
1629 Boulder Ct $310,000
1312 Catalpa Dr $135,000
210 Charles Rd $90,000
1169 Churchill Cir $235,000
1851 Cloverdale Dr $310,000
507 E University Dr #403 $93,000
1155 Eagle Nest Dr $187,000
332 Linwood Ave $136,000
137 N Alice Ave $184,000
3151 Silverbrook Dr $229,000
503 W 4th St # 505 $188,000
1930 Watson Cir $90,000
325 Wesley St $325,000

Rochester Hills
1907 Altenway Ct $153,000
473 Arlington Dr $239,000
3125 Avalon St $127,000
1879 Blue Grass Dr $458,000
1136 Chesapeake $331,000
2124 Clinton View Cir $384,000
3714 Cone Ave $192,000
3440 Dunning Rd $170,000
2581 Eastern Ave $147,000
2699 Fox Woods Ln $281,000
2708 Fox Woods Ln $282,000
1632 Grandview Dr $220,000
3190 Harrison Ave $123,000
2626 Hickory Lawn Rd $230,000
2812 Hillendale Dr $216,000
786 Ironstone Dr $219,000
3210 John R Rd $137,000
2729 Long Meadow Ln $283,000
2801 Long Meadow Ln $251,000
1097 Maple Leaf Dr $259,000
195 Meadow Lane Cir $147,000
949 Michelson Rd $130,000
2220 N Fairview Ln $179,000
3280 Palm Aire Ct $227,000
3353 Palm Aire Ct $240,000
1673 Ridgecrest $230,000
2836 River Trl $410,000
3235 Rolling Grn Cir S $245,000
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1266 Sandy Ridge Dr $270,000
2674 Simpson Dr $155,000
3583 Sleepy Fox Dr $440,000
2784 Stmbt Springs Dr $268,000
2720 Stonebury Dr $210,000
1646 Sumac Dr $253,000
620 Tennyson $175,000
1360 Thames Dr $285,000
2867 Trailwood Dr $139,000
3849 W Auburn Rd $102,000
2325 W Avon Rd $173,000
784 Whitney Dr $224,000

Southfield
19135 Addison Dr $223,000
25550 Catalina St $195,000
25019 Chmplgn Dr #3a $112,000
25021 Chmplgn Dr #3b $110,000
27030 Crescent Dr $159,000
23290 Edinburgh St $140,000
24267 Evergreen Rd $102,000
28730 Fairfax St $108,000
22497 Fairway Dr $144,000
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20965 Glenmorra St $176,000
19561 Hickory Leaf St $217,000
21495 Independence Dr $215,000
24534 Lathrup Blvd $33,000
17391 Louise St $117,000
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2809 Renshaw Dr $180,000
2907 Roundtree Dr $112,000
318 Town Center Dr $244,000
1099 Trevino Dr $230,000
2600 W Big Beaver Rd $217,000
4732 White Oaks Dr $565,000

Walled Lake
1230 Green Vista Ct $235,000
2067 Hidden Meadows $93,000
261 Inlet Ct $103,000
245 Lake Village Dr $83,000
1860 N Pontiac Trl $130,000
379 Neptune Dr $107,000

Waterford
3800 Anoka Dr $139,000
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4856 Teddington Dr $280,000
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4144 Wendell Rd $258,000
7138 Woodlore Dr $100,000
7143 Yarmouth Ct $100,000

White Lake
484 Burgess Dr $280,000
9828 Cedar Island Rd $50,000
8230 Highland Rd $290,000

Wolverine Lake
727 Dutreath St $121,000
1638 Lakeview Dr $206,000
2149 Shanklin Dr $482,000
810 Wolverine Dr $423,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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BUY HOME CLASS

Rosemary Firestone, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 and her financial services team present a free, no-obligation home buying class 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at Intercounty Title, 38705 Seven Mile, Livonia.

Topics include how to choose an agent, down payments, mortgages and common mistakes buyers make.

To register, call (734) 420-9600.

MORTGAGE BANKERS

The Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan hosts Raymond J. Vecci of Northwest Airlines who will speak on Metro Airport expansion noon Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

Cost is $30 for members, $35 for nonmembers. To register, call (248) 945-3875.

COMMERCIAL FORECAST

The ninth annual Metro Detroit Commercial Real Estate Trends & Forecasts Seminar takes place 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at the Westin Hotel, 1500 Town Center Drive, Southfield.

Office, retail, industrial and apartment buildings will be discussed by a panel of experts.

Cost, which includes lunch, is $45 in advance, $50 at the door. For information, contact Steve Morris or Theresa Langston at (248) 262-2800.

ASSOCIATION ABC's

The Community Associations Institute Michigan Chapter presents a class, "ABC's for Condo & Homeowner Associations," 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Holiday Inn Livonia West.

Beginning course fee is $45 for members, $60 for nonmembers. Advanced course fee is $60 for members, $70 for nonmembers.

To register, call Carol Romero at (248) 539-2677.

REMODEL BASEMENT

Clarenceville Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute offer a nine-hour basement remodeling seminar 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 24-Feb. 7, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia.

Topics include building codes, permits, estimating materials and tying into existing systems.

Cost is $75, plus a textbook fee of $8. To register, call (248) 473-8933.

BUILD OWN HOUSE

Livonia Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute present a 16-hour seminar, "How to Build Your Own Home," 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 25-Feb. 3, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Everything needed to plan and build a home will be covered.

Cost is $185, plus $25 for two textbooks. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

CONTRACTORS SEMINAR

The American Subcontractors Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts a seminar, "Embracing Change," 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy.

A series of one-hour classes will be available.

Cost is $95. For information, call Julia Smith at (248) 666-1234.

IMPROVEMENT SHOW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts its eighth annual Home Improvement Show Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 3-6, at Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road.

More than 300 exhibitors are expected.

Hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is $6.50 for adults, $4.50 for seniors and $3.50 for children 6-12. Parking is an extra fee.

For information, call (248) 862-1019.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland presents a coaching and mentoring seminar 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at a site to be determined.

Topics include financing, real estate forms, developing goals/action plans, brownfields and where to go for help.

Presented: Mark Maupin.

Cost is $49. To register, call (800) 747-6742.

BUILDING CLASS

Livonia Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute present a 16-hour class on information needed to pass the state builders licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 7-16, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

The course is geared those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes, real estate investors, developers and trades people.

Cost is $185, plus $20 for a textbook. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

COMMISSION SEARCH

A South Lyon firm has established an Internet site for Michigan residents to get competitive bids from real estate agents to utilize their services.

Home seller post details and photos of their property online, specifying that they want proposals for listing services. Agents receive that information via e-mail, then submit confidential proposals and descriptions of services back to the homeowner.

The Web address is www.propertymover.com

Commission rates are negotiable. The going rate here is 6 percent.

HOME INSPECTIONS

Consumers may obtain materials describing the importance of a reputable home inspection or receive a copy of the National Association of Home Inspectors Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics.

For information, call the NAHI hot line at (800) 448-3942.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, whose goal is to promote and monitor fair housing practices and laws, has launched a membership drive.

Individual membership ($10), family ($20), organizational ($35), supporting ($50) and sustaining ($100) are available. For information, call (313) 963-1274.

HOME EQUITY LOANS

Michigan National Bank offers a free pocket-sized consumer handbook, House Smarts: the Owner's Guide to Making Sense of Home Equity Loans. Phone (800) CALL-MNB for a copy.

SALES WEB SITE

Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood?

Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has prepared new and improved maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free. Just dial up www.homevaluemap.com

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15 yr Fix	8.125	0.00	45 day	$300	9.46 apr
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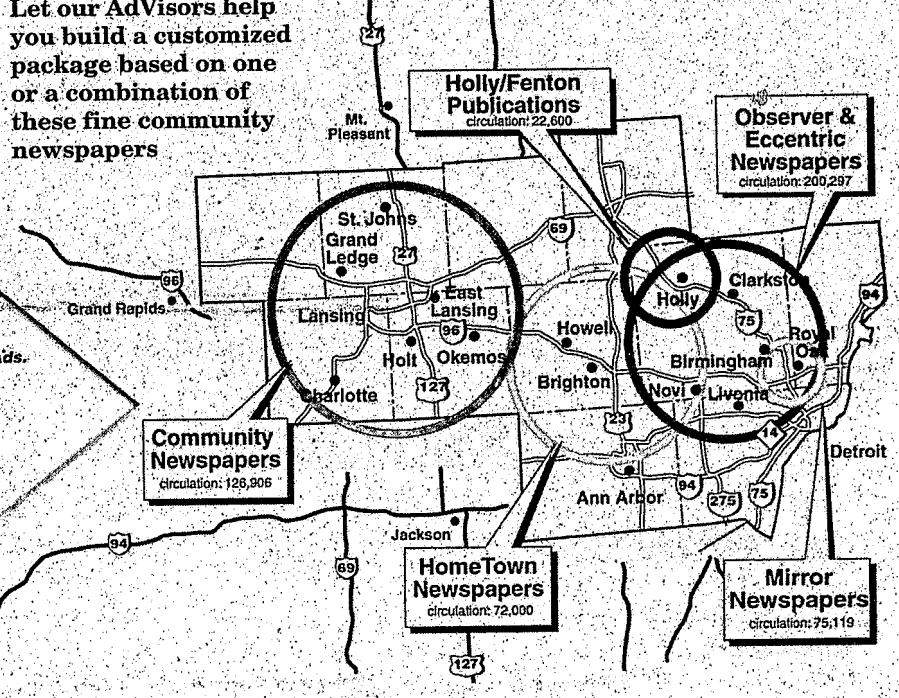

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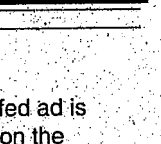

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4 BEDROOM RANCH. New vinyl siding, updated kitchen with parquet flooring, living room with natural fireplace. In-law quarters also. Must see! $162,000 (30BRE) 248-626-8800



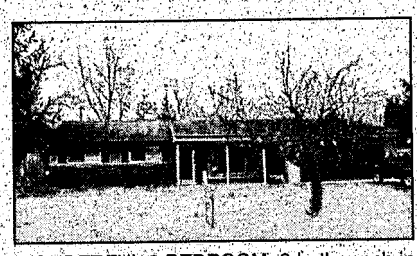
BLOOMFIELD HILLS. Exceptional open floor plan. Large rooms; 1st floor MBR. Private hilltop setting. Library with FP, MBR w/cath. ceiling, dressing area, Italian marble luxury bath. 1st floor laundry. $675,000 (41VAU) 248-642-8100



TROY. Stately 4 bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial with newer oak floors and professional decor. Finished basement, two car side entry garage. Former builder's model. Home Warranty. $299,500 (23DEN) 248-524-1600



NATURE IN OAKLAND TWP. 2+ wooded acres surround this lovely open neutral contemporary. Master suite, separate tub and shower. All bedrooms have walk-in closet, private bath. Updates and upgrades galore. $598,888 (50SUN) 248-652-8000



WONDERFUL 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath ranch in Farmington Hills. Great location! Generous fenced in backyard. 2 car attached garage, central air and much more. $174,900 (37CAR) 248-626-8800



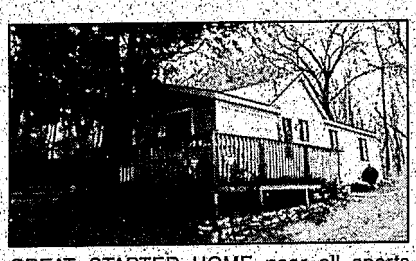
BLOOMFIELD HILLS. 2 story brick Contemporary with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths located on wooded hilltop setting. 1.05 acres, full finished basement and 3 car attached garage. $659,000 (81REN) 248-642-8100



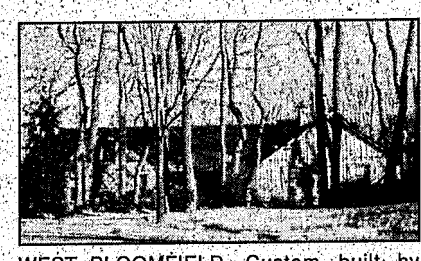
SPRINGFIELD TWP. Sharp 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on almost an acre of land with Clarkston schools. Gorgeous stone fireplace, master bedroom with bath, large, kitchen, basement, attached garage. $205,000 (30CRO) 248-524-1600



SURROUNDED BY ELEGANCE. Exquisite detail and quality throughout this brand new 4 bedroom, 2½ bath home. Gorgeous kitchen with upgrades galore. 2 story family room w/ fireplace. Private premium treed lot w/lake view. $399,900 (16HAN) 248-363-1200



GREAT STARTER HOME near all sports Sylvan Lake. Updated 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch including roof, freshly painted, newer carpet and more. Excellent location! $135,000 (33OTT) 248-626-8800



WEST BLOOMFIELD. Custom built by Lorimer offers 4 bedrooms, 4½ baths and magnificent pond views. LR/FP, formal DR, kitchen with island and Sub-Zero and double oven. MBR, unique FR and finished walk-out lower level. $619,900 (09BLO) 248-642-8100



ROCHESTER HILLS. Beautiful Great Room Colonial with modern lines. Vaulted ceiling in den. Lots of hardwoods, Berber and ceramics. Partly finished basement, side entry garage. Cul-de-sac setting. $244,900 (22OAK) 248-524-1600

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CONTEMPORARY 3 bedroom Colonial in great condition. Two fireplaces, newer carpet, 2 car garage with newer door, enclosed sun porch, all on a very nice lot. Excellent house. Must see! $179,000 (18BUN) 248-626-8800



STERLING HEIGHTS. Spacious model home with 3 bedrooms and 2 full ceramic baths. Great Room with fireplace, study, island kitchen, bay window in nook, sprinklers, attached garage. $234,900 (99MON) 248-524-1600



ROCHESTER HILLS. Hardwood floors in foyer and new kitchen. 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths. Newer windows, baths, carpeting. Family room with fireplace. Partially finished basement, 2 car garage. (64HAC) $254,000 248-652-8000



APPROX. 75 FT. LAKEFRONT. Gorgeous contemporary that boasts approx. 75 ft. frontage on private all sports Woodhull Lake. Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, dramatic lakeside views, many extras, access to Lake Oakland. $329,000 (06ISL) 248-363-1200



FABULOUS COLONIAL with 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths. 1st floor study, family room with fireplace, formal dining room. Updated kitchen. All neutral decor. Great neighborhood! Great price! Great buy! $235,000 (70SPR) 248-626-8800



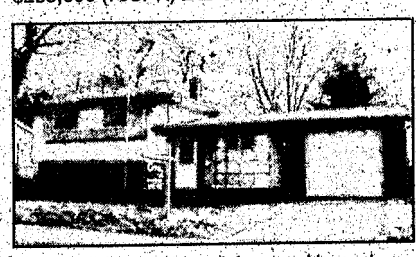
TROY. Sharp 4 bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial built in 1990. Custom gunite inground pool, cedar deck, prof. landscaping. Two story foyer, library, oversized master bath. Master bedroom with vaulted ceiling. $374,900 (01DOR) 248-524-1600



ROCHESTER HILLS. Impeccably maintained ranch. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, great room with fireplace, deck, patio, finished basement with wet bar and possible 4th bedroom, insulated 2 car garage. Won't last at this price! $233,500 (26WAR) 248-652-8000



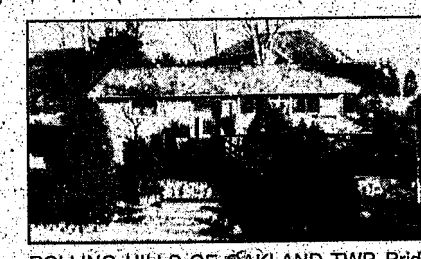
SMART CHOICE. Enjoy the delights of this welcoming 4 bedroom home featuring a great room with spacious vaulted ceilings, great master suite with separate shower, walk-in closets, 21/2 ceramic tile baths. $239,900 (04CON) 248-363-1200



IMMACULATE Tri-level home. Very clean, newer kitchen and bath, newer roof, newly painted interior. Fenced yard, hardwood floors and open floor plan. Close to shopping, expressways, and downtown Farmington. $142,000 (20FAR) 248-626-8800



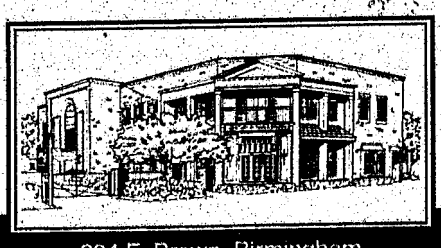
ROCHESTER HILLS. 3 bedroom, 2½ bath custom built beauty. Bavarian Tudor on a cul-de-sac with garden-like backyard. Solid cherry cabinets in kitchen with island grill. Multi-level deck with hot tub. $322,000 (06OAK) 248-524-1600



ROLLING HILLS OF OAKLAND TWP. Pride of ownership shows in this immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath raised ranch. Approx. ½ acre, hillside setting, nature and trees overlook state land with beautiful views and large deck. Minutes from Rochester. $219,900 (95WAI) 248-652-8000



COMMERCE WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS. Sharp 3 bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial. Island kitchen, formal dining, family room with cathedral ceiling, brick fireplace, 1st floor laundry. $229,900 (89WOO) 248-363-1200



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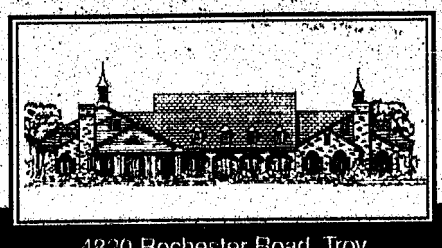

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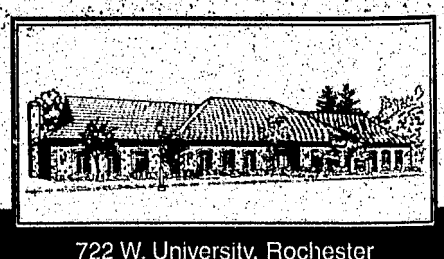

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TROY. Former Bing model in beautiful Oak River sub. 4 bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths, 4 season garden room, side entrance garage. Professionally finished lower level. Immediate possession. $574,900 (79KIN) 248-524-1600



SPACIOUS 4 bedroom, 3½ bath Colonial in beautiful sub. Bloomfield schools. Picturesque view overlooking pond. Open floor plan, circular drive. Partly finished basement. Immediate occupancy. $499,900 (18GOL) 248-626-8800

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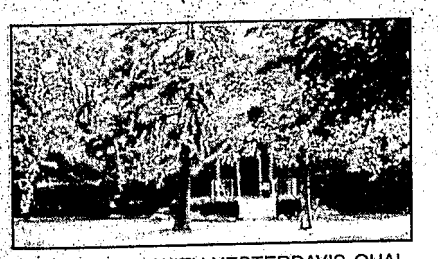
WEST BLOOMFIELD BEAUTY. This is a great find! Prestigious West Acres sub. 3 bedroom, 2½ bath 2 story contemporary. Updates include: newer roof, furnace, ceramic tiled kitchen and much more. $263,500 (31WES) 248-626-8800



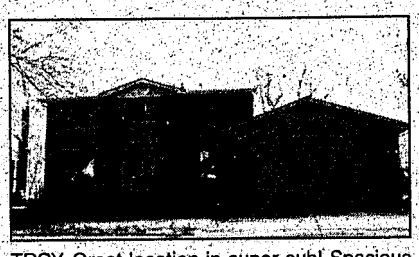
LOVELY WELL MAINTAINED RANCH. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Nice curb appeal. Updated kitchen, marble fireplace, Florida room and bath with Jacuzzi. $199,900 (32NOT) 248-626-8800



GREAT HOME WITH YESTERDAY'S QUALITIES. 6 bedrooms, 4½ baths plus 3rd room in-law apartment, formal dining room, formerly a nursing home. $199,999 (60OXL) 248-363-1200



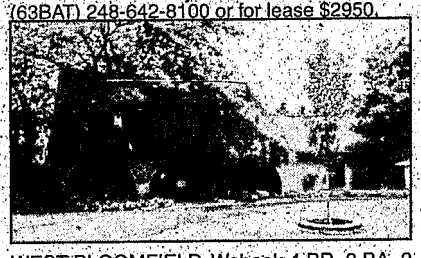
TROY. Sharp 4 bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial on premium lot backing to trees. St. Moritz floor plan. Centralized kitchen. Family room with panoramic window, cathedral ceiling, fan. Master bedroom with whirlpool and separate shower. $347,500 (03BRI) 248-524-1600



TROY. Great location in super sub! Spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath Colonial with newer neutral carpeting and fresh paint. Custom kitchen. Ceramic in foyer and library. Finished basement. Troy schools. $284,900 (84QRC) 248-524-1600



BIRMINGHAM. Distinctive brick pillared covered front porch Colonial. Soaring LR, knockout granite kitchen w/stainless steel appliances. Step down family room w/granite FP. Super MBR suite w/2 person shower. Second floor laundry & finished LL. $529,900 (63BAT) 248-642-8100 or for lease $2950.



WEST BLOOMFIELD. Wabeek 4 BR, 3 BA, 2 LAV contemporary with loads of updates. Finished walk-out, newer roof, C/A, hot water heater and fabulous pool setting. $429,900 (74TAN) 248-642-8100



WEST BLOOMFIELD. Spectacular 4 BR, 2½ BA Colonial. Roof, Berber carpet and interior paint in '99. LR, GR, private yard, BBQ and much more! Must see! $274,900 (11IND) 248-642-8100



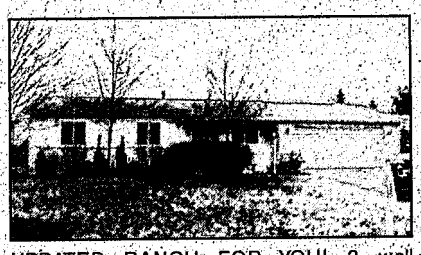
BIRMINGHAM. 4 bedroom bungalow, super floor plan with huge family room addition, remodeled kitchen with eating area. Newer furnace, C/A, lovely deck and plenty of storage space. $254,900 (97STA) 248-642-8100



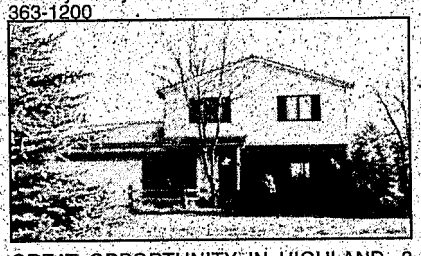
CAPE COD RETREAT. Lake access 3 bedroom, 2 bath, sunporch bay window, 2 fireplaces, large kitchen, huge deck, family room, vaulted ceiling, master suite with Jacuzzi, skylights, 105x125 treed lot, 2½ car garage. One shot from fairway. Must see asap. $199,500 (45BEA) 248-363-1200



A BUYER'S WISH HERE! Cozy, well maintained and in turn-key condition. New windows, roof, deck, driveway. It is all here! Huge lot approx. 150x200, fireplace, sunroom and fresh paint and carpet spells value. A Must See! $187,000 (35MAS) 248-363-1200



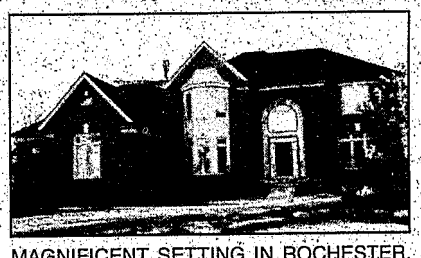
UPDATED RANCH FOR YOU! 3 well decorated bedrooms and 2 full baths compliment this well built and maintained home! Newer Wallside windows, gas fireplace in living room. Finished basement, 1st floor laundry. Hurry to see! $169,750 (26CAP) 248-363-1200



GREAT OPPORTUNITY IN HIGHLAND. 3 bedroom, 1½ bath Colonial, formal dining, basement, garage, fireplace, great neighborhood, great price. $165,000 (70CAP) 248-363-1200



COMMERCE – RANCH HOME with newer furnace, C/A, well & softener! Home shows very well with Berber carpet plus brand new carpet in FR, fin. LL with 4th bedroom, 2 car att. garage. All exceptionally maintained! $157,900 (33CAN) 248-363-1200



MAGNIFICENT SETTING IN ROCHESTER. Fantastic view from spacious home with hardwood floors, 2 story family room with marble fireplace, white island kitchen, dual staircases, large master suite, 3 car garage and walk-out lower level. $595,000 (01PON) 248-652-8000



VORHEIS LAKE FRONTAGE. Magnificent 4 bedroom tri with approx. 92' lake frontage. Premium updates & upgrades. Great lake views from most rooms including master suite balcony, multi-level deck with hot tub. $520,000 (25WAR) 248-652-8000



OAKLAND. Stunning new construction. Rochester schools, turnkey condition, whirlpool tub, 18' ceilings, French doors, wood floors, walk-out LL, appliances, oak cabinets, 4 bedrooms. Immediate occupancy. $399,900 (95ELK) (248) 652-8000



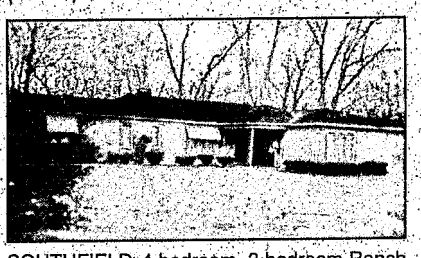
STUNNING CUSTOM HOME. Leaded glass entry, enormous dream kitchen with pantry and built in appliances. Lots of storage, spacious master bath with large whirlpool, finished basement with full bath, 2 decks and a patio. $395,000 (61PHE) 248-652-8000



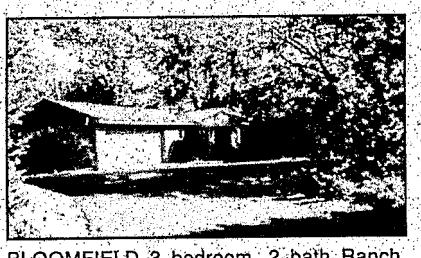
COUNTRY LIVING minutes from Rochester. 4 bedrooms, 3½ baths, living room, dining room, fireplace with Calif. ledge rock. Ceramic floors, walk-in closets, 2 car garage, extra 2 car garage. Walk-out basement. Built in pool. $388,900 (16BUE) 248-652-8000



UNIQUE, NEUTRAL & CLEAN. Transferee perfect. Newer wood floors, French doors, cathedral ceiling, natural fireplace, double ovens, Jenn-Air island & KitchenAid appliances. The list goes on! $339,850 (52OLY) 248-652-8000



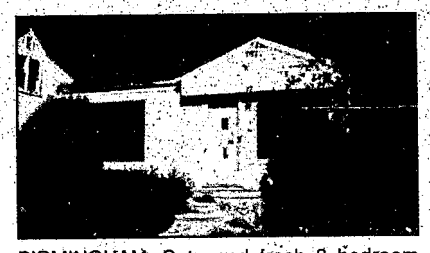
SOUTHFIELD. 4 bedroom, 3 bedroom Ranch on beautiful ravine lot with river running through rear of property. Living room and family room with fireplace and heated Florida room with 2 car garage. $249,900 (15ROU) 248-642-8100



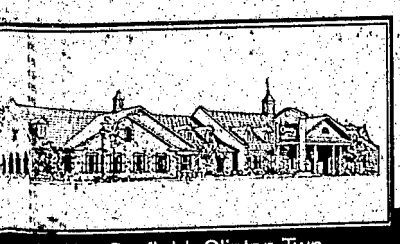
BLOOMFIELD 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch. Family room with fireplace and vaulted ceilings, master bedroom with bath and newer windows throughout. Many updates. Birmingham schools. $234,900 (73LAH) 248-642-8100



BIRMINGHAM. 2 bedroom Ranch with vaulted ceilings, skylights, newer kitchen and windows. Fenced yard, deck and hot tub. $164,999 (88BEN) 248-642-8100



BIRMINGHAM. Cute and fresh 2 bedroom bungalow with updated kitchen and bath. All appliances included, newer furnace, windows, HWT and siding. $121,900 (71HOL) 248-642-8100



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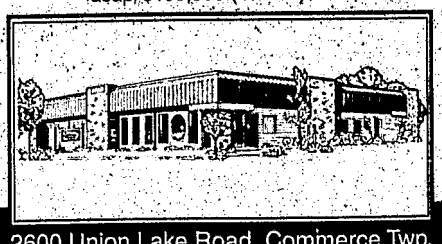

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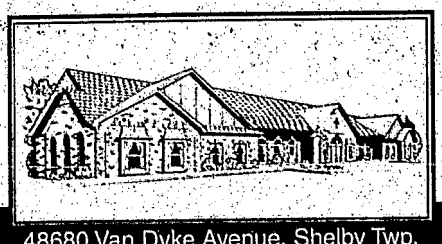

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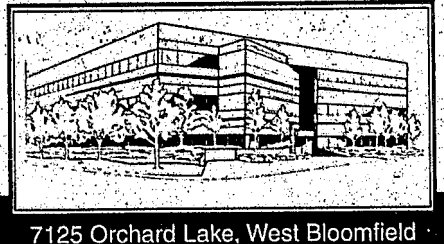

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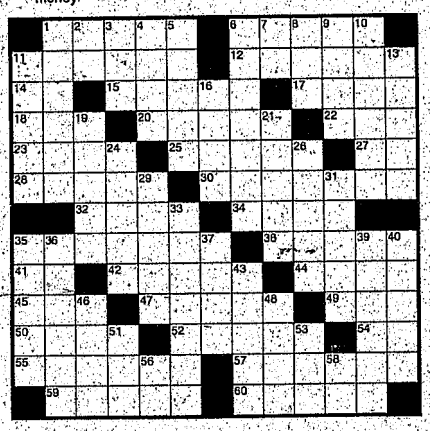

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$289,000
Simply charming 3 bedroom ranch situated on gorgeous treed 1 acre plus lot. Family room w/natural fireplace, hardwood floors, dining room, basement & attached 2 car garage. (SE471)
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2 bedrooms, hardwood floors, open staircase with oak handrail, partially finished basement. New well. City sewers. Corner lot. Decks. Lake access & view of Walled Lake. Room to grow. $149,000. (248) 349-4153

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IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY!
3 bedroom, 1½ bath, bonus room, air, privacy fence. Open House Sun., 2-5. 24229 Kings Pointe, N. off 10 Mile, W. of Meadowbrook. $193,500. (248) 348-2786

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BRICK BEAUTY
Three bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/huge 2.5 car garage. Newer furnace, air conditioning, windows, doors & much, more. Fantastic finished basement too! $123,900

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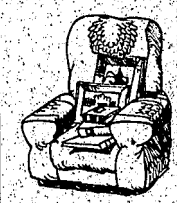

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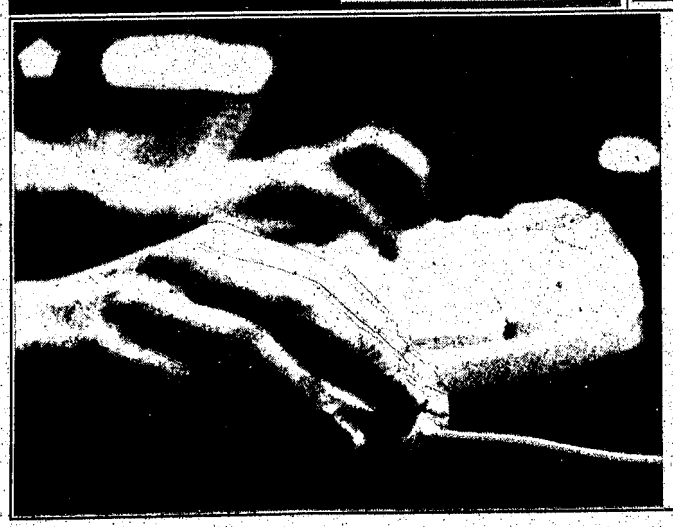

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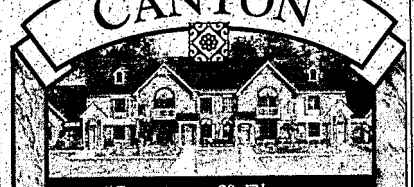

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- Crisp ceramic foyer, French doors, crown molding, cathedral ceiling & fireplace in family room
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- High on hill - three bedroom tri-level with private woods backing to upper River rouge - almost 1 acre!
- Dramatic marble foyer, sunny living level with soaring ceilings
- 2.5 baths, 2 car garage, finished basement. (FA242)

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- Nicely maintained Colonial in cul-de-sac location
- Four bedrooms including oversized master with full bath
- Dining room, family room & breakfast room
- Newer windows, attached 2 car side-entry garage. (FR361)

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MACOMB - CLASSIC 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL
- Open foyer & stairway, great room with natural fireplace
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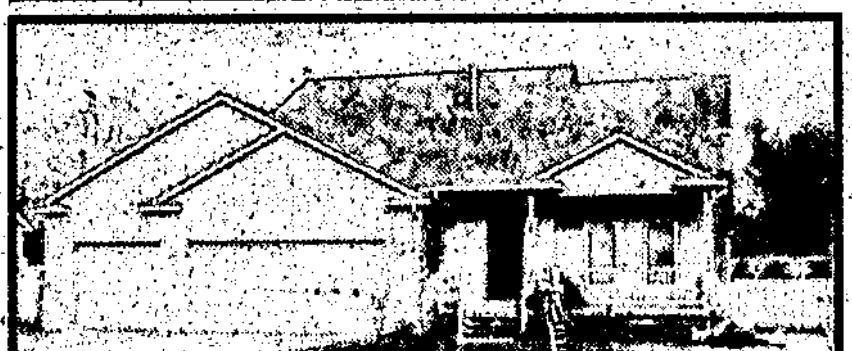

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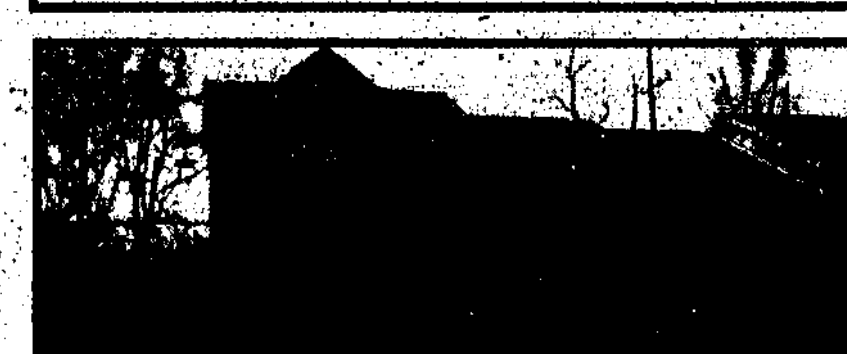

MACOMB TOWNSHIP - SHENANDOAH VILLAGE
- Beautiful custom brick Colonial - sellers must relocate
- Crown moldings, plush carpeting & ceramic/parquet floors, central air, raised fireplace in great room
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