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Our state has some terrific college basketball teams this season, but it was 104 years ago this past Tuesday, (Jan. 18, 1896) that college basketball got its start.

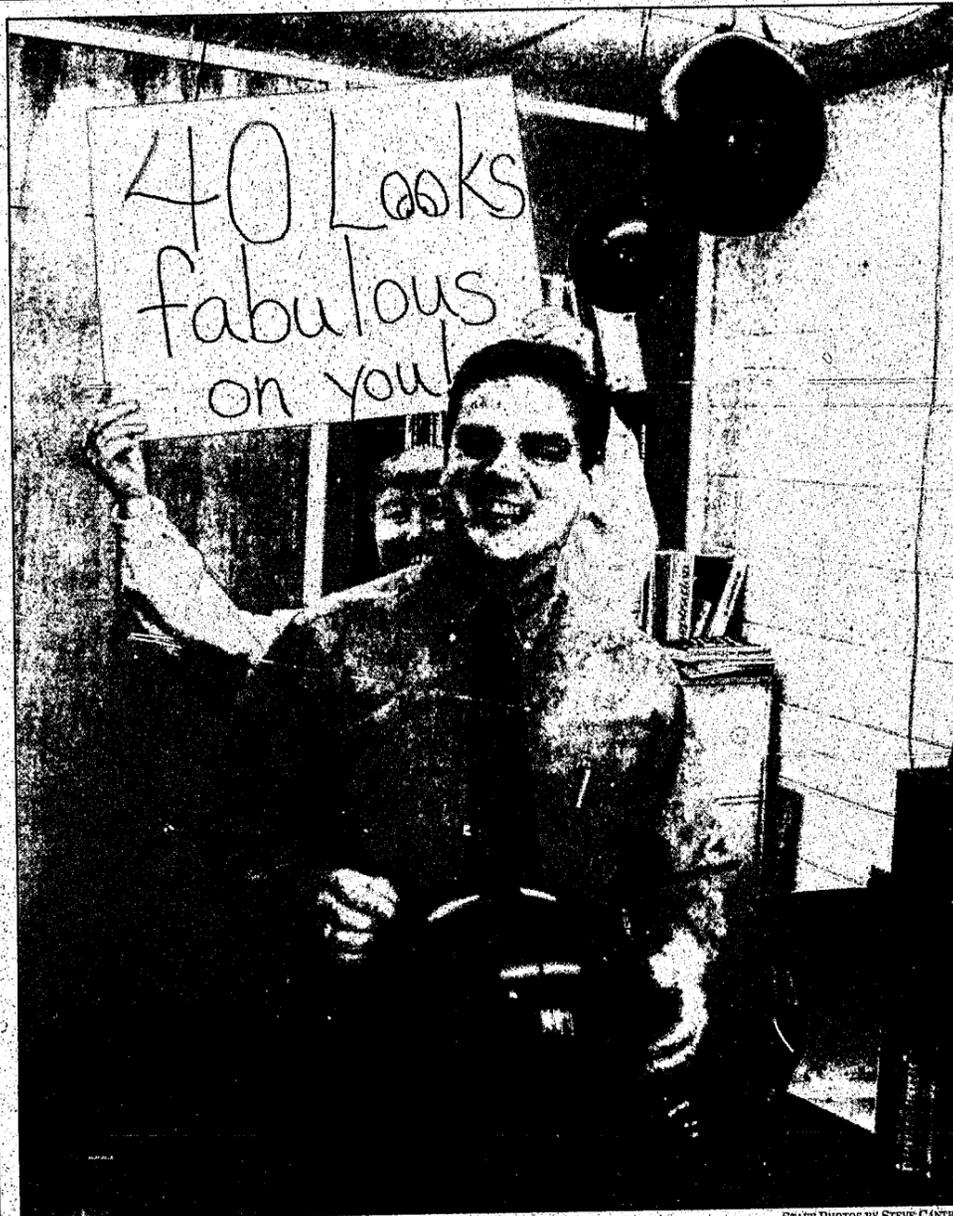
The first game ever played between two college teams with five players on each side took place at the University of Iowa. The visiting team was from the University of Chicago. The two coaches were H. J. Kallenberg, a physical education teacher from the University of Iowa, and Amos Alonzo Stagg, athletic director for the U of C.

For the record, the U of C won the first match by a score of 15 to 12. Basketball was invented at the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) school in Springfield, Mass., in 1891 by James Naismith. It is at that YMCA school that Kallenberg and Stagg met for the first time in 1890. The game was first played with a soccer ball. Players dribbled the ball up and down a court and earned points by landing the ball in a peach basket.

In 1893 an iron rim and hammock-style net were introduced, but it wasn't until a decade later that someone thought to use an open-ended net to eliminate the need for retrieving the ball from the basket each time a goal was scored. It was the college game that eventually gave the sport its tremendous boost in popularity when the NCAA championships were first televised in 1963.

A last bit of basketball trivia: Women's college basketball was introduced in 1863 at Smith College, but until 1871, women played on only half the court. Once the half-court rule was changed, basketball became as popular for women players as for men.

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



Happy birthday: Building aide Debi Lynch keeps the atmosphere light on Friday as Bailey Lake Elementary Principal Martin Chaffee celebrated his 40th birthday. Staffers commemorated the milestone with good-humored black balloons adding to Chaffee's office decor that day.

Bailey Lake Elementary

Bulldogs not hounded by change

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

There is no yellow snow at Bailey Lake Elementary.

Okay, so maybe new principal Marty Chaffee, his students and staff won't be appearing before the school board any time soon holding up handfuls of the pristine white stuff for trustees to admire.

But think about what an accomplishment it is. The Clarkston K-5 building houses about 580 Bulldogs who've been simultaneously sniffing out a new chain of command this year and a major

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Music class: Bailey Lake Elementary student Ricky Pokrefsky finds out if he has a talent for the song flute.

Special rescue team one of few in state

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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"Be prepared."

To 10 members of the Independence Township Fire Department, that motto goes beyond the already difficult and often strenuous training it takes to be a firefighter.

"They make up the township's Technical Rescue Team, one of only a few such teams around the state.

"We go out on rescues that are above and beyond what we normally do from the fire department," said Steve Ronk, a TRT member. "We go out on the big ones."

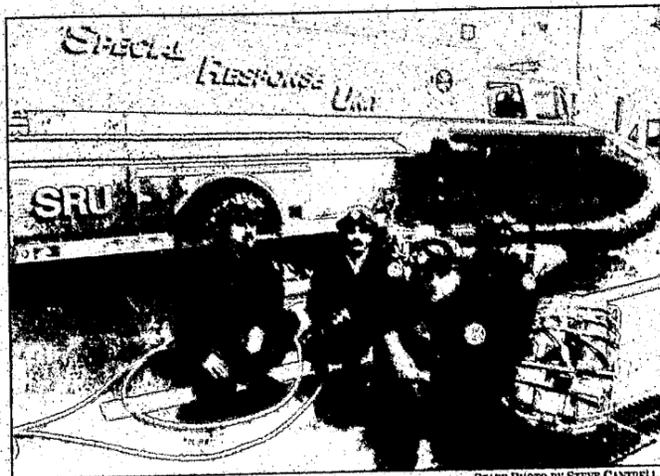
Others on the team are Dave Stover, Tom McDonald, Al Doran, Chris Norberg, Ralph Przybylski, Larry Wormnest, Bob Cesario, Bob Vordeburg and Greg Olrich.

These men are specially trained to do rescue missions in dangerous and difficult circumstances that involve collapsed buildings and trenches, confined spaces, when someone is hanging from something and other out-of-the-ordinary emergency situations.

Fire Marshall Olrich is proud of the team.

"The specialized training we've received has allowed this department to perform the high-risk, low-frequency tasks

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Ready and able: Dave Stover (left), Greg Olrich, Tom McDonald and Steve Ronk (front) are some of the members of the Independence Township Fire Department's Technical Rescue Team.

Library to add more books

Independence Township Library will spend \$250,000 this year to bolster its collection. The library has been criticized for not having many materials.

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER

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Independence Township library users will notice more books on the shelves in the coming months.

The township board approved the allocation of \$250,000 from the general fund to bolster the library collection. The additional money for this year comes on the heels of a major

push in 1999 to add volumes to the collection.

At Tuesday's township board meeting, Library Director Mollie Lynch took the board members through a plan to spend the money to bring the library up to par with other libraries. The money was in the 2000 township budget, Lynch said.

Lynch will use her normal \$100,000 book budget to add new materials. She plans to take \$50,000 of the \$250,000 infusion and add to that.

"That's general maintenance as new books come out, fiction and non-fiction," Lynch said.

The main portion, \$161,000, will buy books in priority areas. Lynch said as the librarians weeded out the ragged and out-of-date materials, it became clear what areas were lacking.

"These were areas we identified as needing building. We have demand for them," she said.

The money will be split between adult and children's services. In the youth area, \$60,000 is set aside for youth non-fiction. In addition, \$5,000 will be spent on fiction for upper, middle and lower elementary school age children for a total of \$15,000.

Some of the subjects that will be covered include animals, biography, computers/technology, holidays, language and foreign language, reference, science, and sports and games.

Grown-ups will benefit, too. Adult reference specialized resources will get a \$20,000 boost while \$60,000 will be spent on adult non-fiction.

Some of the non-fiction subjects to get augmented include atlases, automotive, careers, genealogy, literary criticism, technology and travel.

Another \$39,000 will be spent on staffing and supplies to put all the new materials into circulation.

This push for more books is a continuation of 1999's efforts. Lynch said 17,534 items were added to the collection in 1999. Lynch said the goal is to continue to get items on the shelves within three weeks of receipt.

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more effectively and safer for both the rescuers and the patient," he said.

Fortunately, there haven't been that many unusual circumstances in the area. Ronk, a 25-year member of the township's fire department, recalls several times the team has had to go into action.

One time occurred April 14, 1992, during construction of the water tower in the Dixie Highway/White Lake Road area.

"That was one of the first times we did a rope rescue," recalls Olrich.

When the construction crews were hoisting up the center steel tube of the ball, the crane broke and a man fell inside the ball.

Thankfully, the rescue team had the equipment to get into the ball, treat the man for his medical injuries, put him in a basket and lower him to the ground.

"That gentleman was injured 80 feet in the air," said Olrich, an 18-year member of the fire department. "We had just received our first level of rope rescue training and purchased the equipment when this acci-

dent happened." He said without the equipment and training, he doesn't know how the fire department could have rescued the man.

"We would have gotten him down somehow, but at a much greater risk to the man and to the rescuers," he said.

Ronk also remembers when they rescued a local young boy from a septic tank, putting to work their confined space rescue tactics.

They were called to action when a tornado raged through Springfield Township and caused much damage, including a death, in a trailer park.

"Trailers were piled on top of each other," Ronk recalled. "Luckily, we had the training and the equipment to search through them. Sadly, we did find a body."

The team most recently put its skills to use at the nursing home explosion in Flint.

"We got the call at midnight. The team met at the fire station and drove the Special Response Unit truck there. Basically, we were in a search and recovery mode. Everything had collapsed

in to the basement of the building," Ronk said.

Part of their job was shoring up the walls of the building to make it safe for burrowing through the debris in very tight spaces.

"Some of the men had to belly crawl through two feet of water," Ronk explained.

Although they didn't find any residents in the rubble, they had a good chance of finding someone in a spot where there was enough oxygen to survive.

"We have special sounding equipment to hear things we can't see and cameras that look in to spaces you can't see in to," he explained.

The Independence team was on site in Flint with two other rescue teams from the area. Pontiac, Ann Arbor, Lansing and Detroit Metropolitan Airport have teams.

The Independence team is part of Michigan Urban Search and Rescue. The teams regularly train together.

Ronk said the Independence team has been buying its equipment for several years.

"We have about \$150,000 invested in specialized equipment and the truck," he said. The truck is filled with special-

ized equipment, including an inflatable lifter that can lift items as heavy as trains.

An inflatable boat and a motor also are on board. This enables the team to do ice and water rescues. It has equipment to handle hazardous material, and the team can fill air tanks on-site. Before, someone had to take the tanks back to the fire station.

The truck has a strong light that, according to McDonald, "changes night into day." Another staple is yards of rope.

"The next piece of equipment we hope to get is a trailer filled with wood," Ronk said. "That way we can do a better job shoring up walls."

Stover, a 20-year veteran of the fire department, said he joined the rescue team to be prepared for any situation.

He said constant training is a must.

"We have to be ready for any situation. We don't want to get stale with our rescue techniques," he explained.

McDonald said he works on his skills even when the team isn't training.

"I read manuals or do a rescue exercise mentally by drawing out a diagram," he said. He's been on the fire department for 11 years.



Coming down: Steve Ronk demonstrates a rope rescue with the help of Tom McDonald in the hoist.

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The weeding process is complete in adult non-fiction. Going through the youth area is next, Lynch said. In addition, some physical moving of books will take place to accommodate and better organize things. A few display cases for new materials also will be added.

The process of adding to the collection is an arduous one. Each new volume has to be selected, ordered, processed and cataloged. Lynch estimated that process costs about \$3.58 per volume.

Board members were pleased with the plan. Lynch said the library currently has between 60,000 and 65,000 volumes and a library serving a township with the population of Independence should have roughly 90,000 volumes.

Lynch said many people were disappointed when the library opened in 1992.

"A lot of people expected to see a collection to match the building," Lynch said. "We gave people a card and they walked in, saw nothing had changed, and walked back out."

She said she is leery of luring people back in a big way until the collection is beefed up a little more. Between 1999's additions and this new allocation of money, however, she said by the end of summer she will likely start a marketing campaign to attract patrons back.

"We're getting to a point where the public can see a difference," she said.

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

people, planning and executing, and facilitating groups. However, he also pointed out that he doesn't want to be "the expert at Bailey Lake." He'd rather be known as a collaborator and a lifelong learner — one who expects many lessons ahead and many others to learn from.

"With 11 years in administration, you figure out that you can't come in (to a new situation) and change the world," Chaffee said. "And I don't think I want to change the world. What I want to do is to have everybody work together to make this the best place it can possibly be."

Wildlife and Slinkys

As evidence of his own commitment to learning, Chaffee picked up a book titled "Gung Ho!" and credited its management philosophy for helping him in his efforts to build a new team at Bailey Lake.

The often-comical tome — a gift to Chaffee from one of his mentors in another school district — depicts the successful day-to-day operational methods of squirrels, beavers and geese within a larger story about a failing manufacturing company and its unhappy employees. The bigger tale deals with how human beings usually don't work as a team, how they eventually lose enthusiasm for their work because of it and how that ultimately results in lower productivity for the entire organization.

A true Bulldog, Chaffee's a believer in the wildlife approach. A flow chart of organizational success according to the spirit of the squirrel, the sign of the beaver and the gift of the goose hangs on his office wall.

Along with that new addition to Bailey Lake, the principal also initiated, "The Flexible Adapter Award." A toy Slinky that sits on a marble base, the trophy travels to a staff honoree every month. Chaffee actually set the theme in motion at the beginning of the school year when he distributed a small Slinky to each member.

Sue Kilbourne, a classroom aide and parent whose children both attended Bailey Lake, said she believes Chaffee will keep the already good school moving forward.

"I have a lot of respect for Marty," Kilbourne said recently. "He has a wonderful sense of humor. He has high ethics and standards. And he believes in the same things that I do, like honesty."

In particular, Kilbourne credited Chaffee for not being too soft on Bulldog pups who sometimes require a short leash and some obedience lessons.

"He believes in firm discipline," she said. "There's no doubt that he sets the standard, that this is what he expects from kids."

However, Chaffee doesn't walk around the halls with a newspaper folded up in his hands. He acknowledges that he's got well-behaved Bulldogs. It's a student demographic group that generally comes from two-parent homes with solid incomes. It usually scores above state and county averages on standardized tests. And it's a population that's noticeably received a lot of at-home training on manners and appropriate behavior, according to the principal.

Because Chaffee's been on his new job only a semester, it's too early to tell where he will steer the school academically. He is currently overseeing Bailey Lake in the last year of its North Central Accreditation process. However, the goals of that multi-year endeavor were established under Turner.

Chaffee acknowledges that before he can influence anything, he has to build trust. And he seems to be successfully doing that this year.

A litter of parents

Critical to Chaffee's reorganization effort are parents. He has been blessed with a gob of involved volunteers who make no bones about coming into the



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Story time: First-grade teacher Karen Simmons reads to her students at Clarkston's Bailey Lake Elementary School.

doghouse renovation.

New leadership. Ripped up digs. Different routines.

Good gravy! It's all more than enough to propel any pooch into an anxiety-ridden release somewhere on the site. Still, somehow this Clarkston canine crew has remained calm and composed. There doesn't seem to be a jittery hound in the Bulldog bunch.

According to Missy Rinehart, a third-year teacher at Bailey Lake, we're not barking up the wrong elementary. In a recent interview, Rinehart said the school possesses Bulldog strength from a variety of sources — and that has kept everyone there collected and focused. Even a few buzz saws and hammers don't matter.

The top dog

The teacher particularly credited new principal Marty Chaffee with developing a reorganized Bailey Lake team. Rinehart said that Chaffee entered the school with a listening ear and an open office door.

"We have wonderful leadership," Rinehart said. "Marty supports us 100 percent. He allows us to become more educated. And when you meet with him (about issues as a group or individually), he sends you away to think. I like that."

She said that Chaffee, while no clone of former principal Chris Turner, is a great fit for Bailey Lake. Turner is now principal of Independence Elementary.

"They're not the same people, but I think their professional ways are similar and they both have the same type of philosophical vision," she said. "Marty was the perfect candidate to fill Chris' shoes."

Howard Wright, a 31-year teaching veteran at the school, agreed with his younger colleague's assessment that change hasn't made Bulldog fur stand on end because one strong building administrator followed another.

"Each principal has a different style," Wright said recently. "Marty and Chris are different, but I liked working for Chris, and I like working for Marty. Marty is excited about his job. He leads effectively. He's open and he encourages new things."

For first-year school secretary Denise Casper, Chaffee's collaborative ways and upbeat demeanor have often kept her from running in circles.

Casper said that she, Chaffee and first-year head custodian Arden Collier bonded as a pack during the summer. At that time, the trio was relegated to an outside portable classroom while the main school building was tied up in renovation activity.

"We kind of became a family out there, the three of us," Casper said. "With Marty, I really have come to feel that we're all part of a team working toward the same goal. We're learning together as we go. It's not like we're all in this alone ... And his laugh! Oh my gosh! He has a jolly one. It's usually the one you hear."

Perhaps most importantly, Casper said she believes Chaffee tries to do what's best for Bailey Lake students — above and beyond any other consideration.

After only five months in his position, Chaffee seems to emit an unabashed enthusiasm about the school, its staff, students, parents — and possibilities, in general.

During a recent interview in his office, he admitted he's good at building relationships with

school to help out.

Wright said the school's parents have always been Bailey Lake's foundation.

"I think every (elementary) school in Clarkston is unique because we serve different parts of the community," Wright said. "Schools tend to mirror the parent group. And that's true at Bailey Lake. A lot of parents volunteer here. It seems almost like it's self-perpetuating."

Wright said many volunteers exist in the building because "we make parents feel important here."

Lisa Kuch, the PTA volunteer coordinator at Bailey Lake, said she thinks Wright's assessment is on the mark. Kuch, who moved with her family from Omaha to Clarkston 2 1/2 years ago, pointed out that she nosed around for a suitable elementary school for her children even before she hunted for a house. She liked what she saw at Bailey Lake — for kids and for parents.

"It's not cliquish here," Kuch said. "Everybody here seems to welcome you and everybody seems to want to work together."

When she sent out a letter this year asking for parents to help out in various ways, she received a pleasant surprise.

"This school has, I don't know, at least 500 students in it and 300 people responded to help," she said. "I'd say that's pretty good. It doesn't mean everyone wants to take on Science Day, but it's a good response."

Kuch and PTA treasurer Sue Boatman said just because a parent comes into a school building to help one time is no guarantee the person will be back. They say parents keep coming back to their school because they feel like partners with the teachers and the administration. Chaffee, in particular, has forged a solid bond with volunteers, they said.

Boatman said Chaffee took her, Kuch and PTA president Joyce Nienhuis to lunch recently to discuss the goals and progress of Bailey Lake's parent-teacher group.

"It was sort of a performance review of the PTA," Boatman said. "I've never worked with a principal who did that. That's just one of the reasons that Marty has developed a lot of trust here."

Kuch said along with Chaffee's inclusive efforts, the Bailey Lake staff sets a good example. She said teachers and other support people in the school pull together with the parents and with their own co-workers.

"It really works out well here between the old and the new teachers," Kuch said. "I know it's not like that everywhere."

Bulldog teachers

Chaffee agreed that Bailey Lake's character also reflects the age-diversity of its staff — and the ability of that group to capitalize on it.

The principal said his school houses some of the district's longest-running educators and some of its least experienced. Within that Bulldog realm, no one seems to be hounded by the thought that his or her unique strengths won't be appreciated. Older teachers laud the new ideas that their younger colleagues bring to the job and they often try to translate them into their own classrooms. Conversely, newer teachers look to their older co-workers as invaluable resources. As a result, the two entities, more often than not, come up with instructional ideas that work.

Wright said age-diversity works so well at Bailey Lake

because older Bulldogs welcome learning new tricks.

"The older teachers are willing to take risks," he said. "Most teachers already know this, but we can't teach (successfully) for very long on what we did five years ago."

Meanwhile, Rinehart pointed out that there's no substitute for experience. She appreciates having that kind of help nearby.

The doghouse

Perhaps not a bona fide strength to the school at this very moment, Bailey Lake's school building is in the thick of renovations. But by the beginning of next school year, it's expected to be a pooch palace. The improved doghouse will sport a new, enlarged media center; a new cafeteria; three new classrooms for art, science and music and an upgraded gymnasium.

According to George White, the district's independent adviser on the project, the 38,650-square foot building will grow to 57,600 square feet. White pointed out that Bailey Lake's



Concentration: Emily Lipka writes a letter as part of a class assignment at Bailey Lake Elementary School.

makeover is probably a bit easier to stomach for those in the midst of it because the school was built in 1965 and in less need of intrusive construction work. Other schools, like Clarkston, Andersonville and Pine Knob elementaries, were built in the early 1950s.

Kuch described the generally relieved feeling at the school this

way: "We're really surprised. This hasn't been half as bad as we expected."

Oh well, maybe every Bulldog doesn't have his day.

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Bailey Lake at a glance

Year built: 1965
Address: 8051 Pine Knob Road, Clarkston, MI, 48348
Principal: Martin Chaffee
Enrollment: 511
Staff members: 70
School mascot: Bulldog
School colors: Blue and gray
School motto: "A great place to learn"
Pep song: "The Bulldog Way"

Bulldog handshake: The paw pat

Mission statement: "The mission of Bailey Lake School is to establish an environment which expects and supports positive, social, emotional, physical, and academic growth of all individuals in our school."

1998-99 MEAP Scores:
 Reading, Grade 4: 76.1 (up 2 points from 1997-98)
 Math, Grade 4: 88.6 (down 1 point from 1997-98)
 Science, Grade 5: 46.5 (down 3 points from 1997-98)
 Writing, Grade 5: 73.9 (down 9 points from 1997-98)

POLICE NEWS

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

Independence Police

Auto accident
On Jan. 16, a 29-year-old

Clarkston man drove a vehicle off Clintonville Road, struck a ditch and damaged a fence and trees. The driver was taken by ambulance to St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac for possible injuries.

Larceny

On Jan. 16, someone entered

Clarkston Ambulatory Care Center, 6770 Dixie Highway, and removed a dozen syringes from the medical supplies.

Springfield Police

Larceny

On Jan. 17, someone entered a garage in the 7500 block of Tucker Road and removed a 20-inch chain saw valued at \$300.

On Jan. 15, someone removed the stereo equipment and compact discs from and caused damage to a vehicle parked in the 8800 block of Ellis Road.

Malicious Destruction of Property

On Jan. 15, someone drove over the lawn of a residence in the 9800 block of Rattalee Lake Road, damaging three small pine trees and part of the lawn.

Clarkston Police

No major reports.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

The Independence Township Fire Department responded to 26 calls Jan. 14-17. These included 21 medical calls, two personal-injury accidents, one vehicle fire, one investigation and one carbon monoxide investigation.

James Canning Jr.

James Canning Jr. of Clarkston, formerly of Allen Park, died Jan. 16, 2000, at age 78.

Mr. Canning was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 2, Detroit, and retired from Ford Motor, Dearborn, Engineering. He enjoyed coin collecting, fishing and hunting.

He is survived by a son, Tad (Kay) of Clarkston; a daughter, Cyndi (Scott) Meili of Novi; two grandchildren, Nell (Amy) and Mariah; a great grandchild, Harley; and sister, Mary Hotchkiss of Ferndale.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Julia.

A funeral service was held Wednesday in the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST, 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, with the Rev. Richard Nelson officiating. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

Lewis L. Carroll

Lewis L. Carroll of St. Augustine, Fla., formerly of Clarkston, died Jan. 15, 2000, at age 78.

Mr. Lewis retired from Pontiac Motors and was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by three daughters, Judith Agar of Ohio, Kathy (Ed) Thompson of Indiana and Barb Kobrak of Highland; several grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; two brothers, Bill Carroll of Harrison and Roy Carroll of Georgia; and a cousin, Edna Potts of Georgia.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; and children Sandy, Bill, Janet and Sharon.

A funeral service is planned for 12:30 p.m. today in the Lewis E. Wint & TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Dolly Marie McAlevy

Dolly Marie McAlevy of Clarkston, formerly of Huntington, Pa., died Jan. 14, 2000, at age 66 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mrs. McAlevy is survived by her husband of 49 years, John; six daughters, Pat (Don) Taylor of Marlette, Jean (Harry) Goodman of Williamsburg, Pa., Debbie (Robert) Spangler of Waterford, Sandy (Rick) Hilliard of White Lake, Stephanie and Sara, both at home; and five sons, John Jr. (Debbie) of Frederick, Md., Charles T. of Clarkston, David of Orlando, Fla., Jeff of Pontiac, and Jeffrey, at home.

She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral and visitation were held at Outright Speck Funeral Home, Alexandria, Pa. Interment was at Neff Mills, Pa. Local funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Institute.

Erna Marie Alloway

Erna Marie Alloway of Davisburg died Jan. 2, 2000, at age 96.

Mrs. Alloway was retired from the City of Detroit Building Department.

She is survived by a brother, Robert (Shirley) Kuschnik of Livonia; several nieces and nephews and her extended family, Jan and Ed Salter, and many other Big Lake neighbors.

Mrs. Alloway was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, in the Lewis E. Wint TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

The following students from Clarkston were degree candidates in December at the University of Michigan: Julie Anne Haight, bachelor of arts, education; Jason Paul Kachorek,

bachelor of science, electrical engineering; Kerry Lynn Kelly, bachelor of arts, college of literature, science and the arts; and Ryan Rosenthal, bachelor's degree, general studies.



Charter Township of Springfield

AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26
NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the regularly-scheduled meeting held on January 13, 2000, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26; Article XVIII, Section 18.07, Site Plan Review Required in Specific Districts, which amendments are summarized herein and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of this Notice of Adoption.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

SECTION(S) CATCH LINES AND SUMMARIES

- Section 18.07 Site Plan Review Required in Specific Districts. Sets forth intent of section.
- Section 18.07.1 When Site Plan Review Required. Sets forth uses for which site plan review and approval is required and exceptions for which site plan and review is not required.
- Section 18.07.2 Criteria of Site Plan Review. Lists conditions which must be considered and met for site plan approval: such as impact on surrounding neighborhood; vehicular and pedestrian safety; minimization of adverse effects for occupants and surrounding areas; proper development of roads and utilities; compliance with design and construction standards; proper site access; preservation of natural resources and natural topography; control of soil erosion and sedimentation; storm water and waste water management systems; hazardous materials storage design; compliance with Township ordinances and other applicable laws; location of site improvements for consistency with good design standards; and provision of landscaping to improve aesthetic quality of site and area.
- Section 18.07.3 Information Required on Site Plan. Lists information required on plans submitted for Concept Review and Final Site Plan Review, such as general information, physical features, natural features, and additional requirements for Multiple Family, Cluster, PUD, Commercial, Office and Industrial developments.
- Section 18.07.4 Site Plan Review Procedures. Details specific procedures which shall be followed for Concept Plan Review and Final Site Plan Review of site plans, including processing and/or reviewing responsibilities of the Township Clerk, Engineer, and Planner, Planning Commission and Township Board.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct summary of amendments to Section 18.07, Article XVIII, of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26 adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 13th day of January, 2000. A complete copy of the amendments and the entire zoning ordinance may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 1038, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular business hours. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Publish: January 20, 2000



Charter Township of Springfield

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Tuesday, February 22, 2000To the Qualified Electors of
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- At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

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- By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

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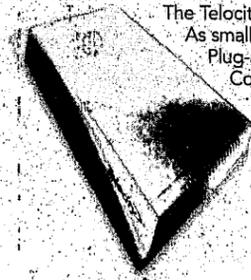
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Granholm, Miller lay out gender issues, and more, for journalists

BY PAT MURPHY
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If Jennifer Granholm and Candice Miller ever run against each other, there would be no mudslinging and no negative campaign advertising.

Michigan's attorney general and secretary of state each said as much Tuesday after their joint appearance before the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

It was a cordial encounter, with Granholm and Miller complimenting each other and talking about shared experiences — like the sexist comments and letters they received early in their careers as Michigan's highest ranking female executives.

Granholm, a Democrat, and Miller, a Republican, are both considered rising stars within their political parties. In response to questions about their futures.

Granholm — who is eligible to seek another term under Michigan's term limit laws — reiterated a statement she has made many times before. She said she is happy being attorney general and wants to continue in that job.

Miller — who can not seek another term as secretary of state, admitted the prospect of running for governor in 2002 — as political wags insist she will — is intriguing. "But I haven't made any decisions," she said.

Following their two-hour appearance, the attorney general and secretary of state were each asked about the possibility of a head-to-head Granholm-Miller race, possibly for governor.

"We have far too much respect for each other to do anything negative," said Miller. "We would definitely stick to the issues."

Any campaign between them — which pundits insist is inevitable — would be characterized by civility and honest debate, said Granholm, who had earlier said Miller's biggest shortcoming was "being a Republican."



Secretary of State Candice Miller

Both candidates are concerned about campaign financing, individuals' right to privacy and getting more people — especially younger people — involved in the political process. "When you talk to young people about (the possibility of their) holding public office," lamented Miller, "they look at you like you're nuts."

Granholm, who made her first bid for public office in 1998 after incumbent Frank J. Kelley retired, described the pressure on candidates to raise money as "grotesque" and "obscene."

Miller, who was unsuccessful in her attempts to end or restrict some forms of soft money contributions, said she is pushing for more disclosure on the part of political candidates.

The secretary of state was particularly vocal in her opposition to using the office to collect infor-

mation that is unrelated to operating a motor vehicle — including a move by the federal government to require her office to gather drivers' social security numbers to help the effort to trace deadbeat dads.

"I don't need to know your social security number to issue a drivers license," Miller said.

She said she also objects to selling information obtained by her office to various insurance companies or marketing consultants — even though her office obtained more than \$1 million through the sale of such lists in 1999.

Granholm said her establishing a four-member group to pursue Internet crime — and the subsequent arrest of a man in Colorado and another in Florida for drug dealing — had already put Michigan on the cut-

ting edge of fighting cyber-crime. She referred to gathering data on the Internet as "data mining," and she said the general public has a right to be greatly concerned. "It's no longer 'big brother' watching," she said, "it's 'big browser' watching."

Both were emphatic about gender bias being on the wane. She was never convinced the so-called "glass ceiling" really existed, Miller said. "Gender bias still exists," she said, "but we've come

a long way."

Granholm remembered an exchange with a Lansing area commentator who early in her campaign asked if having three small children at home would hamper her efforts. "I said Gov. Engler has the same number of small children at home," the attorney general recalled, "but I don't recall your ever asking him that question."

Oddly enough, their respective mothers had been culpable in gender stereotyping, Granholm and Miller acknowledged.

After an appearance on national television, Granholm recalled, her mother being more concerned about her make-up and appearance than the issue Michigan's new attorney general was discussing.

Miller's mother still urges her



Attorney General Jennifer Granholm

to get out of politics and get a real job, said the secretary of state. "She wanted me to get into the marina business, like my brother," said Miller, a former Macomb County treasurer who in 1994 upset popular incumbent Richard Austin.

All things considered, however, Granholm said she is encouraged by the changing faces within the ranks of public officials. "Some of those faces are black and some of those faces are brown," she said, "and some of those faces wear lipstick."



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Working press: The "ink-stained wretches" of SPJ gathered at OCC for their first monthly meeting of the new year to get a distaff view of Michigan politics.

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Transportation task force working on solving school bus issues

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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School bus routes have been a popular topic of discussion since the school year began.

The school district has heard from parents since September about their concerns ranging from long bus rides for their children to no bus rides at all.

Superintendent Al Roberts has told the public he and his staff

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are working to remedy many of the problems. The school board showed its support one way by unanimously approving spending \$531,330 to lease four new vehicles over a three-year period.

The approved bid is from Hoekstra Truck and Equipment Co. for two 78-passenger buses, a 42-passenger transfer lift bus and a 19-passenger bus.

Kevin Bickerstaff, head of transportation, also updated the board at its January meeting on the progress of the Transportation Task Force.

He mentioned several ways the force is considering addressing problems the transportation department faces.

"The task force has developed several objectives," he pointed out. "These include eliminating students from having different bus drivers in the morning and afternoons; reducing bus ride

times for students, reviewing all bus routes, changing school start times to assist not only the transportation system but also optimize student learning and prioritizing working out solutions for elementary students first, then middle school, then high school students."

The task force is considering several solutions. But as Bickerstaff explained, no decisions have been made yet. It's all still in the discussion and research stage.

"We have to remember that the safety issue is always our first thought," said Roberts. "We have to support safety first."

School board president Karen Foyteck also pointed out that the task force and school district can't address all expectations people have of the transportation department.

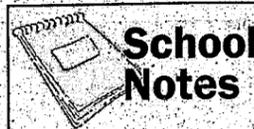
"We hope everyone understands," she said, "that our expectations aren't always the parents' expectations."

"We are responsible for trans-

porting 7,000 students a day," Roberts added. "We don't get that many complaints. Can we do a better job? You bet we can. But it will take time."

Task force members are Bickerstaff and bus drivers Dorothy Anderson, May Miller, Rosie Grable, Debbie Dellowe, Debbie Grech, Alaina Hawley and Janice Rumball.

Bickerstaff expects to add more people, including community representatives, to the committee.



Following are some of the actions taken and presentations given at the most recent Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education meeting.

They're here to stay

Congratulations to three teachers who received tenure from the school board at its Jan. 10 meeting after fulfilling four years of satisfactory performance as classroom teachers. They are Gary Amick, fourth-grade teacher at Andersonville Elementary School; Nancy Guzman, resource room special education teacher at Sashabaw Middle School; and Troy Luke, special education basic classroom teacher at Bailey Lake Elementary.

Employees of the month

Though they don't need public recognition to go beyond and above their job descriptions, that's just what five employees of Clarkston Community Schools received. Those employees honored in January are Anne Collias, attendance secretary at Clarkston High; Sharon Devereaux, principal at Springfield Plains Elementary; Kathy Lynady and Marie Roy, caregivers in Kids Connection at Pine Knob Elementary; and Carla Teare, teacher at North Sashabaw Elementary.

Welcome

The Clarkston school board approved hiring Anita R. Banach as the district's public relations coordinator. She will earn a salary of \$50,000 a year when she joins the staff within the next few weeks from her job as public relations coordinator for Chippewa Valley Schools. She replaces Barbara Johns, who retired last school year.

School presentations

North Sashabaw Elementary students Jessica Magnessun, Elizabeth Osmak and Laura Barlow stood with microphone in hand and clearly informed the school board what being part of the student council means to them. Jessica pointed out she likes the responsibilities she has as assistant president. Elizabeth said she's learned to have a good attitude, share ideas and show respect. Laura has learned that all ideas are unique and has liked getting involved in helping the community. Another North Sashabaw student, April Pieknik, talked to the board about the school's Garden Club, sponsored by parents Rebecca Pieknik and Kelly Marsh.

Winter programs at nature center

Enjoy winter on the other side of the glass with out-of-door programs at Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park, Clarkston.

"Morning Stretcher" is set for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 5. Participants will hike around Crooked Lake or cross-country ski, conditions permitting. Skis are available for rent or bring your own. Cost is \$1/person.

"Mid-Winter Fun-Fest" is set for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. Snow or no snow, this program will be a go with activities like nail pounding, sawing and seed spitting. Registration payment of \$2/person must be made in advance.

"Winter Star Party" is set for 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Discover the universe inside the Starlab planetarium and venture out-of-doors to use the Oakland Astronomy Club's telescopes. Cost is \$2/person.

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Protesters: Metropark deer hunt like 'shooting fish in barrel'

BY TRAN LONGMOORE

More than 100 people staged a Saturday-afternoon protest outside Kensington Park in a last-ditch effort to save the lives of up to 250 deer scheduled to be killed in the next six weeks.

The protest, organized by the Metroparks Deer Preservation Council, was staged to generate public outcry about plans to have sharpshooters bait and kill more than half of the park's famed deer herd before March 1.

"I don't know, maybe it's too late. But we still have some hope," said Council President Judy Brock, as motorists drove down Milford Road, honking horns in support or shouting derisive comments at the placard waving protesters.

Milford resident Barbara Young said shooting tamed and trustful deer is inhumane. She likened it to "shooting fish in a barrel."

The people-friendly deer, known to eat out of the hands of park visitors, are one of Kensington's greatest draws. Plymouth resident Rosita Smith visits the park several times a year. When her daughter and granddaughter visit from Colorado, Kensington Park is always first on the agenda.

"I know of nowhere else in the world like it," Smith said. "But if they start shooting the deer, they'll ruin everything."

Protesters had harsh words for the Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority, the state Department of Natural Resources and Gov. John Engler.

"Metroparks are a sanctuary for these deer and other wildlife," said Lou Nantais, who lives next door to the park on East Buno Road. "This isn't about saving vegetation and wildlife. This is about making the hunters happy."

Nantais disputes deer population estimates.

"I drive down the road every day, and there I've noticed a reduction in the deer I see," he said.

Metroparks are a sanctuary for these deer and other wildlife. This isn't about saving vegetation and wildlife. This is about making the hunters happy.

Lou Nantais
area resident

In 1995, a Gov. Engler-initiated task force on the issue recommended that urban parks and recreation areas be opened to hunting and fishing.

While park rangers are performing the culls this year, protesters say that hunters will soon be clamoring to get into Kensington.

Deer biology

Protesters also decried

Last year, it was estimated that 528 deer lived in the park. That number dropped to 454 based on aerial infrared counts done two weeks ago. But Nantais wonders why the Metroparks used deer living outside the park when figuring population density.

"They're trying to skew the numbers," he charged.

Fudging the numbers

Nantais and many other protesters said the authority is fudging with the numbers to gain more support for hunting plans.

Protesters say that sport hunting organizations have been lobbying the Metroparks for hunting since 1995.

"Why are there representatives from hunting groups on the Metropark Wildlife Advisory Committee," Brock asked.

Metroparks' lack of foresight: Many biologists say that hunted deer populations have a reproduction rate which doubles that of non-hunted deer. Hunted does are nearly three times more likely to have twins than other does, and they begin reproducing at a younger age. In other words, critics charge, hunting is just a form of harvesting the next year's crop. The New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife states that "the deer

resource has been managed primarily for the purpose of sport hunting."

Protesters also said that the deer population is not significantly damaging the park's vegetation as the Metroparks purport. "No baseline study was ever done on Kensington Park's vegetation," Brock said.

According to a permit received from the state Department of Natural Resources, the cull can take place anytime now through

March 1. Park officials say rangers, who will kill the deer at night, are still in training. Spokesman Dave Moilanen refused to say when the cull will start.

(Tran Longmoore is a staff writer for The Milford)

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OU dance team soars in national competition

The Oakland University dance team, known as "Images," placed eighth in the Universal Dance Association/Universal Cheer Association College National Championships in Orlando, Fla. recently.

The eighth place finish came in the first-ever Division I dance and cheer competition in which Oakland has competed.

Teri Bossi, Oakland's dance team coach, said it is unusual for a team competing in its first national competition to finish in the top 10. "There were 20 teams in the Division I semifinals, and we were one of only six of those to move on to the finals. Some instructors from the UDA told me that not many teams ever make finals in their first year at nationals."

The team performed an elaborate dance routine featuring custom-made costumes that complemented the dance. The dance team consists of 17 members, with a limit of 14 for each routine, and three alternates.

Bossi, in her third year as dance team coach, said she had an inkling of great things to come last summer. "We had a competition last August at the UDA/UCA summer camp and we took first place in Division I competition, which was a first for Oakland University. From that point on, I knew I had a special team with talented, determined and dedicated members."

Bossi said the competition will be shown on ESPN sometime in the next two weeks, although an exact date and time has not yet been announced. The team will perform their award-winning routine at half-time of both the OU's men's and women's basketball games this Saturday at the Recreation and Athletic Center.



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Environmentalists tackling urban sprawl issues

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Residents new and old will "urbanize" 1.4 to 2 million more acres of land in Michigan in the next 20 years — that's an amount equal to the total land that had been developed up to and through the 1970s.

There are a number of reasons for this acceleration of urban sprawl, according to Julie Stoneman, Lands Program Director for the Michigan Environmental Council. One is population growth. In the past, Michigan's population has largely remained unchanged. But, Stoneman said, the Michigan Society of Planning Officials is now projecting an 11.8 percent growth in population for the state by 2020.

On top of that, the number of residents per household is dropping, down from 3.5 persons per household in 1960 to 2.8 in 1980. It will likely drop further, to 2.5 persons per house by 2020.

And each house is taking up more land. Older cities could put 5.5 houses on an acre. Development of the 1960s typically put 3.8 homes on an acre, and in the '80s, the density was 2.6.

But over the next 20 years, Stoneman said, the figure will likely drop to 1.3 homes per acre.

Land, lots of land ...

People like living on large lots. A study conducted by Public Sector Consultants showed that 49 percent of residents would like to live on a large rural lot. Only 19 percent said they would like to live in an established neighborhood. Fifteen percent wanted to buy into a new subdivision.

Stoneman, along with Michigan Environmental Council President Lana Pollack and MEC Policy Specialist Conan Smith gave this prediction of future sprawl to editors of the HomeTown Communications Network — Observer & Eccentric! Newspaper, HomeTown Newspapers, Mirror Newspapers and Community Newspapers — in a meeting Thursday, Jan. 13.

Pollack, a former state senator, said her organization is campaigning for changes in state policy that exacerbate and encourage sprawl. MEC is urging the state government to create a "vision" for land use statewide, incorporating goals and sound planning principles

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to end sprawl.

MEC is asking the state to create a planning "toolbox" for communities to use in reaching those goals and create incentives for communities to avoid sprawl. MEC is also looking for the state to review its own investments, such as money for road projects, in light of its side impacts and whether it encourages sprawl. The state now does not consider side impacts before it determines where to spend road dollars, Stoneman

explained.

Pollack argues that urban sprawl is not entirely market driven. Rather, there are a number of government policies that contribute to it.

"People have no other choice" than buying the expensive homes on large lots that builders have concentrated on in recent years, she said. "If the options were available to them and they still did not buy, fine, you could say it was market driven. But right now, they don't have other options."

Among the policies that encourage sprawl are laws such as Michigan's land division act, which allows developers to divide large parcels into 10-acre lots or larger without having to plat their developments as a subdivision.

Another contributor is the vast number of local governments in Michigan, 83 counties and 1,800 municipalities — cities, township and villages — all of which are responsible for their own land use planning.

Stoneman said that rather than override local control of land use, MEC is advocating

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that the state adopt a "smart growth" plan, such as the one in use in Maryland. There, local communities decide on their own where their growth areas should be, and where they should attempt to preserve land. Then the state targets its financial assistance to encourage development, or redevelopment, inside those growth areas. But the state withholds assistance when developers seek to build in areas marked for preservation, she explained.

Smith argued that the lack of mass transit is one of the leading contributors to, as well as a result of, urban sprawl. He noted that while the state Constitution caps the money spent in Michigan on mass transit at 10 percent of the state transportation fund, the state is currently spending only about 8.3 percent on mass transit.

Smith said the Detroit area's heavy reliance on automobiles has a number of serious impacts for the region. For one, accord-

ing to figures offered by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, commute times for the average driver have increased 30 percent, an average of 15 minutes, just in the last few years.

Additionally, some 30 percent of Detroit residents don't own cars. And the lack of mass transit makes it difficult for them to get to work, or to find employment in the first place.

"They say the road to hell is paved with good intentions," Smith said. "The devil would say, 'Use bituminous concrete.' I'd say that if you built mass transit, you could get people there a lot faster."

The Michigan House of Representatives has created a Land Use Panel to study urban sprawl and recommend policies for addressing it. Chaired by Rep. Gene DeRossett (R-Manchester) the panel was named in the fall and is just beginning its work.

The MEC is one of 14 groups that has been asked to provide it with information. Stoneman and Smith have made similar presentations to its members.

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A preview of the auction items will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21 at the Vehicle Donation Center.

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Clarkston Board of Ed 7 members deserve recognition

Imagine overseeing a \$50.8 million budget, managing 1,100 employees, maintaining 11 public buildings and ensuring 7,200 young people are ready for the future — and getting paid only about \$30 a month for all your efforts.

The seven members of the Clarkston Community Schools' Board of Education do all that and more for that trifling sum.

January is National School Board Recognition Month, and the Clarkston Eccentric is dedicating this space today to honoring president Karen

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Some of these members are empty-nesters.

With their own children grown and gone, they stay involved because they remain committed to ensuring promising futures for all children in the school district. (Clarkston's seven members have served the community for 48 years, combined.)

While their work is selfless, it's also often thankless.

Some of their decisions, such as where to draw school attendance boundaries and which schools should be the first to be renovated, cannot possibly make everyone happy. Other decisions, such as those involving complex educational and social issues, require Solomon-type wisdom. Yet, because a good education can take years to pay off, school board members probably will never know the impact they've had on some young people's lives.

Some of the school board members' work is the object of pride.

In the past few years, Clarkston board of education members have overseen construction of a state-of-the-art high school and brand-new elementary school along with renovation and expansion of existing elementary and middle schools.

At the same time, some of their work is heart-wrenching.

They have wrestled with the issue of school safety following the Columbine High School shootings and bomb threats that followed across the country and in Clarkston.

Certainly, Clarkston's school board members are worth a lot more than what they're paid. Their experience, insight and commitment are invaluable.

Whether you agree with every decision they've made or not, these dedicated public servants deserve commendation from community members today and every day they're on the job.

Include area in political doings

The biggest political event Michigan has seen in a long time was the GOP presidential debate Jan. 10 at Calvin College in Grand Rapids.

All six Republican contenders — George W. Bush, John McCain, Steve Forbes, Gary Bauer, Orrin Hatch and Alan Keyes — were there. They held forth for voters, who are to cast ballots in about a month for their favorite GOP candidate, on issues not only of national significance but on many topics specifically of interest to this state.

At least, the debate was the biggest political event western Michigan has seen in a long time.

But, hey, what about us? We live in southeastern Michigan . . . you know, metropolitan Detroit, the part of the state where all the people live, one million of them in Oakland County alone. We might have been better off to be living in another state had we wanted to follow the debate's give-and-take live on television.

None the Detroit's television stations carried the forum live. According to the Michigan Republican party, only one had even expressed interest in it, and then decided to carry other programming.

In the Detroit area, your only hope of catching the debate live was on MSNBC, the cable version of NBC. But not all cable companies include MSNBC in their lineup, so some folks couldn't view it at all.

Among those frozen out, were Oakland County's own Young Republicans, as reported by *The Eccentric*. Wanting to view the debate as part of their regular meeting, young members of GOP found their local cable system wasn't carrying it.

By contrast, coverage of the event on the west side of the state was pretty much wall-to-wall. WOOD-TV (Channel 8) in Grand Rapids ran the debate live. One radio station there gave it all-day coverage.

But of course, western Michigan — particularly the Grand Rapids area — is a hot bed of Republican support. Sure, they had a built-in viewership there, but the result is tantamount to preaching to the converted. If there were any independent or swing voters in the Detroit area to be picked up, state Republicans did nothing to endear them to the cause Monday night.

It should be noted that southeast Michigan

has its own hot beds of Republican support. We can only wonder if that will wane considering the degree of the slight they've suffered.

It all runs counter to stated views of Michigan Republicans about the effect of moving up the date of the state primary. From Gov. John Engler to House Speaker Chuck Perricone to virtually every local representative and senator, Michigan's earlier primary vote — Feb. 22 — will give it a very significant role in determining who the next GOP candidate for the presidency should be.

Perricone said it best: "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."

And Sen. John Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) added, "Michigan is going to be one of three or four determining states in the whole country when it comes to who the nominee will be. If McCain can win in New Hampshire, Michigan is going to be an absolute dog fight."

But residents of southeast Michigan did not get universal access to the only scheduled GOP face-off here in this state.

Republicans in this region should be peeved at the slight. And they should send a strong message to several people:

■ Betsy DeVos and the Michigan Republican Party, that the state GOP does not operate for sole benefit of residents on the west side of the state. The word in GOP circles is that the debate was pretty much her baby from the beginning, planning it through the Kent County Republicans. Even Gov. Engler, party members say, was less involved in the planning and more just invited to show up at the end.

■ Detroit television stations, that we can all understand the need to keep those ratings up, but sooner or later the media has to take seriously its stated purpose of informing the people.

■ Cable television companies, that if they are going to get the benefit of franchises handed out by the local governments, it's not good enough to just pass on cable fare. When there's an issue of significant local interest, perhaps they too need to make a special effort to get that information to the public.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you think children should pay adult penalties for crimes?



"Well, I'm kind of mixed on it. I think they ought to pay for what they do. I raised five."

Pat Bedford
 Independence Township



"I have to judge each case on its own. An 11-year-old in one case is not an 11-year-old in another. You can't compare."

E. Ernie Bedford
 Independence Township



"Depending on the crime, I guess it depends on what the kid does, if it's a more serious crime."

Mike McCarthy
 Waterford



"Yeah, if they know what they're doing."

Erika Burke
 Waterford

This question was asked in front of Pete's Coney Island II on Dixie Highway.

LETTERS

Independent commission should review officials' pay

Recently the Independence Township supervisor announced his renewed opposition to having an independent commission appointed pursuant to state law to determine the compensation for the so-called full-time elected officials. I had proposed this commission, to be appointed by the supervisor, and made up of knowledgeable business people and citizens of our community. This proposal was made to improve the means by which we determine their compensation.

For each of the three years that I have been on the township board, salary and benefits have been improved because the full-time elected officials have made up the majority of the votes approving their own compensation. More importantly, they have done it in the face of facts and analysis that have demonstrated the increased benefits were unwarranted.

In 1996, a citizens' committee (the decisions of which are not binding) was appointed, but before their recommendations were issued, this report indicated that when all benefits were taken into consideration, the compensation package for these officials was already adequate.

In 1999, a motion to approve the supervisor's recommendations for yet another increase in salary and several added new benefits did not even receive a second. Several weeks later I proposed the statutory compensation commission, which was promptly opposed by a majority of the full-time elected officials. Months went by without anything happening.

At the end of May 1999, I initiated a meeting with the township supervisor. We reached a "compromise" by which the four township trustees would be appointed as a committee to make the determination of the full-time elected officials' compensation package. The supervisor said at that time he would vote with the majority of that committee.

This trustees' committee met six times, gathered information from a variety of sources and issued a report specifying not only its determinations, but also the facts and rationale upon which those determinations have been made.

Instead of voting with these determinations, the supervisor prepared a response signed by the other two full-time elected officials. The response was emotionally charged and merely attacked the result, without addressing the facts or the rationale.

The full-time elected officials were then able to persuade one of the trustees to vote with them to grant themselves a benefit not recommended by the trustees. Specifically

these elected officials will now be entitled to have the township foot their medical insurance bill for themselves and their spouses in their retirement. The threshold trigger to receive this benefit is eight years in office with retirement at 55 years of age. The trustees had not recommended such a blanket, extensive benefit because of very real concerns about the significant cost this would mean to the township.

One thing that should seem obvious to everyone is that these processes have not worked.

So for the year 2000, I renewed my proposal for a statutory compensation commission. The supervisor's response? "The reason the methods of the supervisor's recommendation doesn't work anymore is because other board members want everything to go their own way."

This is untrue. In fact, it is the supervisor and the other full-time elected officials who have determined that they have the votes to vote for themselves whatever increases in salary and other new benefits, regardless of the facts and impartial analysis. As township trustee Jeff McGee so aptly put it — all that matters is that they have the votes.

Frankly, it is a kind of arrogance to think that only the seven elected members of the township board have the knowledge, experience and judgment to make these decisions, particularly when it concerns their own compensation.

Neil E. Wallace
 Independence Township Trustee

(Editor's note: The Independence Township Board of Trustees has seven members, including the three full-time elected officials and four part-time trustees. References to the three full-time elected officials making up the majority of the votes means they made up the majority of the yes votes on the compensation issue. The three full-time elected officials do not make up a majority of the seven-member board.)

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

TV shows not responsible for the choices teens make

On TV, many controversial topics arise. Some people say the shows teenagers watch affect the choices they make. They also say that what teens watch will "cloud their judgment," causing them to make bad or wrong decisions. I have a problem with that.

You see, the people who write the shows base the story lines upon what sells, what will get the highest ratings. The story lines that have sex, murder, deceit and suspense are what some people want to watch, and it sells.

A few popular shows for teenagers are "Dawson's Creek," "Felicity," "Beverly Hills 90210" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." On all four of these shows, teenagers or young adults are sleeping together. They make it into this big ordeal, promoting sex. The thing is, it's only TV, not reality and most people understand that. We are not the TV characters. We make our own choices.

When it comes to "jumping on the bandwagon," my parents have always used a certain quote to prove their point, the famous one, "If they jumped off a bridge, would you do it too?" Of course not! If someone jumped off of a bridge, I would not follow just to go with the crowd. It applies the same way for sex, drugs, murder, etc. Perhaps we should concentrate on our own self worth and confidence instead of pointing fingers at TV producers.

Ellen DeGeneres "came out of the closet," telling the nation she was gay on her television show, but that doesn't mean someone would turn gay from watching the show. The movie "In & Out" didn't make everyone turn gay, and sexuality was the basis of the movie. "NYPD Blue" is a cop show; it shows us all types of real-life scandals. So, if you wanted to, you could say that "NYPD Blue" is a bad influence because it



JAIME GREEN

graphically displays unpleasant acts of violence. From my perspective, if someone gets shot in real life it's not the TV show pulling the trigger, it's a person. That person is responsible for his or her own actions; it's not the fault of the program he or she watched.

We base the decisions we make upon what we know. When we are young, our parents teach us morals, values and respect. If we are brought up to value life and respect each other, then watching a TV show is not going to make us hurt another human being or sleep around. By the time we are old enough to comprehend these shows, those kinds of behaviors would and should be repulsive to us.

My main point is to try to explain that just because TV shows may promote certain behaviors, or may have characters who make wrong decisions, it doesn't make us do anything that we don't want to do. A fictional character doesn't make our decision for us. It's the person who pulls the trigger, has sex or does drugs. Whatever the case is, it's the person who causes the problem, or does what's wrong. We're the people who cause the situations, not the TV characters. Maybe now we should stop pointing fingers and look at ourselves because society is the problem, not TV.

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

A primer on urban sprawl

Headlines like these are increasingly appearing in this newspaper:

- Local Citizens Group Fights Strip Mall Development
- 400-Acre Centennial Farm Slated for Subdivision
- County Road Congestion Makes Commuting Tough
- Michigan To Lose Millions of Acres of Farmland
- Citizens Group Charged With NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) Thinking
- Another Store Closes; Downtown Called "A Wasteland"

Lurking behind each of these stories are interconnected matters of development, zoning, land use planning and environmental preservation. Put them all together and what you get is something called "sprawl."

The Michigan Society of Planning Officials has produced a pretty good definition of sprawl: "a low density pattern of development ... (that is) automobile dependent, energy and land consumptive, and requires a very-high ratio of road surface to development served." Anybody who lives in suburban, exurban or rural Michigan has plenty of concrete examples to go with that rather abstract definition.

Sprawl is the most common form of growth in Michigan today. And I'm pretty sure the number and intensity of local conflicts that trace their origin back to sprawl are only going to increase as time goes on. Here's why.

Assuming the economy stays reasonably healthy, Michigan's 9.2-million population is expected to grow by 1.1 million people by 2020. If development continues at the current low-density levels, those 1.1 million will urbanize as much land as was urbanized by the first 9.2 million, consuming nearly 2 million acres of rural land. That's space equivalent to four or five counties!

Because sprawl affects the lives of nearly everybody who reads this newspaper, I invited Lana Pollack, president of the Michigan Environmental Council, and two of her colleagues to meet with our editorial board last week. Pollack served as a state senator for 12 years before starting her own statewide newspaper, *Michigan Monthly*. Casting around for something constructive to do after selling the paper, Pollack signed on with MEC, a coalition of 53 organizations organized 20 years ago to provide a voice for the environment in Lansing.

In keeping with the complexity of the subject, our conversation covered a lot of ground.

One clear conclusion: One of the biggest contributors to sprawl is wrongheaded public policy. Take



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the Flat Act and its successors, for example. In seeking to provide rural land owners relief from going through all the regulatory and legal aggravations of platting their land preparatory to sale, the legislature enacted laws that allowed property to be divided up into parcels of 10 acres or more for sale without being formally platted.

The net result? Lots and lots of 10-acre lots sold. And as the saying goes, 10 acres is "too small to farm and too large to mow." Building one single family home on a 10-acre lot is a great way to convert a lot of formerly rural land into suburb.

Another topic: The overwhelming preference of folks in Michigan is to live on a large lot in a rural setting. That's low-density development and that contributes to sprawl. So you might conclude the Environmental Council is just a bunch of anti-growth social engineers trying to deny folks what they want.

Not so, says Pollack. Well-designed developments — by clustering homes close together and preserving common ground as open space, for example — can provide people with a home in a rural setting, often at less cost to developers and their customers than traditional design. In fact, Pollack says her organization isn't anti-growth. Instead, MEC favors "smart growth," which includes well-designed cluster housing and downtown redevelopment.

I pricked my ears up at "downtown redevelopment," as it's always seemed to me that the deterioration of traditional downtowns is one of the inevitable consequences of sprawl developments such as strip shopping centers and big box stores built on previously productive farmland.

Thanks to our conversation, I'm better informed than I was, and I believe our editors and reporters are, too. You'll be seeing sprawl and what to do about it as an important part of this newspaper's coverage in weeks to come.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net

Nominations being accepted for 2000 'Teacher of the Year'



Welcome to the year 2000! You're probably tired of hearing that greeting, but here is something you haven't heard: Clarkston Foundation's Y2K new "Teacher of the Year" will have the use of a new car for a year!

No, that's not a typo. Through a new partnership with Flannery Ford, Clarkston's top teacher can drive away with just about anything off their lot. Wow! While we thank Flannery Ford from the bottom of our hearts, we know that ultimately the real winners are our children.

For Clarkston to even attract this type of recognition, you know a tremendous amount of effort pours forth from our teachers. We applaud them and are proud to honor them. In fact, the Clarkston Foundation has honored a Teacher-of-the-Year for each of the past six years:

- 1993-94 Natalie Hewko, Clarkston Elementary
- 1994-95 Chuck Keegan, Clarkston Middle School
- 1995-96 Marilyn Golding, Sashabaw Middle School
- 1996-97 Janet Thomas, Clarkston Middle School
- 1997-98 Debbie Latosis, Bailey Lake Elementary
- 1998-99 Melissa Kentner-White, Clarkston High School

Obviously, this is more than a popularity contest. Many issues have to be addressed, ques-

tions answered and references reviewed. Our program is modeled after the successful "Teacher-of-the-Year" program in place at the Waterford Foundation. This year's applicants will represent elementary teachers and alternate with secondary teachers thereafter. The review committee is made up of seven prominent Clarkston citizens and businesspersons, but they need your help and input to do their job.

Here is what you can do: Nominate your favorite Clarkston teacher! Look, none of us can be everywhere and know everyone. But if you are a parent, student, grandparent, volunteer or fellow teacher, the chances are pretty good you know someone outstanding. Undoubtedly you have a list in your mind right now of the many reasons you think this person should be Clarkston Foundation's 1999-2000 Teacher-of-the-Year.

So pick up an application (available soon) at one of the following locations: any of the Clarkston public schools, the administration office, both locations of Clarkston State Bank and, of course, Flannery Ford. Fill it out thoroughly. This will take some time, but it's worth the effort. Pay attention to the deadline of March 17. It'll creep up before you know it! The "Teacher-of-the-Year" committee will need almost two months of time and effort reviewing everything before the finalist is selected and presented with the award May 15.

Why not make a little "Millennium History" yourself this year by being the person who nominated Clarkston Foundation's 1999-2000 "Teacher-of-the-Year"?

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Hometown Heroes are still among us, and the search is on to honor them

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"You can never thank volunteers enough," said Noreen Keating, Chief Executive Officer of Lighthouse of Oakland County. "They drive the vans that get seniors where they need to go. They provide services to those with low incomes. They do a wonderful job . . . They keep the hospitals operating. They rehabilitate homes . . ."

That's the motivation behind a new program aimed at honoring volunteers: the Hometown Heroes Award, she said.

Jointly sponsored by Lighthouse, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, HomeTown Newspapers, Mirror Newspapers and Crain's Detroit Business, the program will honor volunteers in six categories — senior volunteers, youth volunteers, those who serve on boards and committees, direct service volunteers, those who volunteer through faith-based organizations, and those who volunteer through businesses.

Nominations wanted

Nominees for the awards are now being accepted, Keating said. A ballot to nominate volunteers can be found in this edition of this newspaper. Ballots are also available through Oakland Family Services and Americore at Oakland University.

Nominators are asked to provide information about the nominee including name, place through which they volunteer, years of service, the

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type of work they do, and a 100-word or less description of service and why they deserve the award.

The deadline for nominations will be Feb. 25.

The nominations will be handed to a committee of representatives from the sponsoring organizations, who will select the final winners. Oakland Family Services will provide the computer software needed to sort through the nominees. Crain's will sponsor the business portion of the awards program.

The awards will be handed out at a luncheon at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham March 29 set to begin at 11:30 a.m. According to Keating, the awards ceremony will be the first luncheon to be held in the hotel's new addition.

The speaker for that event will be County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

Tickets to the ceremony run \$40. Keating said she is seeking corporate sponsorships for tickets for volunteers who might otherwise be unable to attend, at a rate of \$400 for a table of ten. Contact Lighthouse at (248) 335-6752 to sponsor a table.

The ceremony will double as a fund-raiser for A Volunteer Place, a new 30,000-square-foot volunteer recruitment and placement center to be built on Woodward Avenue in Birmingham. Ground will be broken for construction next week, Keating said.

The center will connect volunteers to programs that need the help in north Oakland County. It is a joint project between Lighthouse, Catholic Social Services, Oakland Family Services, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, United Way of Oakland County, Volunteer Impact and Americore at Oakland University. It is being built with a grant from the State of Michigan's Community Service Commission.

Editorial starts it

The HomeTown Heroes Award program began with an editorial, published over the past summer by Eccentric Editor Joe Bauman calling for more and better recognition of the efforts made by volunteers locally. After reading it, Keating said she called the newspaper to see if it would be willing to sponsor such recognition. Keating said she envisions the awards will work together with Lighthouse's Points of Light Award and area-wide honors handed out by the United Way in April to recognize the efforts of volunteers here.

"This is exciting," Keating said. "It is an opportunity to highlight and show some admiration for the volunteers of Oakland County."



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CAROLYN WALKER

News gives birth to new thoughts on late pregnancies

Those of you who read last week's column know that I recently spent some time poking fun at an efficient but youthful X-ray technician who asked me if there was "any possibility" that I could be pregnant before she filmed a picture of my sore knee.

In that column, I sort of played with the notion that I — with my white hair and trying-to-sag flesh — am too old for such an adventure.

Well, as if to prove that a columnist should never poke fun — or that a columnist can never be too old — along came 54-year-old Arcelia Garcia of Washington that same week, giving birth to naturally-conceived triplets some 16 years after her last child was born. (Garcia is older than I, but I won't tell you by how much!)

Anyway, the woman didn't just do it. She did it three times over and all at once! Talk about making a grandiose point!

The triplets brought to 11 the number of children Garcia shares with her 60-year-old husband, Guillermo. The couple also has 13 grandchildren, with two more on the way.

What ho!
I have to admit, I read about the Garcias' new babies with a lot of curiosity and interest. (And with even a smidgen of jealousy because I love children and believe you can never have too many — provided you have

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OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

12-STEP PROGRAM BRINGS SERENITY AND SUCCESS

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Heidi of Independence Township has lost 40 pounds just by not eating white sugar, but what she has gained, says her friend Marilyn, is much more important — serenity.

Eating can be as addictive as alcohol or nicotine and in its 40th year, Overeaters Anonymous is hoping to gain as much exposure for its 12-step plan as other more well-known groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous. Overeaters Anonymous is based on the same philosophy, Heidi said. Last names are not used in Overeaters Anonymous to protect the members' privacy.

The Clarkston chapter of OA is holding an open meeting and panel discussion 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Jan. 22, in Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Heidi said she and about four other members will be panelists. One panelist will be a family member of an OA member, she said. The panelists will tell their stories and then the floor will be open for questions and answers.

The meeting is open to anyone, including compulsive eaters and people with other eating disorders such as bulimia and anorexia and their families and friends.

"It appears we're a secret society, but we're not," Heidi said.

She said a beginning-of-the-year event was organized because this is the time when people tend to focus on new beginnings. Many New Year's resolutions also revolve around losing weight.

But OA is not a diet club, and it isn't just about losing weight, Heidi said.

"Compulsive eating is a symptom, not the problem," said Marilyn, who lives in Oxford.

She said the group has helped her deal with anger and that has made her a happier person.

"More than the weight loss, it's affected my thinking and reaction to stress," she said.

Meetings are run on Thursday evenings and two meetings take place on Saturdays. The meetings are structured. They include a meditation, regular business and, most importantly, working on the 12 steps



HELEN FURCEAN/STAFF ARTIST

and finding tools to deal with compulsive eating.

According to the Michigan Department of Mental Health, an estimated 37 percent of Michigan adults are overweight. That is up from 32 percent in 1996. The number has been rising steadily since 1987 when officials began keeping statistics.

It is hard for a normal eater to understand what a compulsive eater goes through, Heidi said. With compulsive eating, all the person thinks about is food. Overeaters tend to eat when they are not hungry, and once they start eating, they can't stop. For example, a person would not open a bag of chips, eat some and put it away after his or her craving was satisfied. They would feel compelled to eat the whole bag.

"It's triggered by emotions," Heidi added.

She said OA helps people find other ways to deal with those emotions and, in turn, how to get a grip on their food addiction.

Among other tools, OA teaches its members to call someone if they feel they are getting in trouble. Heidi said knowing one's binge foods also helps. Hers was sugar. She said she went through the classic addictive behavior with it. She would eat like crazy, get a sugar "high," crash and then have to eat more sugar to get up again. Now she substitutes other natural sweeteners like honey as much as possible for granulated sugar.

Some people, she said, cut out white sugar, white flour and most caffeine, but she has been successful with just the sugar because that was her problem.

She added that society is beginning to realize that obesity is a serious affliction and a health risk that needs to be dealt with. She said until she joined OA, nothing worked for her. She said doctors and others would ask what she ate.

"But no one asked me how much," she said. "I didn't realize what I was doing to myself."

Other tools that help members are writing and going to meetings. A big help, Marilyn said, is a personal eating plan. Instead of indulging randomly when the compulsion hits, members can learn to plan how they eat. But she said nothing worthwhile is ever easy.

"To be successful in any 12-step program, you have to change," she said.

How to figure your body mass

All it takes is a little math to find out if you are overweight according to state standards. The state uses what's called the body mass index (BMI) as an indicator of being overweight.

Here's how it works: The BMI is your weight in kilograms divided by your height in meters squared.

The magic number for women is 27.3K/meters squared and for men it's 27.8/meters squared.

Here's an example. Let's say you are a woman who is 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs 140 pounds.

First you need to convert everything into metric measurements: One kilogram equals 2.2 pounds, and one meter equals 39.37 inches.

So, 5 feet, 4 inches equals 64 inches and 64 minus 39.37 equals 24.63. Now divide 24.63 by 39.37 and you get .63.

That means your height is about 1.63 meters. Weight is easier — 140 divided by 2.2 equals 63.6 K.

Now square your height — 1.63 by 1.63 equals 2.66.

Now plug everything in — 63.6K divided by 2.66 equals 23.9. Since 23.9 is less than 27.3, you are not overweight by standards set by the state.

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Look at many factors in choosing which college to attend

Editor's note: Following is the second of four guest columns on preparing for college, written by Chris A. Lewis of Independence Township. Lewis, college and career center coordinator for Owosso Public Schools, is providing these columns as a public service. The next two will appear Feb. 3 and Feb. 17.

When trying to decide on a college to attend there are many factors that must be considered. Not only is it important to consider the financial constraints of college, but it is equally important to completely explore the full array of opportunities and options that surround a college before settling on the final choice(s). To do this, I recommend a few things to consider:

- Does the college have a progressive financial aid program to help its students with the cost of their education?
 - Is the college located in an area where you feel comfortable (urban, suburban, etc.)
 - Is the college the right size for you?
- And probably most important is the feeling that prospective students get as they visit the campus. This is something that is so important; yet not everyone takes advantage of this. Take time to visit the campus to ask questions, visit the residence halls, meet a professor (if a major is known). The important thing is that you visit. I stress this on a daily basis to students for I meet too many students who choose a college, only to find in



CHRIS A. LEWIS

their first year that the campus is not right for them. Visiting becomes even more important when considering out-of-state colleges. Once these factors are considered, then the choices of where to apply and when have to be made. The usual answer to when is in the fall of a stu-

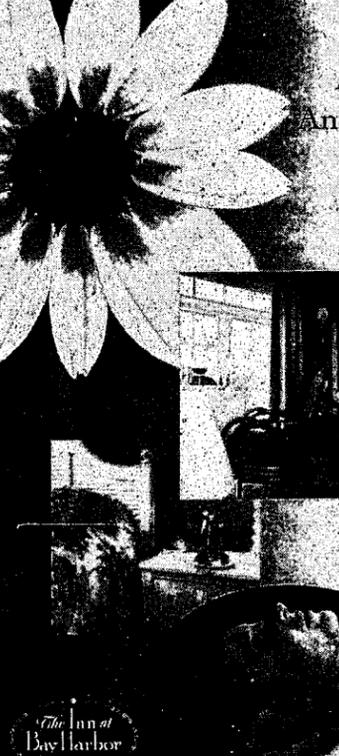
dent's senior year before Thanksgiving break so that all material can be put together by the guidance counselors and sent out in a timely manner. Where to apply is a completely personal choice. Whether in-state or out-of-state, there are many good colleges and universities to select from — more than 3,500 in the United States alone. The formula that usually works well is always to choose more than one college or, as I say, three works well because with three you can select one college where you know you will be accepted, one where you think you will be accepted, and one that you question whether you will be accepted. Your high school guidance counselors are there to help you through these decisions. Usually, guidance offices have a variety of information and resources from many colleges and

universities that you can choose from, some of which can be checked out by students. Also, with Internet access and the continual advancement of technology today, you can visit any college at the stroke of a key. If you do have Internet access, one web site that may be of help to you can be found at <http://www.owosso/career/>. For more information on this topic or if you have questions that you would like addressed, do not hesitate to e-mail me at lewis@owosso.k12.mi.us or send a note to the Clarkston Eccentric.

Chris Lewis, a 1994 Clarkston High School graduate, has a master's degree in college student personnel administration, and experience as an admissions counselor at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

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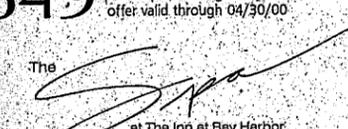


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Instead, she managed to state her case for late motherhood with grace, giving a quick and dignified lesson to a society that frequently diminishes the aging and the aged.

I poked fun at the notion myself one week ago, but now I find myself asking: Why does it strike us as funny that a woman should give birth late in her child-bearing years? Why are late-in-life babies considered jokes?

Anyone who has ever raised children knows that children are, indeed, the greatest gifts that can be bestowed next to the gift of life, itself. No amount of diapering, nurse-maiding, car-pooling, teen-arguing, college-paying or late-night worrying can ever override this wonderful experience.

Garcia put a face on both aging and motherhood, showing maturity, love, gratitude, confidence and endurance with the emergence of her triplets. I hope her words about the gift of children ring loud in society's collective ears for a long time to come.

The Garcia triplets were born to rich parents, indeed.

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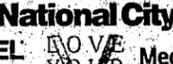


















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ty of this collection has superior quality to other toys from the era. There will be Lehmann, Ferdinand Strauss and Marx. Other dealers are specializing in Hubley, Arcade, Dent Hardware, Disney and Smith-Miller. There will be several dealers specializing in Western toys including cap guns, outfits and lunch boxes. Other dealers will bring great pressed steel trucks including Doepke, Tonka and Wyandotte.

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Task Force seeks P.A.R.T.Y. coordinator

The Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth is seeking a part-time coordinator for its youth initiative, P.A.R.T.Y. (People Are Relating to You). Funding is being provided by United Way of Oakland County Community Response Fund. A P.A.R.T.Y. coordinator is needed to promote positive communication, interaction and shared community leadership and service efforts between youth and adults in the Clarkston area. This person will recruit, build trust and creatively collaborate with both young people and adults in a 10-hour/week paid position. Call the coalition office at (248) 394-0252 for more information or pick up a detailed flyer in the info box mounted outside the new coalition office (portable

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steinhelper announce the engagement of their daughter, Celeste, to Jared Michael Wood of Clarkston.

Wood is the son of Kate Wood of Frankenmuth.

The bride-to-be is a second-grade teacher for Lake Orion Community Schools. She earned her master's degree in curriculum and teaching from Michigan State University. She is a 1990 graduate of Clarkston High School.

Her fiance is a graduate of Albion College and is studying psychology in graduate school at Wayne State University. He is a paraprofessional for Clarkston Community Schools. He is a 1992 graduate of Frankenmuth High School.

A July wedding is planned.



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CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 20

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY WOMEN'S CLUB

7:30 p.m., Independence Township Library. Pam Fagan from Coats Funeral Home in Waterford will present the topic "Pre-planning Your Funeral Today For Your Loved Ones Tomorrow." For more information, please call Kathy at 394-0460.

THURSDAY, FEB. 3

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, call Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home (248) 625-523.

MONDAY, FEB. 14

PARENT ORIENTATION FOR FUNSHINE PRESCHOOL
7 p.m., Clarkston High School, Child Development Classroom. Parent orientation for Funshine Preschool. New enrollments being accepted for Feb. 15 through May 25. Preschool meets 8:30-10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Child Development students from Clarkston High School help to plan and implement preschool program. For more information, call Margie Ried at Clarkston Community Education (248) 674-4792.

EVERY 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY MORNING

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

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

NORTH OAKLAND COUNSELING ASSOCIATES-STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: A WOMAN'S PREVENTION GROUP
7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, 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.

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

EVERY 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

WEUNITE (WISDOM OF ELDER, ENERGY OF YOUTH...CONNECTING GENERATIONS)
7-8:30 p.m., St. Daniel Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive, Clarkston. Start the new year with new hope, new friends and endless possibilities. Contact person: Maria Rotondo Mark at 625-9154 or 623-9348.

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Coyotes are about to feast on our moon. The moon will turn blood red.

And then she will be gone. Ever since we humans stopped dragging our knuckles across the great savanna, we have gazed at the moon with adoration, respect, fear and loathing. Time passed. Man walked on the moon. We kicked lunar dust. And perhaps we took a big step for mankind. Perhaps not. What is certain is that a total lunar eclipse is always a heavenly treat.

Oakland County and all of North and South America for that matter is about to be blessed with the first celestial moon dance of the new millennium. You may witness the awesome spectacle of a blood-red eclipsed moon suspended in the heavens above your own yard, unless of course clouds obscure the sky, or your view of the moon is blocked by one of those "Big Foot" homes of Birmingham or Rochester. Best viewing of course is out in the clear, chilly countryside where the moon is framed by the heavens, and your dreams.

Eclipses are mystical and dramatic events, even in the year 2000. And they were all the more dramatic and terrifying

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JONATHAN SCHECHTER

Some Native Americans - awed by the spectacle of a full moon turning blood red as it darkened - created myths of coyotes and other creatures consuming the moon. Apocalyptic thinkers believed an eclipse produced catastrophe. Today, we are still awed.

for early cultures that lacked an understanding of the rhythms of nature's way that bring about lunar eclipses when the moon passes through the Earth's shadow.

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In the late hours of Thursday evening, Jan. 20, the moon will once again be "consumed by coyotes." And if the folks at NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center are correct, we are in for a particularly dramatic, yet easy to view moon show. A reddish-hued moon burning directly overhead in a darkened and crisp winter sky

is predicted.

Vibrant colors vary, however, for nature makes no promises and the sky is full of variables. Fortunately for sky gazers, no major volcanoes have erupted recently. Volcanic dust obscures the show as was the case of the total lunar eclipse in December 1992 when Mount Pinatubo erupted. And, if there was no atmosphere on Earth - I'm kind of glad there is - the moon would be totally black during the total eclipse. But because of the Earth's atmosphere filtering out blue light, and the presence of various amounts of clouds and dust, the moon may take on colors from dark brown to bright orange or red or deep yellow. Do not expect the same old moon during the three and one-half hour show.

In Oakland County the partial eclipse

begins at 10:01 p.m. The total eclipse begins at 11:05 p.m. Mid-eclipse is at 11:44 p.m. The total eclipse ends at 12:22 a.m. And the partial eclipse wraps up at 01:25 a.m. Eclipse times are certain and can be predicted for thousands of years in advance unless of course, a really, really big asteroid slams the moon or Earth off course. Then, all bets are off in our solar system.

This lunar treat of nature's way is not to be missed with the totality phase lasting 77 minutes giving plenty of viewing opportunity. Sleep through it or stay indoors in the warmth of your home and you will have to wait until May 16, 2003 for the next total lunar eclipse. And in May you've got blood-sipping mosquitoes for viewing companions.

I'll be watching the moon slide over my barn roof up in the wilds of Brandon Township before she passes through the earth's shadow. Perhaps I will even hear coyotes howl when she turns blood red. Perhaps they howl at the moon. Perhaps they will eat it.

Jonathan Schechter is the park ranger and naturalist for West Bloomfield Parks and writes on nature's way for the Eccentric Newspapers. E-mail him at oaknature@aol.com. He thanks NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center for their permission to reprint their technical data.

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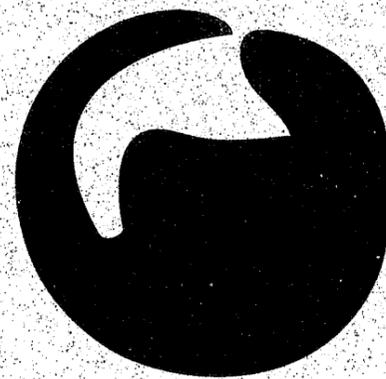
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North Oakland Spotlight



DANIEL STICKRADT

Injuries are starting to take their toll in North Oakland

As we arrive at the mid-point of the winter prep sports season, here are some thoughts, sights and sounds from around North Oakland County:

■ **On the sidelines:** Injuries to key athletes have reared its ugly head at all three of the area's Class A schools.

At Clarkston, senior wrestler Jon Robinson, the top-ranked heavy-weight in the state who was seventh at last year's Division I state finals, broke his leg at a practice last week and will be out for the remainder of the season. Another Clarkston athlete gone for the season is basketball player Ryan Briceland, a 6-foot-1 senior forward who had some nagging knee and ankle problems from football and will not suit up for coach Dan Fife this winter as originally hoped. Briceland was in the Wolves' rotation last season and even started a few games.

At Oxford, senior forward Dustin Johnson saw his prep basketball career come to a likely end last Friday in the Wildcats' win over Linden. Johnson collided with teammate Chris Daniels with 2:21 left in the first quarter as Daniels took a charge on a play and fell back onto Johnson's leg.

Lake Orion's basketball team also has two key starters on the sidelines. Senior forward Luke Denver suffered a sprained ankle last week and will be out another 1-3 three weeks, while junior teammate Jason Miller, one of Oakland County's leading scorers, fractured his right shooting elbow against Royal Oak Kimball and will be out another couple weeks — at least.

With that duo out of the Dragons' starting line-up, Lake Orion has dropped three straight.

■ **On the loudspeakers:** A year ago in this space, I mentioned that the most popular song played on warm-up tapes before basketball and volleyball games was Jay-Z's "Money Ain't A Thang."

A lot has changed since last year — or should we say "yesteryear."

So far, many teams have taken a trip back in time to get their adrenaline going as mind-1980's songs such as Twisted Sister's "We're Not Gonna Take It," and Ratt's "Round And Round" have been blaring out from the speakers above. Another odd song that's been heard at one local school was the Divynals' 1991 Top 10 hit "I Touch Myself."

Go figure.

■ **Sing it loud, sing it proud:** A nice change of pace is that many schools from around Oakland County and beyond are doing something quite nice when it comes to the singing of the national anthem. Many schools have chucked away cheap recordings of the song on cassette and have opted for an individual to sing our nation's anthem.

However, I must admit that last Friday's rendition before the Southfield-Lathrup vs. Clarkston basketball game was a bit unusual.

When the public address announcer asked for the crowd to please rise and remove their caps, the recording of the song wouldn't work. Around 80 seconds later, Clarkston's student section took some initiative and started to sing the anthem, with the rest of the gym chipping in just seconds later.

Although it wasn't the prettiest sounding version of the song, it was nice to hear something a bit different.

Speaking of national anthems, has anybody noticed that fans are talking less during the playing and more people are singing along at every school. Just a few short years ago, I remember writing a column at another publication wondering about all of the talk and joking around by student cheering sections during the playing of the anthem. It seems that things are starting to change for the better.

■ **Ahead of schedule:** Lake Orion's boys swimming & diving team

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Soaring high

After starting the season 3-2, Springfield Christian has reeled off eight-straight wins on the hardcourt using a suffocating full-court press and a balanced offense

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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A 48-point win is always impressive, especially when you're aiming for a high seed in the state tournament.

Clarkston Springfield Christian posted one of its biggest wins of the season on Monday by trouncing visiting Bridgeport Baptist 83-35 in a non-league game. — the Eagles' eighth straight win.

Springfield Christian coach Dennis Hopkins hopes this win will help his Eagles garner a No. 1 seed in the Michigan Association of Christian Schools Division I tournament in late February, as long as they don't fall away from their perch during the last six weeks of the regular season.

"We beat a team that both (Davison) Faith Baptist and (Midland) Calvary Baptist defeated, and by a good margin, so this may help us when the seed meeting comes around next month," offered Hopkins. "This was one of our best games this season. We've had big wins like this before, but this was against a little better team."

Springfield (11-2) found itself in a nip-and-tuck war with the Broncos after eight minutes, as the Eagles led just 22-16 after the first quarter, where they committed six turnovers.

Bridgeport Baptist 6-foot-1 senior guard Andrew Glupker was 4-for-5 from the field in the opening frame, which included knocking down two wide-open three-pointers and a nice two-handed dunk, and finished with 10 of his team's 16 points.

But Glupker wasn't a factor down the stretch as he finished with only 14 points, five rebounds, four steals and three blocks.

"We talked after the first quarter about being aware of where the shooter was, and I told our guys that we needed to know where (Glupker) was at all times," said Hopkins. "We tried to press their guards and take away the three-point shot and by the end of the second

quarter, their shooters weren't looking for those outside shots. And with our height advantage, they had a hard time putting up shots inside and getting rebounds."

As Springfield clamped down on the defensive end during the second quarter, the Eagles' offense benefited as Springfield blew open a tight game with a 25-6 surge, which gave them a commanding 47-22 halftime advantage.

Bridgeport Baptist (4-3) never posted a threat again.

"We know that if we are to win our league or do well in the state tournament, then we have to do it with defense, not with offense," said Hopkins. "Our strength is defense and when we play good defense, then our offense will come."

That was the case against Bridgeport. Springfield continued to dominate in the third quarter as the Eagles clicked on the running clock with 5:05 still left to play in the period when senior guard Trevor Cole picked Glupker's pocket and scored on an uncontested lay-up for a 63-23 advantage.

Hopkins, who brought up three freshmen guards from the junior-varsity team for the game, inserted the trio early in the fourth and the Eagles still continued to dominate. In all, 11 of 12 players scored for Springfield, which committed a season low 13 turnovers — only four in the second half.

The Eagles also posted a commanding 44-26 advantage on the boards, forced Bridgeport into 26 turnovers while combining for 22 team steals and a season-high 24 team assists.

The only player not to score for Springfield was freshman guard Nate Knapper, who had two steals and two assists in his varsity debut.

"We like to spread it around, and we play our best basketball when we play good defense and spread the wealth around on offense," said Hopkins. "We don't need for one guy to do most of the scoring, one guy to get rebounds and one guy to play defense. Everyone contributes, which makes it hard for other teams to match

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PHOTO BY BOB KNOSKA

Fire away: Springfield Christian senior guard Trevor Cole puts up two of his 11 points in Monday's 83-35 win over Bridgeport Baptist. Cole and the Eagles are enjoying their best season in over a decade at 12-2.

Growing pains

Inconsistent Eagles fall to Bridgeport Baptist

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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Sometimes it takes a while for a young team to get into a kind of rhythm. And unfortunately for Clarkston Springfield Christian, the Eagles sometimes can't dig themselves out of a hole because of their slow starts.

That was the case when Springfield hosted Bridgeport Baptist Monday for a non-league volleyball match. The Eagles were on the defensive end for the most part, and were 15-3, 15-12, victims to the Broncos.

"We just weren't very focused," said Springfield coach Melissa Hughes. "We came out very slow and it took them a while to beat us (in the first game), but we couldn't really put together many points."

Much was the same for the Eagles (4-4-0) in the second game as they fell into a quick 8-3 hole. But Springfield made a comeback bid.

A kill from junior outside-hitter Kyra Ling closed the gap to 11-6 and after Bridgeport Baptist junior Jessica Gilbert reeled off to straight service points to put the Broncos up 13-6, the Eagles made one last attempt to even the match at one game apiece.

Senior setter Sarah Robinson was good on four straight serves and senior middle-blocker Rachel Conner collected three kills and two blocks in a one-minute span to bring the game back to 13-11.

Bridgeport (7-1-0) went up again 14-11 after junior Jackie Andres slammed home a kill, but Springfield got the ball back and scored when Conner served up an ace. But that was as close as the Eagles would come.

Andres finished off the match with a service point. "Rachel Conner really played well there in the second game. She had those three-kills and a couple blocks in a hurry, and that kind of got us going," praised Hughes. "But we just didn't have enough to come back and force a third game."

Conner finished with six kills to lead Springfield. Andres and Gilbert each had six kills for Bridgeport.

On Saturday, Springfield Christian had much better luck against host Rochester Hills Christian as they posted a 15-13, 6-15, 15-3 Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference Red Division triumph. Rachel Conner had eight kills to lead visiting Springfield, while Sarah Robinson and Suzanne Rydman also played well on the defense for the Eagles (4-4-0, 3-1).

Senior Paula Boers was 7-9 serving with five aces to go along with two kills and nine digs, and junior Sarah Carpenter was 13-13 attacking with two-kills and seven digs for Rochester Hills (2-4-0, 2-3).

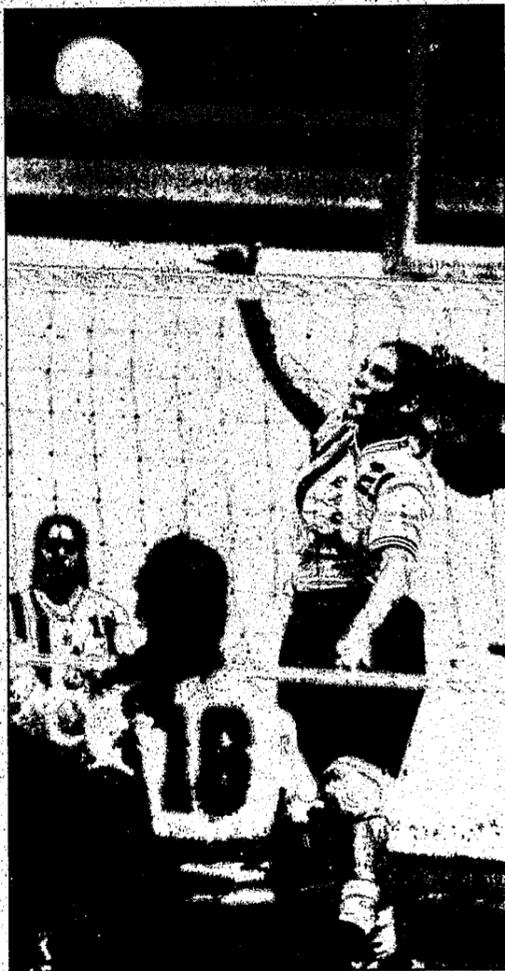


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Going for the kill: Springfield Christian senior middle-blocker Rachel Conner tries to slam down this kill attempt Monday over Bridgeport Baptist senior Carrie Needham (16). Conner and her teammates have improved this season, but are still struggling with inconsistency.

Clarkston rebounds, cruises past Stallions convincingly

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

After a surprising loss at home to Southfield Lathrup Friday, the Clarkston boys basketball team got back on track in a big way Tuesday night.

The Wolves put a thumping on Sterling Heights, registering a 78-32 non-league blowout victory. The win improves Clarkston to 7-3 overall.

Clarkston coach Dan Fife called it a good win for his team, especially coming off the Oakland Activities Association Division I loss to Lathrup.

"It was a good win for our team," he said. "There's not much you can say about a 78-32 game."

Senior guard Ryan Marino led the Wolves with 21 points in the rout. Senior center Adam Schapman chipped in with 14, as the duo combined to outscore the Stallions by themselves.

The win was another convincing victory for Clarkston, which has registered four wins this season by more than 25 points. Sterling Heights, a middle-of-the-pack team out of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division, was never in the game as Clarkston's offensive balance and defensive intensity were far too much for the Stallions to handle.

The Wolves have Friday off as they prepare for another non-league game Tuesday, this one against a rugged Davison team. The Cardinals have been one of the top contenders in the Big Nine Conference over the past few seasons, and have been a traditional

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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS BRIEFS

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 meeting 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:

- Schools in Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford may call (248) 693-4900 or fax to (248) 693-9716.

- Schools in Waterford may call (248) 625-1900 or fax to (248) 625-5712.

- Schools in Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Orchard Lake, Rochester, Southfield, Troy, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield may call (248) 901-2560 or fax to (248) 644-1314.

Deadline for publication is 11:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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Athletes for event work needed

Central Parking/National Garages at the Pontiac Silverdome is searching for groups of student-athletes, coaches and parents to work in the parking division as cashiers or parking lot attendants for upcoming events at the Silverdome, including Lions games, concerts, truck polls, etc.

All workers must be at least 16 years of age, and can work in groups of 5-50 people. Groups can combine their hours and can raise money for their respective athletic department, booster club, or individual scholastic program.

Many schools from around the Detroit Metropolitan area have been involved in this program for many years, and positions are limited.

Please call Shawn Rhodes or Sharon Little (248) 338-9690 for further details.

Avery Baseball Camp

The Mark Avery All-Star Hitting Camp is on deck and is slated to start on Jan. 15 and 16.

Avery, the head coach at Oakland University, and current Grand Rapids Whitecaps manager Bruce Fields, a former Major Leaguer, and a knowledgeable staff, will teach campers the proper way to drive the ball along with other hitting techniques.

Camp cost is \$210 a person and runs five consecutive Saturdays or Sundays through February.

For further information, contact Mark Avery at (810) 523-1953, or Andy Fairman at (248) 672-1819.

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up against us."

Senior guard Greg Irish led Springfield with a game-high 20 points, including a perfect 4-for-4 from beyond the three-point arc, to go along with six rebounds.

Senior forward Jon Vanaman chipped in 19 points — 17 in the first half — with six rebounds, four steals and three assists, while senior forward Adam Armstrong scored eight with 15 rebounds and four assists. Cole has 11 points and four assists, and 6-4 sophomore center Knoa Knapper had seven points, five rebounds, three steals and three blocks for the Eagles.

Senior guard Doug Dunlap added seven points and five rebounds for the Broncos.

■ **Clarkston Springfield Christian 57, Rochester Hills Christian 43** — Visiting Springfield used a 16-9 third-quarter to turn a 28-27 halftime deficit a 43-37 advantage heading into the fourth quarter and went on to post this Fundamental Baptist Ath-

letic Conference Red-Division triumph Saturday in Rochester Hills.

Greg Irish scored 15 points with five assists to lead Springfield. Jon Vanaman added 13 points, 12 rebounds five steals and three blocks. Knoa Knapper had six points, 16 rebounds, four steals and six blocks, and Adam Armstrong had six points, six rebounds, five steals and three blocks for the Eagles.

Senior guard Jason Hover had 17 points and four steals, junior center Dan Mikel scored 10, and 6-4 senior forward Dan MacFayden had six points and seven rebounds in a losing cause for Rochester Hills Christian (5-4, 3-3).

■ **Clarkston Springfield Christian 72, Warren Antioch Baptist 49** — Using a zone defense, visiting Springfield Christian shut down Antioch senior guard Corey Lewber, who was averaging around 30 points a game, and the result was this 23-point win Tuesday in

this FBAC crossover game featuring the 11-school league's two division leaders.

Jon Vanaman scored 19 points and hauled-down 11 rebounds to lead a balanced Springfield attack. Greg Irish added 13 points, sophomore forward Ben Munce had a career-high 13 points, Knoa Knapper contributed 10 points, five rebounds and three blocks, and Adam Armstrong had eight points and 17 rebounds for the Eagles (12-2), who recorded 20 team steals.

Senior center Rami Riasni scored 18 points to lead Antioch, while Lewber was held to just 14 points for the Knights (7-5).

"We didn't do anything too special to stop (Lewber)," said Hopkins. "We used a lot of zone and a little man-to-man. But we kept him from scoring in the fourth quarter."

Springfield led only 30-22 at halftime, but outscored Antioch 23-15 in the third quarter and 19-12 in fourth to pull away.

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is only 1-3 in dual meets, but the Dragons are coming along at a much faster rate than expected. In a recent loss to Berkley, Lake Orion, a second-year program, went down to the last event before falling to the Bears, '95-91.

And Dragons coach Paul Fairman felt his team was a year away from challenging for a victory in the Oakland Activities Association Division II.

Oh, so close.

■ **Impressive:** Not much was expected from Oxford's volleyball team this season, but the Wildcats are off to an impressive 14-5-2 start, including 2-1 in the Flint Metro League.

In her second stint with the

Wildcats, coach Lori Campbell, who returned to the sidelines midway through last season, has Oxford playing as good as many teams in the OAA, which is generally considered a tougher volleyball conference than the FML.

Campbell has her team playing head and shoulders above last year's contingent and one can expect Oxford to remain in the top three in the FML heading into district play in early March.

■ **Impressive, Part II:** Oxford reached the Division II wrestling state semifinals last year and Wildcats coach Paul McDevitt was concerned about the pressure of trying to repeat that feat this winter. So far, one

couldn't tell that Oxford is dealing with any type of pressure.

Oxford, which was fifth at the 40-team Oakland County Championships last month, is off to an 8-3 start. Last week, the Wildcats posted two noteworthy victories, including a 37-29 triumph over Oakland County runner-up Troy — the favorite to win the OAA Division I championship — and a 37-28 win over Romeo, annually one of the top teams from Macomb County.

Bring on Eaton Rapids, coach.

■ **On a roll:** Clarkston isn't the only school in town with a quality boys basketball program.

Springfield Christian, under the tutelage of third-year coach Dennis Hopkins, has won eight

straight after dropping back-to-back games in mid-December to rivals Temperance, Steteline Christian and Davison Faith Baptist. And they have won convincingly.

Springfield posted an eye-popping 48-point victory Monday night and has won each game in the streak using a stingy full-court press and relentless defense from start to finish.

The Eagles haven't enjoyed much success in the Michigan Association of Christian Schools Division I tournament during the past decade, and don't receive hardly any respect around the state simply because Springfield, which has around 105 students in grades 9-12, isn't

a member of the MHSAA and doesn't compete in the Class D state tournaments. But right now, they're as good as any school their size.

With three 6-2 senior starters and a promising 6-4 sophomore off the bench, Springfield has about as much talent as most Class D schools in the Detroit area.

And who said that small schools can't compete?

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Wolves 3-2 at Adrian tourney

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

Clarkston's wrestling team lost a lot more than a couple matches last week.

The Wolves will be without one of their leaders and best wrestlers for the rest of the season. Senior Jon Robinson, the two-time defending Oakland County champion at heavyweight, broke his leg in practice on Jan. 13, ending his prep career.

Robinson was the top-ranked wrestler in the state in his weight class, and a team co-captain. Senior Aaron Karnes will move into the starting heavyweight spot in Robinson's absence.

"He's going to have an operation on Friday, and he's done for the season," said Clarkston coach Mike DeGain. "It is just a shame. His goal is to win the state his senior year, and he's ranked number one."

Without Robinson, the Wolves went 3-2 in Saturday's Adrian Tournament. Clarkston won dual meets over Monroe, Plymouth Salem and Charlotte and lost to eventual champion Temperance Bedford (52-17) and Hudson 34-33.

The Wolves did receive several fine performances from individual wrestlers in the tournament. Senior Pat DeGain went 5-0, maintaining his undefeated record. Seniors Dave Welanko and Bret

Gove also went 5-0, drawing praise from Coach DeGain.

"Gove has increased his intensity from last year," he said. "He's always had good technique, but he's learned that it takes longer to have good intensity than good technique. He's got that under control and is wrestling real well for us."

Freshman Clint DeGain also won all three matches he wrestled in the tournament.

Welanko notched a key win over Chad Johnston of Bedford in the finals, his second win over Johnston this season. Johnston finished fourth in the state last year.

"As we understood it, Johnston was sick the first time they wrestled, but he was healthy this time," Coach DeGain said. "He wrestled a real solid match."

Thursday the Wolves host Troy in a huge Oakland Activities Association Division I matchup. The Colts finished one place higher than the Wolves at the Oakland County Championships last month, and the winner of this dual meet will take a big step on its way to a league championship.

"I expect it to be a very, very close match," said Coach DeGain, referring to his team's 6 p.m. match against the Colts. "We have to win this match if we want to have a chance at winning the league."

Clarkston netters semifinalists at Grand Blanc Invitational

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

The day began and ended with losses, but inbetween was a lot of success for the Clarkston volleyball team.

The Wolves upped their level of consistency and finished 4-2-0 at Saturday's Grand Blanc Invitational. Clarkston lost in the tournament semifinals to Port Huron Northern 15-12, 6-15, 15-11.

Clarkston opened pool play losing to a tough Flushing team 15-11, 13-15, 15-11. The Wolves then cranked it up, playing well in defeating Birmingham Marian twice, Grand Blanc in a three-game thriller, and Detroit Renaissance.

Senior Brittani Brewer was terrific all day on offense and defense, leading the Wolves in a few cat-

egories in every match.

Against Northern, Brewer was an incredible 20-for-21 serving with four aces. She also went 7-for-7 on serve receptions and was 19-for-21 on offense with eight kills. Defensively, she had a team-high 11 digs against Grand Blanc and recorded five solo blocks. Brewer also went 18-for-18 serving against Renaissance.

Junior Kristen Falck split setting duties with senior Jennie Winn, and both played well. Falck went 15-for-16 serving against Grand Blanc and had 12 assists. Winn had 14 assists against the Bobcats, and dished out 10 against Flushing.

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non-league opponent for Clarkston.

Last year, Davison was riding high with an 8-1 record before Clarkston went to the Cardinals' gym and posted a 25-point win. This year's game will take place

Tuesday at the Clarkston, starting at 7:30 p.m.

On Jan. 28, the Wolves resume Oakland Activities Association Division I play with a game at Troy.

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Tennis mixers slated

Franklin Fitness and Racquet Club is hosting a Saturday night tennis mixer for \$16 a night. The tennis nights will be Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 12 and March 11. You can also buy four nights for \$59 or a six-night package for \$87. For information call Marilyn at (248) 879-1673 or Al at (248) 646-4277.

Goldman cage league

The Kenny Goldman Basketball League is one of the many sports and

recreation activities offered by the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

The instructional league is open to kids in kindergarten through sixth grade and teaches them how to work together as a team, have fun, make new friends and learn the basic basketball skills. The league meets twice a week, on Wednesdays for instruction and on Sundays for league play.

Classes are currently being held at both JCC locations, the D. Dan and Betty Kahn Building in West Bloomfield and the Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building in Oak Park. The league is open to

children ages three and over.

Older children can enroll in the in-line hockey league, basketball class, rollerblading, gymnastics, floor hockey, Junior Girls Sports Club, tennis, soccer and girls basketball programs.

Prices have been discounted and registration is still open.

For information, call the JCC Sports and Recreation Department at the Kahn Building (661-7883) or the JPM Building (967-4030).

Roll in the Dome

The Pontiac Silverdome

again is a happening place for in-line skaters.

From now through April of next year, in-line skaters will be allowed to skate around the Silverdome's main walkway. There are 112 sessions of skating available over the next five months.

Skaters are asked to enter at the West Gate Skating on the Third Level. The fees are as follows: \$6 for adults; \$5 for students with ID; \$5 for seniors 55-over; \$5 for Pontiac residents; and \$4 youths 12-under. Skate rental is available with pads for \$5. Safety gear rental is \$2.50.

The 24-hour hotline number to find out exact skating sessions and

times is 1-877-875-2832.

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TEAM TRYOUTS

BASEBALL

The North Oakland Baseball Federation is now registering players and registration forms can be found in all North Oakland County school offices, or by calling your appropriate division representative. All ages are as of July 31, 2000.

For more information, call one of the following league directors: ages 9-10, Debbie Lempicki (652-8116); age 11, Judd Ellis (375-2658); age 12, Stu Redpath (641-7339); age 13, Dean Murdoch (651-3973); age 14, Norm Decourcy (305-9813); and ages 15 and 16, Mike Kapusnak (375-0158).

Players already committed to teams should contact their team managers.

The Birmingham/Troy Red Sox 12-year-old baseball team is having indoor tryouts for individuals interested in federation baseball. Anyone wishing to try out should contact Joe Matos at (248) 740-8687 or e-mail Mark Sackett at redsox@bignet.net. Birthdays of individual participants should be between 8/1/87 and 7/31/88. For more information, contact Joe Matos at (248) 740-8687.

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By Barry Gibson
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Detroit Tigers

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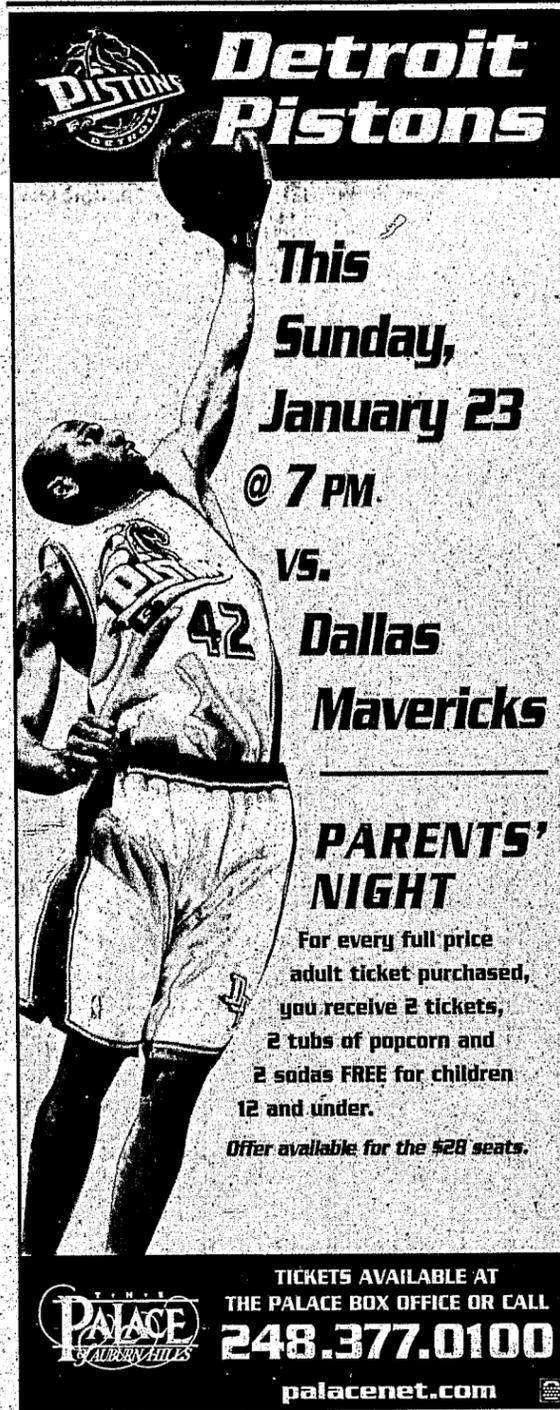
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SEASON/DATES

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

CLASSES/CLINICS

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

FLY TYING
The Challenge Chapter of Trout Unlimited is offering two classes this winter on fly tying. In the class for beginners, students will learn basics about material and equipment, and the tying of traditional dry, streamer, nymph and wet fly patterns. There will also be discussion on fishing, knot tying and streamer etiquette. The intermediate class is an informal class where skills are honed. The 10-week courses cost \$50 and begin Monday, Jan. 24, at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Call (248) 203-3800 to register and for more information.

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

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

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SHOWS

SILVERDOME BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING
The 17th annual Silverdome Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be held Feb. 2-6 at the Pontiac Silverdome. The show features over 300 boats from more than 75 manufacturers, fishing tackle, fishing trips, charter captains, virtual fishing, trout ponds, seminars, casting demonstrations and more. Show hours are 9-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 2 and 3; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. Admission is \$7 adult, \$3 for children ages 6-14 and children under five will be admitted free.

DETROIT BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING SHOW
The 42nd annual Detroit Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be held Feb. 12-20 at Cobo Center. The show features the 2000 premiere showing of new model boats, motors, trailers, accessories and more. Some 1,000 boats will be available for viewing including fishing boats, ski boats, pontoons, cruisers, inflatables, personal watercrafts, canoes and kayaks.

SPORTFISHING EXPO
The 12th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo is set for Thursday through Sunday, March 2-5, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. An all-star lineup of seminar speakers is already scheduled. The show also features exhibitors, merchandise booths, casting and fishing activities and more. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 2-3; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Admission is \$7.75 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and children age 5 and under will be admitted free.

SPRING BOATING EXPO
The 8th Annual Spring Boating

Expo is scheduled for March 16-19 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features some 200 exhibitors with new boats and watercrafts, motors, trailers, docks, accessories and more.

ARCHERY

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

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

ACTIVITIES

SPORTING FLIES FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE
The Paul Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited's 6th annual Sporting Flies Fundraising Challenge will be held Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Southfield Civic Center. Many fly rod retailers and manufacturers representatives will be in attendance showcasing their latest equipment. Manufacturers reps will begin setting up at 5 p.m. and casting begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at

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

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

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

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

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 678-2863 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6653 for more information.

FLY TYING
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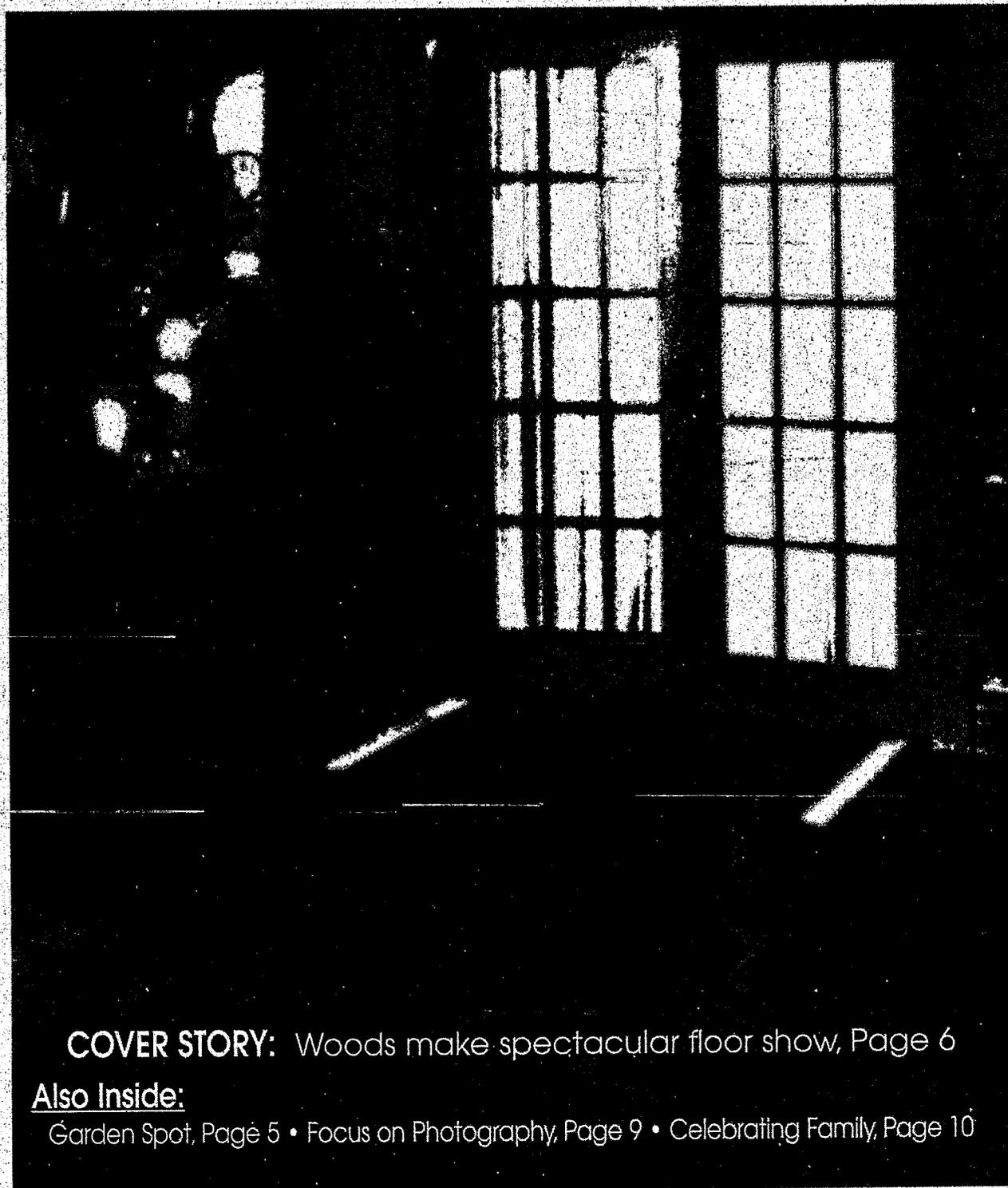
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appliance doctor

Doctor praises new washer



JOE GAGNON

It isn't this writer's style to say a whole lot of good about the major home appliance industry. Yes, I always realize that there is a certain amount of positive in any business, but my lectures and teachings to

the average consumer have to do with awareness in preventing fraud from taking unnecessary advantage of consumers.

The recent radio interview with the Whirlpool Corporation, which was heard by a few hundred thousand homeowners, is an example of something different in my life.

Whirlpool had its first showing of the new Whirlpool branded washing machine with catalyst cleaning action at the International Builders Show in Dallas on Jan. 14.

Catalyst cleaning action virtually eliminates the need to pre-treat clothes and is marked as Whirlpool's greatest breakthrough in laundry technology since inventing the permanent press cycle more than 30 years ago.

This new system is designed so that you mix your regular detergent with water and fill a special container within the machine.

After you fill the washer with the proper amount of clothes and before it fills with water, the machine will begin to spin and catalyst cleaning goes into action. A spray of your concentrated mixture of your everyday detergent penetrates and saturates soils and stains prior to starting the standard wash cycle, effectively pre-treating the entire load with a rich, sudsy lather.

Another fine feature of this new washing machine is the triple dispenser system, which allows consumers to load detergent, bleach and fabric softener into the color-coordinated dispensers at the beginning of the cycle. The system then dilutes each additive and releases it at the right moment in the cycle.

The question in one's mind after reading the above is, "Will it work?"

I do believe it will work, folks, for one basic reason. It works the many times I do it by hand, and any time you can save time consumption for a homeowner, you've got a new invention.

In 1911, the Upton Machine Co. was founded in St. Joseph, Mich., to produce

When big business does something of great benefit for consumers, it's time for me to sing its praise.

electric motor-driven wringer washers. The name Upton eventually changed to a corporate name, Whirlpool, around 1950. The name Upton is still prominent in Michigan, with a grandson named Fred in state politics.

In 1951, the Whirlpool Foundation was created. The charity was established to provide support to nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life in Whirlpool communities everywhere. Since its inception, the foundation has granted more than \$68 million in grants and gifts to worthy causes.

In 1957, Whirlpool invented the bleach dispenser for use in washing machines.

There are many other things that this company can stand proud of, and I for one like the idea of dealing in my own community when doing business.

This Michigan-based company has taken several blows from the Appliance Doctor, especially those cases in courts due to house fires caused by improper vent lines. Its legal department must know my name well by now, but when big business does something of great benefit for consumers, it's time for me to sing its praise.

This new washing machine will be in the marketplace sometime in the second quarter of this year, and I would ask anyone out there who buys one to please contact me on the air at the radio station.

Even though I believe strongly that this new catalyst cleaning action washing machine will deliver as promised, there isn't better testimony than that from the person who uses it at home. Stay tuned.

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



marketplace

Mona mania

Face off: The Print Gallery, 29173 Northwestern Highway in Southfield, offers functional items for the home that bear the image of Mona Lisa. This decorative afghan, exclusively at the gallery, will add a touch of sophistication to your favorite chair or sofa, and keep you warm on chilly nights. Made of 100 percent cotton, the three-layer throw is woven with 39 colors. Cost is \$35. These ceramic salt and pepper shakers are a fun way to add spice to your table. Mona, which is the salt, sits inside the frame, which is the pepper. Cost is \$15. Also available are Mona Lisa fresco tile coasters, another gallery exclusive. Quarried in Verona, Italy, from the highest quality Botticino marble, each tile is individualized by the natural beauty of fragmented edges and variegation. The backing is cork. The tiles were designed to use as coasters or hang on the wall. Cost is \$35. Call (248) 356-5454.



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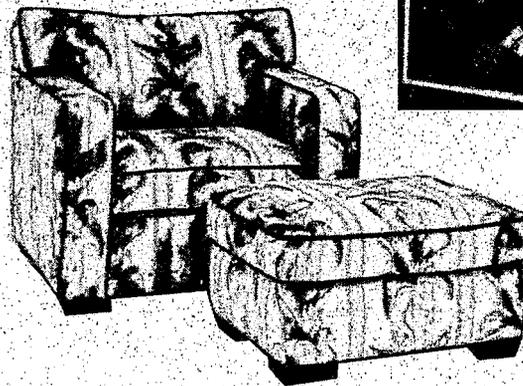


at TRA Art Group. Admission is \$4, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit COTS, the Coalition On Temporary Shelter. Payment may be by cash or check, with some showrooms accepting Visa or Mastercard. A delivery service will be available. COTS will sponsor light refreshments and beverages for a nominal charge. MDC's "Designer On Call" interior designers will be on hand to answer questions.



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inviting ideas

Try making different pizza on the grill



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Grilling used to be a summer activity. Now most of us have the accessibility to use this versatile cooking method throughout the seasons.

The gas grill, built-in indoor grill tops, and grill pans have given us easy alterna-

tives to standing out in the yard with snow flying and trying to light briquettes (although some of you still may be doing that, too!).

One of my favorite year-round barbecue grill recipes involves a big hunk of dough, some grilled vegetables, freshly chopped basil, some imported pepperoni (bought from Zingerman's in Ann Arbor), fresh spinach and some feta cheese... you've got it: pizza on the grill.

While you can certainly use refrigerated pizza dough or the pre-made shells of the grocery select shelves, homemade dough and fresh ingredients are definitely the way to go. Homemade dough is really a snap if you have a food pro-

cessor, and not so terribly complex if you don't.

Keep in mind, pizza can be many things. The creativity is yours. These round, dough-based edibles don't all have to have a tomato sauce base with mozzarella cheese and pepperoni toppings.

Any cheese can be used, or you can go with a cheeseless pizza. Try a white cream sauce on the bottom instead of the typical red, or leave off the sauce entirely and just use flavor-infused olive oil.

Here are some not-so-conventional topping ideas inspired from tastes and flavors I've had around the country:

■ Blackened shrimp with smoky Andouille sausage, roasted red and yellow bell peppers, sweet onions, fontina, mozzarella and parmesan cheese, cilantro and thin slices of pineapple.

■ All yeggie - Grill your favorite vegetables first and have them ready to use as your pizza toppings. Fresh herbs provide a great flavor boost - have some fresh basil or rosemary on hand.

■ Mega meat - Top your grilled pizza with cooked ground beef (or bison), crumbled sausage, crispy bacon

and a sprinkling of parmesan and mozzarella cheese.

■ Thinly sliced fruit and cheese - Keeping it savory, with a sprinkling of fresh herbs.

■ Seafood extravaganza - Typical tomato-based pizza loaded with shrimp, scallops and lobster (typically found out on Cape Cod).

RUTH'S EASY GRILLED PIZZA

Yield: Four 8-inch pizzas or one large rectangular or round one

Ingredients for the dough:

1 cup warm water (105 degrees F to 115 degrees F)

1 1/2 teaspoons sugar

1 envelope fast-rise (or bread machine) yeast (2 1/2 teaspoons)

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon sea salt

2 tablespoons light olive oil, plus additional oil for greasing bowl

Yellow cornmeal

Ingredients for the pizza (all optional - use your favorites):

Sun-dried tomato paste or pizza sauce (you can substitute some flavor-infused oil if desired)

Grilled vegetables of choice

Fresh spinach, washed well and dried

Pepperoni slices

Crumbled feta cheese (or shredded mozzarella)

Non-stick vegetable spray

Directions for the dough:

In a glass measuring cup, combine the warm water and sugar and yeast; mix well. Let mixture stand until foamy, about 5 minutes.

In the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel "S" blade, add flour and salt; process just to combine.

Add yeast mixture and oil; process until dough comes together and forms a ball, about 1 minute.

Remove dough from food processor and knead gently for about 30 seconds. Dough should seem light, smooth and elastic.

Lightly oil a large glass bowl; place dough ball inside and with a sharp knife, cut a big X into the dough. Cover tightly with plastic wrap. Let stand in warm, draft-free area until dough doubles in size, about 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Remove plastic wrap and punch down dough while in bowl; remove dough and lightly knead.

Divide the dough into four balls or keep as one large ball, depending on what type of pizza(s) you want,

Divide dough into 4 equal pieces; cover with plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator until ready to use (you can use this time to prepare your topping or grill the vegetables).

Putting it together:

Spray a clean grill rack generously with non-stick spray. Prepare grill.

Sprinkle a clean flat surface with yellow cornmeal; remove dough balls, one at a time (if making 4 small pizzas) from the refrigerator.

Pat dough down; roll out dough into a thin circle or desired shape (keeping it about 1/4-inch in thickness - it puffs up a bit during the cooking process).

Transfer the rolled out dough top side down (not the cornmeal side) to a prepared grill; lid the grill.

Cook for about 4 minutes, or until the top crust is lightly browned. Remove from grill and load with sauce (or oil) and toppings, including cheese.

Return the topped pizza to the grill; lid and cook until the cheese melts or ingredients are warmed through, about 5-6 minutes.

Remove from grill, let sit a couple of minutes and cut into slices or portions.

Cook's Notes:

■ If making this dough without the aid of a food processor, mix ingredients in a bowl with a fork until combined, remove to a flat surface and knead until dough feel elastic and smooth.

■ Grill as many pizzas at a time as you have room for. This will vary depending on the surface size of your grill.

■ If your grill doesn't have a lid, cover pizzas loosely with aluminum foil.

■ Toppings can be heavy or sparse depending on your choice. Make it a whole meal, an appetizer or just a side starch (like a breadstick or slice of bread).

Replacing pizza sauce:

■ If making an herb or garlic infused oil base, use prepared infused oils from the store, or pound herbs and garlic together with a mortar and pestle. Add oil and let absorb flavors at room temperature for several hours. A drizzling of infused oil or a generous brushing is all you need!

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Capital idea: National Garden set



MARTY FIGLEY

Exciting things are happening in Washington, D.C.

The National Garden, part of the United States Botanic Garden, is set to bloom, thanks to five founding sponsors — Ames Lawn and Garden Tools, The Heinz Family

Foundation, Home & Garden Television, Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse, and The Scotts Company.

Each company has pledged \$1 million to sow the seeds of this new national landmark, scheduled to open in spring 2001.

"The National Garden will be an oasis of beauty, renewing this once vacant lot in the heart of our nation's capital," said The National Fund's chairwoman, Teresa Heinz.

"It is nature's schoolyard where visitors can admire the beauty, learn, study, discuss, debate and understand the relationship between plants, people and the environment."

"The National Garden will be a welcome addition to the historic mall," said Robert Hansen, The National Fund executive director. "In fact, we expect 1.5 million visitors each year."

This garden will cost \$10 million to build. All funding will be provided through private corporate sponsors.

In addition to a \$1 million contribution, the above companies and foundation will support the effort through marketing and merchandising programs

Clarification

The phone number to order a catalog from the Great Plant Company of New Hartford, Conn., has been changed to (800) 820-5830.

The person answering the phone will say "Royal Roses" but will take orders for the Great Plant Company catalog.

designed to raise awareness about this new landmark at the 179-year-old USBG.

The 3-acre National Garden will be adjacent to the USBG Conservatory and house the Sen. John Heinz Environmental Learning Center, the First Ladies Water Garden, a Showcase Garden, a pre-eminent Rose Garden and an amphitheater that features a spectacular view of the U.S. Capitol.

As the oldest continually operating botanic garden in the nation, the U.S. Botanic Garden has been an important and popular feature in Washington, D.C., since 1820.

The U.S. Botanic Garden and its National Garden will provide a living museum promoting environment education, beauty and enjoyment for millions of visitors throughout the year.

You can learn more about these founding sponsors via the computer: Ames Lawn and Garden Tools, www.ames.com; Lowe's, www.lowes.com; The Scotts Co., www.scottscocompany.com

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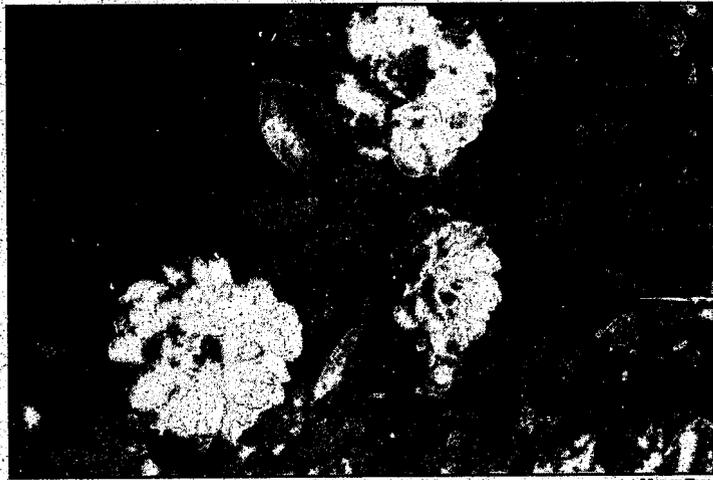
This might be a good time to plan a trip to our national capital to see this new and inspiring garden. Before we know it, it will be 2001!

Web sites are popping up all over and I'm pleased to tell you about a new endeavor between The Garden Tourist Press, publisher of The Garden Tourist, and Virtual Garden, one of the premier on-line garden resources.

They have just launched a calendar of garden events that will feature more than 1,000 for this year, with hours, fees and exact locations as well as sponsor contact numbers and addresses. There will also be links to nearly 400 event sponsor Web sites, so you can go to a botanical garden, flower show or other horticultural site.

Your club, botanical garden, society and other nonprofit groups are posted free of charge. Information will be updated within 24 hours, so everything is current.

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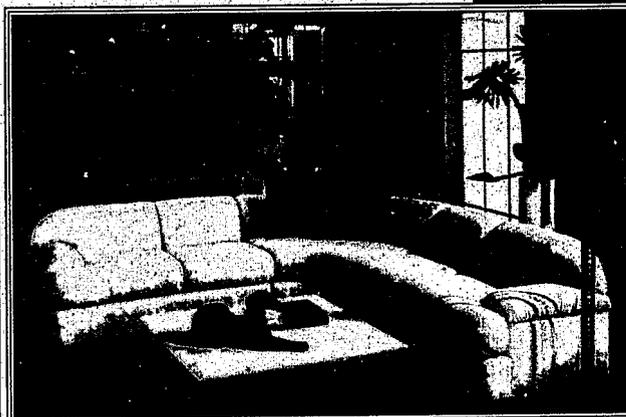
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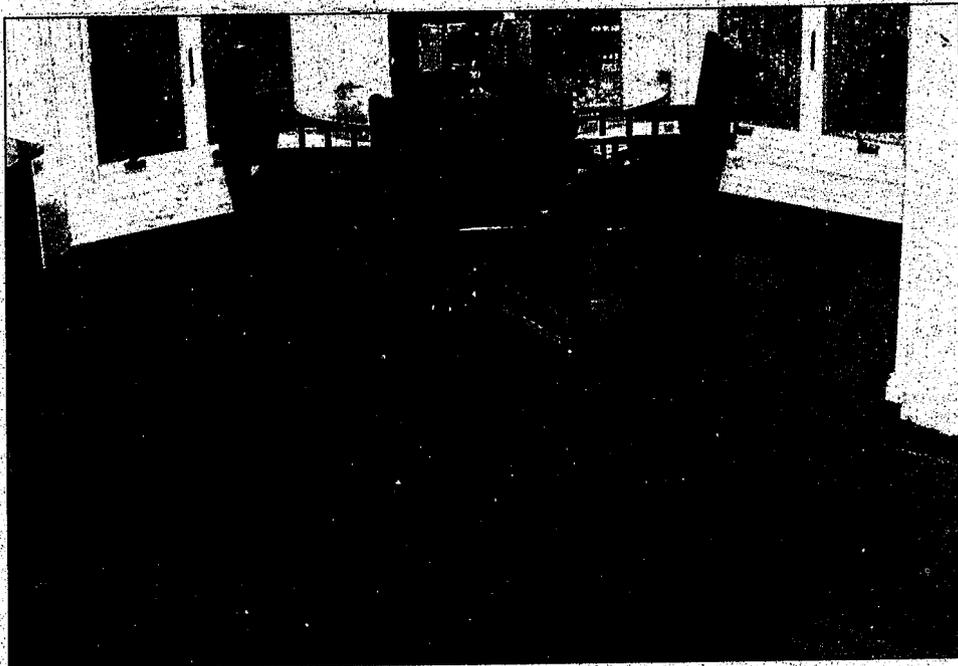
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at home calendar

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take place 7 p.m. Thursdays at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple. Topics will be "Silk Floral Arranging," a hands-on workshop, by an English Gardens floral designer, Jan. 20; and "Starting Seeds Indoors" by Candy Rosowski, Jan. 27. The Jan. 20 workshop has a \$25 supply fee and requires reservations. Call (248) 851-7506 for information.



Floor show: A "wooden expression" is exciting when it comes to these floors. A wenge border runs around an area in andiroba bloodwood (above). A smaller section of herringboned white oak (below, left) is bordered to resemble a rug. A star design inlay on a maple foyer (below, right) is dramatic.

Woods, add flair

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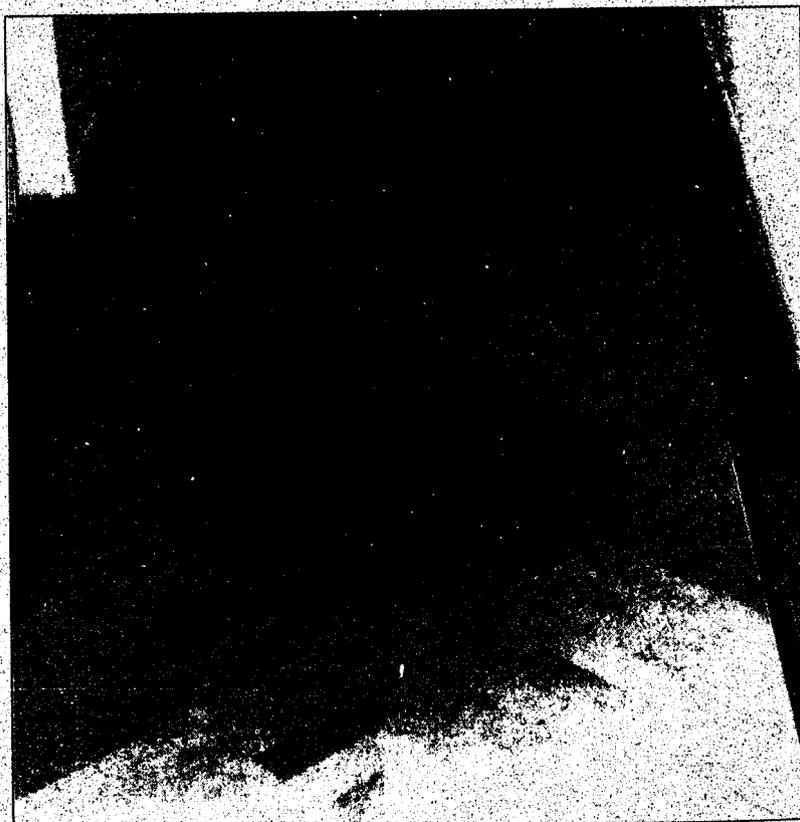
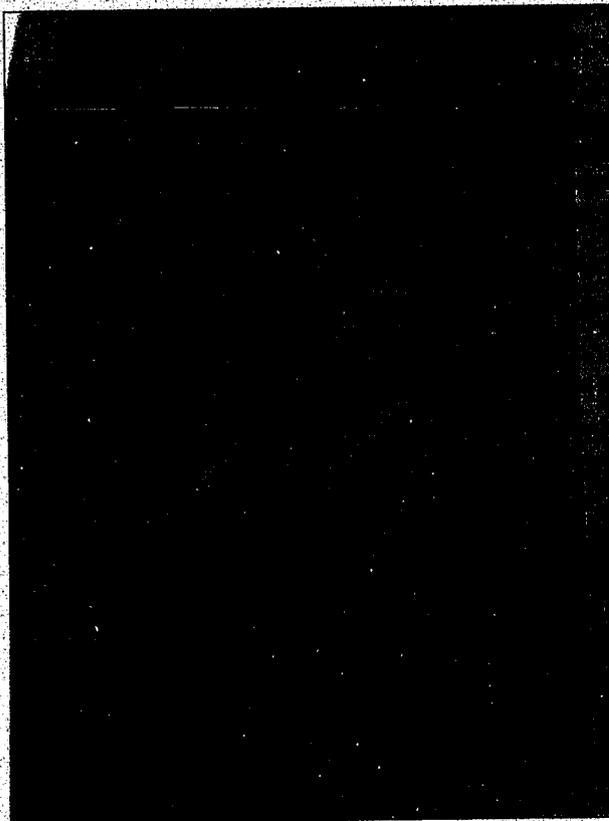
When it comes to wood flooring, the phrase "wooden expression" has an entirely different meaning. Woods of the World, 5421 Dixie Highway, can show how a wooden floor can have as much flair

Woods of the World is a full-service wood floor distributor and installer. It carries more than 150 different types of wood, domestic and foreign, specializing in the unusual. Costs start at about \$2.65 per square foot.

"Your imagination is your only limitation," owner said.

The business has been involved in home projects "from a very small foyer to a 6,000-square-foot house. If someone looking for a Bruce home floor to someone else, something (you) can't get anywhere else," Easton said.

Wood flooring choices include rustic styles of hickory and oak; and such elegant styles as Brazilian cherry (with iridescence), andiroba (dark golden brown with red and black) and machiche (with a pinkish brown hue and black





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cocobolo (rosewood, with red, black, orange, gold, purple and other color variations). The company imports material from managed forests.

Among shimmering figured woods from North America are curly cherry, tiger maple and birdseye maple.

The woods aren't stained.

"Everything you see here is natural," Easton said.

Strips can be laid in herringbone or other patterns. In addition, inlay selections can be made from a wide range of borders and large decorative designs, such as medallions, pinwheels and stars. Combinations of all these elements show how infinite the decorating possibilities are.

For example, a border could run around a room, or around a small herringbone area of the floor so the arrangement looks like a rug. A large star design inlay in an entryway could add drama.

Woods of the World works with customers to help select flooring and create the custom design. It also carries products for installation and care. Some customers are do-it-yourselfers.

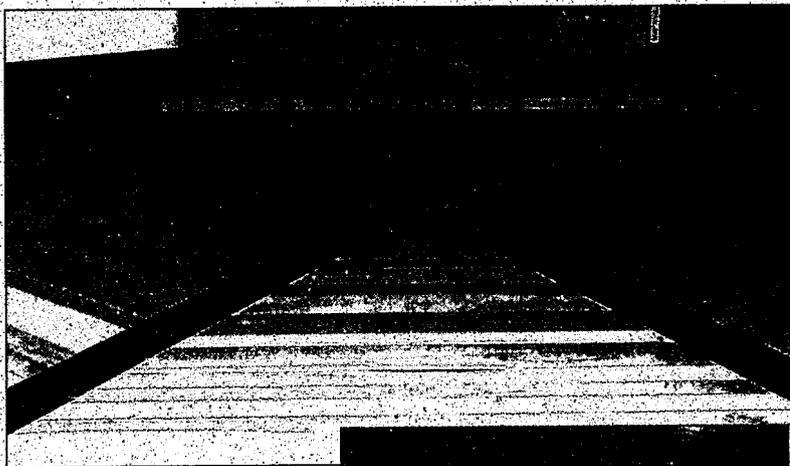
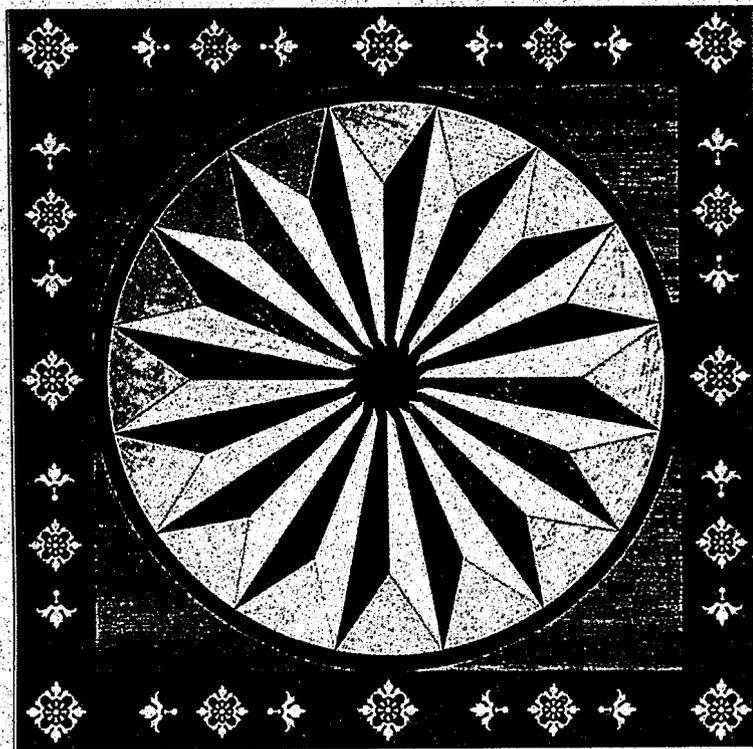
"We can do as much or as little as you want," Easton said.

The installers the company hires are former customers, people with whom it has a relationship, she said.

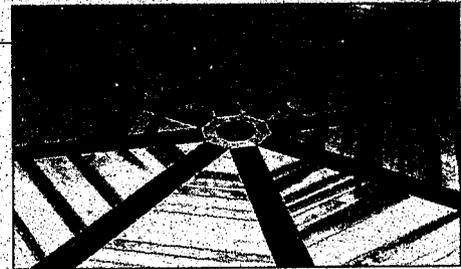
The urethane-finished flooring is "very easy to take care of," Easton said. She recommends cleaning it with a damp mop, and placing rugs at entrances and exits and keeping them washed to control grit.

Easton started the company in 1990 installing floors. It grew into distribution and importing. Now it has done installations all over Michigan and shipped all over the United States.

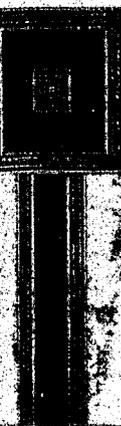
Call Woods of the World at (248) 623-0022.



By design: Inlay patterns of wood can be as intricate as you like. The floor at right is in hickory and walnut.



Colorful: A floor of Brazilian cherry gently shines (above). Hardwood borders at left bear lively patterns: "Westmesa" (top) and "Leopardwood."



On the cover:

A purpleheart floor has color and shine without stain.

Follow routine to keep home clean



MARTY FIGLEY

Q: How can I clean more quickly and efficiently and still be happy with the appearance of my home?

A: First, establish and maintain a routine cleaning time. It takes much longer to clean something that has reached emergen-

cy proportions.

Some areas in your home may not need weekly cleaning but will still require regular cleaning to avoid accumulation of dirt.

Window blinds are a perfect example. If you don't dust blinds on a regular basis, the dust will build up and turn into a thick, crusty film. It is more difficult to clean the thick residue buildup than to dust.

If your blinds are in this condition you can remove them from the windows and soak them in hot, soapy water in the bathtub. Use a scrub brush while they are in the tub to remove the dirt. The

better alternative is to dust them with a lamb's wool duster twice a month.

You can clean more quickly if you use the proper tools. Make use of the attachments on your vacuum cleaner. Each month, use the brush attachment to collect dust on the baseboards and doors because it is faster than a dust cloth.

Using a soft cloth, apply wood cleaner on your baseboards and doors twice a year to limit dust accumulation.

A hard bristle toothbrush can tackle soiled areas in difficult places. Use it to clean tracks on sliding doors, the base of the faucet and the grout between tiled areas.

Place glass light globes and diffusers in the dishwasher (make sure the items are secure and the glass can tolerate high temperatures) or in the sink with hot, soapy water.

Cotton swabs are effective in tight places. I use them to clean metal window frames. The cotton grabs the dirt, wiping the area clean in one sweep.

Use a squeegee on the glass shower doors after each shower to wipe off the excess water and soap scum. Use dish soap to clean soap residue left on the shower door.

Buy three lamb's wool dusters of various sizes. You will need a long-handled duster for high places such as ceiling lights and wall corners. Use a medium-handled duster for dusting furniture and shelves. Use a small duster for knick knacks and glassware.

Keep some very basic cleaning supplies in a small bucket. You don't need a lot of cleaning supplies. Just stick with the basics. Don't over-wax furniture and floors. Wax can accumulate and cause yellowing. It is also difficult to remove the wax buildup.

Get rid of some of your stuff if you want to shorten the amount of time you spend cleaning. You will be able to dust and vacuum in less time. Avoid cluttering your home with sentimental items. Store keepsake items in a box instead of on shelves and furniture to collect dust. Your home can be decorated beautifully in a simple way.

Buy furniture that is easy to move. If a piece of furniture rests on rollers, spray them often with a lubricant to facilitate moving it for cleaning. I move

my refrigerator monthly so I can clean behind it and capture what has been lost underneath.

Store closet items in plastic baskets. Baskets can be quickly removed to clean the shelves. Use different sized baskets for little items in the pantry, the linen closet and bathroom vanities.

Regularly dust the tops of tall furniture, return-air vents, high shelves and other high places. This will keep the dust from traveling down to visible parts of your home.

Put a throw rug by each entrance to your home. Wash these rugs frequently to prevent dirt from being tracked through the house.

It is always helpful to observe the way other people do things. I have learned many useful cleaning tips from relatives and friends.

Today's refrigerator bulletin: "Clean routinely with the proper tools!"

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

Home improvement show set

The eighth annual Home Improvement Show™ will be open Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 3-5, at the Novi Expo Center.

"This show helps homeowners make smart choices about their home improvement projects," said Dave Kellett Sr., president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and of Kellett Construction Company of Bloomfield Hills.

"Think of it as an all-inclusive home consulting service featuring the products and people you need all in one place."

The nonprofit BIA is the sponsor of the event.

Beverly DeJulio, host of HGTV's "HomeWise" and The Discovery Channel's "Easy Does It," will share her expertise with tips to make life easier around the house. She shatters sexual stereotypes about home improvement prowess with her superior skill and knowledge of do-it-yourself projects.

Other highlights will include WJR's "The Appliance Doctor," Joe Gagnon, also a columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, and "The Garden Show," Dean Krauskopf; and WXYT's "Ask the Handyman," Glenn Haeger, "Money Talk," Rick Bloom, and "PC Talk," Mike Wendland, Feb. 5-6.

Homeowners can bring bathroom pictures for the Ugliest Bathroom Contest sponsored by Mathison Supply, WJR

Radio and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Among additional show features will be Detroit Edison safety experts' demonstration of electrical safety and the need to play it safe around power lines; demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling; and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.

More than 300 exhibitors will show their most interesting and up-to-date products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, spas, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

BIA also sponsors the Home Improvement Show at the Macomb Sports & Expo Center, GMC Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show at Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center, and Spring Home & Garden Show and Fall Remodeling Show at the Novi Expo Center.

The Novi Expo Center is at I-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Feb. 3-4, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Feb. 5 and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 6. Admission is \$6.50 for adults; \$4.50 for seniors; \$3.50 for ages 6-12 and free for under age 6. Parking is available at the center for a fee.

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Join camera club for ideas, support



MONTE NAGLER

How has your picture taking been lately? Are you getting better or are you finding yourself in need of a little encouragement because your pictures just aren't what you want? Or maybe you're just getting started and need some

of photography. And nowhere will you find more willingness to share knowledge and help others than in a camera club. The camaraderie is inspiring.

Clubs have competitions, slide shows, guest speakers, modeling sessions, even field trips. Whether your interests are in color slides, black and white prints or color prints, you'll find creative outlets in camera clubs.

Camera clubs help you grow in your own photographic pursuits to whatever level you wish to attain.

instruction.

Well, a camera club could be just what you need - a place to exchange ideas and to socialize with other photographers. Club dues are minimal and the advantages are maximum.

Some clubs are small, some large, and they meet often enough that you're bound to find one that fits your schedule. Clubs are found throughout the metropolitan area and getting in is easy. Watch your newspaper for announcements or talk to the folks at your local camera shop for clubs in your area.

A camera club's primary function is to promote a common interest and love

Years ago, when I first developed an interest in photography, I joined a local camera club. And I'm sure glad I did! The knowledge I gained, the friends I made, and the encouragement I received all combined to help eventually make photography my career.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.



Shadow play: Backlit subjects and silhouettes are common photographic subjects among camera club members. Monte Nagler photographed these unusual rock formations in Utah's Arches National Park.

Idea house, lecture scheduled at Michigan Design Center

The leading trends in home furnishings and design will shape "IdeaHouse @ MDC" at Michigan Design Center in March.

"IdeaHouse @ MDC" is a combination of two living spaces, a suburban home and a city loft. Each will be based on the lifestyles of a fictitious family, a married couple with a teenage son, and a single man.

MDC is at 1700 Stutz in Troy, north off Maple between Crooks and Coolidge.

"IdeaHouse @ MDC" will be open to the public beginning Saturday, March 25, when consumers will be able to view the house, attend design seminars and tour the MDC showrooms. Admission for March 25 is \$15.

Consumers may also view the house and tour the showrooms 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, March 27-31, with a weekday admission of \$7.

Visitors are encouraged to experience "IdeaHouse @ MDC" to help identify their own sense of style, and to discover furnishings suited to their lifestyle.

Fifteen professional interior designers will showcase their work in these com-

plete living environments. Both the house and the city loft will feature the way designers provide answers to real lifestyle dilemmas, through the use of exceptional design based on the homeowner's needs, taste and dreams.

To set the stage for "IdeaHouse @ MDC," popular interior designer Michael Payne, American Society of Interior Designers, will visit 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 8.

Payne, host of "Designing for the Sexes" on HGTV, is an outstanding Los Angeles designer and the "great compromiser." His show blends the "he likes/she likes" impasse into a final solution that is not only workable but is great design.

His lecture promises to be full of success stories and design ideas. Admission is \$20. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Lisa at (248) 649-2020.

MDC is open to the trade only. Consumers interested in products from MDC showrooms may contact Designer On Call 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday by phoning (888) DIAL MDC for an appointment.

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Adjust attitude to shrink winter woes



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

The lackluster shine emanating from behind what appear to be layers of winter dirt on your vehicle is typical of the way you might feel this time of year.

It's only January and the winter blahs are settling into the otherwise bright spaces within your home. You yearn for brighter skies. Your family has a classic case of cabin fever.

Beat the blahs with a positive attitude. Instead of dreading the dawn of another gray day, put your blahs attitude in reverse and change gears.

Take a cue from your children who are genuinely thrilled to be home from school on a Saturday to catch up on some highly anticipated play or relaxation away from the pressures of school.

Jump into an old board game your children have never seen. Have a pillow fight. Read the weekend newspaper

together and take the time to talk about stories that influence your family life.

Alter your weekday routine. Start an exercise program. The energy you gain from a good physical workout will help build a more positive attitude about changing a stale winter routine.

Enroll your children in extracurricular sports. There are plenty of indoor choices this time of year, including soccer, basketball, tennis, gymnastics and swimming. Your children will feel better after participating, and come home with a more positive outlook to combat cabin fever.

Dedicate part of your evening to reading together. After the dishes are cleared and homework is complete, relax together with a good book. It's a pastime that is easily forgotten. Begin a chapter book. Read one chapter each night so you leave your family looking forward to the next evening's outcome.

Alternate your routes to the same destination. When you tire of the old driving routine, your children's arguing in the rear seat tends to magnify. Music on the radio begins to sound much more

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repetitious and you start to notice too many commercials.

By changing the way you reach your destination, you may develop a greater appreciation for your surroundings and actually welcome something new.

Dream a lot. What better way to ward off winter woes than to dream about plans for an upcoming vacation, warm summer days at the beach or a positive outcome to a current family project?

Learn something new with your family. Instead of listening to your children complain of nothing to do and you dreading too much to do around the house, push all of it aside.

Go out to a local metropark and learn how to cross-country ski. Visit your health club and help teach your child to swim or dive. Take scuba diving lessons

together. Sign up for a home improvement course at your local hardware store. Register for a class at an art supply store and make something to brighten your home. Your family routines will still be there when you get home.

Lisa Luckow-Healy is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a freelance writer who regularly contributes to parenting publications. She is also an active member of Detroit Women Writers and a contributing author to the organization's latest book, "Century of Voices." To leave her a message from a touch-tone phone about how you celebrate family, call (734) 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1903; or e-mail your suggestions for future family topics to LLHealy@aol.com

at home calendar

■ Now through Thursday, 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.

■ Among the scheduled sessions in the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens adult education program are "Winter Hiker," Saturdays, Jan. 22 to Feb. 5, and a weekend trip

Feb. 18-20, and "Heirloom Bulbs," Sunday, Jan. 23. Call (734) 998-7061.

■ Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills will feature an exhibit showcasing the preservation of images and memories beginning in ancient times. The exhibit, "Take My Picture Please," will also display community photos taken and submitted by area residents. Entry forms to submit a favorite photo, and a coupon good for a free child admission to the exhibit with a paying adult, are available through Thursday, Jan. 27, in the Guest Service Center at Art Van Furniture stores in Livonia, Southfield, Waterford, Novi

and four other communities. (Entries must be submitted by Jan. 31. The exhibit will run Feb. 5 to May 7.)

■ Learn how to make square or rectangular pillows with flange or border variations, perfect-match mitered corners, and more, in an advanced designer pillows class 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 24 to Feb. 7, at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak. Fee is \$45. You must have taken a beginning pillow class or be an intermediate or advanced sewer to participate. Advance registration is required. Call (248) 541-0010.

■ The Detroit Garden Center announces its eighth annual Saturday Gardening Class Series, with instructor Janet Macunovich. The first two sessions, 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Jan. 22 and 29 at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, will be a landscape design forum. Learn from four professional landscape designers how they form their ideas on what to plant, and how they go about making the decisions that form a landscape design on the same property, so you can make the same decisions in your own yard. (The third and fourth sessions, Feb. 19 and 26 at the Detroit Garden Center, 1460 E. Jefferson, will be on "Photography in the Garden.") Call (313) 259-6363 for reservations and more information.

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Don't get hung up on framing art

Reconciling your personal taste in art with the design scheme of your home can be a cumbersome, even emotionally draining task. The good news: A bit of creativity and framing know-how is all you need to make any piece of art work well in your home, according to the experts at Deck The Walls.

In other words, you don't have to sacrifice a beloved piece of period art work because it doesn't match your Breuer chairs or Scandinavian furniture.

Art is more interesting when it stands out, rather than perfectly matching all the colors, wood tones and styles in the room. A traditional room takes on a new look when you introduce an abstract painting to the decor.

That's where the fundamentals of framing come in: For a frame design to be truly great, the art itself must be the focal point. A minimalist approach to a framing concept is often the best. Also, good framing techniques can help facilitate the relationship between the piece of art and the overall design of the room.

Selecting the best mat colors - When choosing the best mat color, first examine the focal point in the art work - the place where your eye is first drawn. If the focal point is a candlestick, for example, pick mat colors that complement the color of the candlestick.

Another good guideline is to avoid using mat colors that are brighter, lighter or darker than the brightest or darkest colors in the art. If you are interested in making the foreground more prominent, blend mat colors to the background of the art.

Another approach would be to determine the three or four most predominant colors in the art and find the mat colors that match them. In some combination, they are likely to make a good choice for a mat.

If you are concerned about using too much color, you may consider using a neutral color for the mat. Neutral mats often upgrade the appearance of art and also transcend trends in decorating. Neutral mats also move well from room to room or house to house.

Selecting mat textures and patterns - When selecting mat textures and patterns, pick those that don't overwhelm the art. Textures should also tie to the style, subject and era of the art in a way that makes sense visually. An easy way to do this is to use two textures and patterns in the art to guide your selection.

But, say the experts, when in doubt, avoid using textures and patterns altogether and go for a simpler, plainer mat. When framing textiles, use contrasting textures or at least separate the textile from the mat with a contrasting fillet (a

decorative accessory placed between the art work and the mat to enhance the frame design).

Selecting the best frame color - To choose a frame for a piece of art, be sure the frame color doesn't overpower the colors in the art. If possible, tie the frame color to the subject matter and era of the art.

For a fun, dramatic look, art that contains strongly contrasting colors can be framed in colors that sharply contrast with the mat. Conversely, if the colors in the mat are muted and monochromatic, your frame and mat should blend to avoid distracting the viewer from the art.

Frame and mat border width and depth - The overall size of the art should be considered when selecting the size of the frame, but it is also important to achieve balance between the size of the focal point of the piece and the mat and frame widths.

In other words, don't let the frame and mat size exceed the size of the focal point too greatly. Balance is the most important element to achieve so as not to overwhelm the visual weight of the art. Adjusting the width and depth of the mat or frame can radically alter the look of a piece.

For a larger room, a wider mat and molding can be used to achieve balance in a smaller work of art. A great piece can look insignificant if it gets lost in a big space.

Since wide mats and frames are popular to coordinate with today's open floor plans and large scale furnishings, you may even want to use them in smaller rooms. If so, use lighter mat colors and less ornate frames to avoid overwhelming the room.

Selecting the best frame style - When it comes to selecting the best frame, take into consideration the style, subject, era and country of origin of the art and the patterns, shapes and textures in the piece. It is important that the frame style complements, not distracts from, the art work.

A good thing to avoid, for example, would be framing a piece of rococo art in a plain, modern frame; doing so may take the focus away from the art because of the break in visual continuity. As the visual boundary of the art work, the picture frame can make or break the overall effect of the piece.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Academy Award winner Susan Sarandon (left) and John Cusack star in "Cradle Will Rock," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters. Based on true events, the film focuses on a group of artists who are determined to mount a musical at the WPA Theatre despite overwhelming odds.

SATURDAY



Tracy Lynn Murray stars as Cinderella and Karl Miller of Troy as her Prince in Stagecrafters production of the musical "Cinderella," 8 p.m. at the Baldwin Theatre in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets \$14-\$16, reserved, call (248) 541-6430.

SUNDAY



Former Detroit police chief Isaiah McKinnon will narrate Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," performed by The Cut-Time Players, an octet of Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians, 3 p.m. in the shrine chapel of St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake. The concert will also feature flutist Alexander Zonjic. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 children, age 12 and younger, call (248) 683-1750.

HOT TICKET



This concept beach vehicle by Rinspeed is among dozens of new vehicles at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit. The show is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Saturday, Jan. 22, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. Admission is free for people up to age 12 (when accompanied by a parent), \$10 for people age 13-64 and \$5 for people age 65 and up. Orders of 24 tickets or less may be purchased through Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666.

Nice Smile: The knowledge-hungry may find themselves in a stare down with an ornery looking T. Rex at Cranbrook's Institute of Science.

Take a winter break at Cranbrook

THERE'S LOTS TO DO FOR EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY

What: Cranbrook's Institute of Science and the Cranbrook Art Museum
Where: Both are located at 1221 N. Woodward Ave. north of Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills
Hours: The Institute is open daily from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. except Fridays, until 10 p.m.
Cost: Admission to the Institute of Science is \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids. The Cranbrook Art Museum charges \$5 for adult admission and \$3 for seniors and students. Cranbrook's Natatorium offers membership to the public, ranging in price from \$200 for summer-long swimming privileges to \$550 for a full year.

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

Experiencing a little cabin fever? It is that time of year again, when cold weather and short gray days spent cooped up inside four walls begin to drive everyone a little bonkers.

Face it, after a downright inhumane number of consecutive hours wasted sitting in front of the TV or surfing the Internet, even the sharpest wit can go dull.

So instead of dragging your feet through your next day off, get in your car, put on your sunglasses (never mind the fact that no one in Michigan will see the sun for four months) and drive your winter blues away. Pretend that you're taking a much-needed jaunt down I-75 toward the Florida panhandle.

But instead, point your vehicle much closer to home — head to Cranbrook, 1221 N.

Woodward Avenue, for an afternoon of fun that may not include sun, but will definitely raise your spirits. The campus' natural beauty alone refreshes the soul, while its other attractions invigorate the imagination.

For the kids, the next snow day need not be spent acquiring carpal-tunnel syndrome from marathon Nintendo playing. Cranbrook's Institute of Science offers knowledge in a such a fun and interactive way that pint-sized Einstein's may not even realize they're learning.

The Institute is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and stays open late on Fridays, until 10 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids — about one thousandth the price of a gulf-coast get away.

The current exhibits feature a look at pre-historic earth's climate and (monstrous) population. Visitors can find themselves face to face with a life-size replica of a Mastodon, a hairy, meaner looking pre-historic version of the elephant — or staring

down the menacing skeletal system of a gigantic T. Rex.

The exhibits explore the origins of modern animals, suggesting evolutionary links between their pre-historic dinosaur cousins.

Interactive computerized displays that boast colorful graphics and stereo sound beckon to youngsters, asking them to guess whether fossilized bones once belonged to a bird or a dinosaur. Other displays have kids cranking a large "wheel of time" to witness a dinosaur's transformation over millions of years into the birds we now see perching on our telephone wires.

Other displays detail the climate changes that shaped the earth we live on, including modern-day Michigan. To demonstrate the massive nature of these changes, an artist's rendering shows the downtown Detroit skyline menaced by an approaching glacier.

These are just a few of the many exhibits in need of onlookers at the Institute of Science. There's also the newly renovated planetarium, open on Friday evenings and weekend afternoons, with a cutting-edge projection system that shows stars and planets in three dimensions.

The Institute's Nature Place boasts a large collection of birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and some exotic insects. Kids of all ages can participate in hands-on activities, although the once-popular "taunt the scorpion" game has been discontinued after several nasty incidents (just kidding).

February will see some new exhibits dealing with black history and culture, and "take my picture please," an interactive exhibit examining portraiture.

If you actually have any energy (or time) left after an afternoon at the Institute of Science, the Cranbrook Art Museum features work by world-renowned artists in many genres. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students.

Some of the exhibits deal with mature themes, so younger visitors should be supervised, but there is something for everyone to enjoy. For example, a life-sized sculpture of a body builder appears so "real" you might double check to see if it's



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACZYK

Learning Curve: Visitors of all ages find there's a lot to learn at Cranbrook's Institute of Science.

breathing.

Or you can spend some time checking out the Museum's collection of furniture and home accessories designed during the 1940's through the 60's — it's a testament to the beauty of modernity. The collection goes beyond kitsch, although many of the pieces do have a certain "Jetsons" feel to them. They may have you thinking about redecorating your living room.

If you really want to pretend like this whole winter thing isn't happening, put on your swim suit and head to Cranbrook's Natatorium. That's the term those highbrow types use for what the rest of us call a swimming pool.

Perhaps Cranbrook's swimming facility has earned that special name because it is arguably one of the finest facilities of its kind anywhere. With an eight lane, 25-yard-long lap pool and two competition height diving boards to keep you occupied, who needs summer?

To use the facility, you'll need to purchase a membership, which are available for varying lengths. They range in price from \$200 for summer-long swimming privileges to \$550 for a full year.

FAMILY FUN

Dancer's days are sunny on Sesame Street

Sesame Street Live
"When I Grow Up"
Where: The Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit
When: Through Sunday, Jan. 30.
Performance times vary, call (313) 983-6811 for information, or on the Internet at www.olympiaentertainment.com
Tickets: \$25, \$16, \$14 and \$10, available at the box office and all Ticketmaster locations. Call (248) 433-1515 to charge tickets.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Sesame Street is a sunny place because of people like Gretchen Wolfanger.

"There's nothing worthier than performing for children. They're wonderful and adorable and like to be entertained," said Wolfanger who portrays the Count in Sesame Street Live's "When I Grow Up," now playing at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

As the curtain rises, Prairie Dawn gets her friends together to stage a pageant about growing up.

In "When I Grow Up" which first opened on Sept. 17, 1980, the Sesame Street Live muppet friends show the audience what they want to be when

they grow up.

Telly Monster becomes a baseball player, Oscar a ballet star, and poor Elmo can't make up his mind.

Like many little girls, Wolfanger dreamed of becoming a ballerina when she grew up. Traveling with "When I Grow Up," a musical extravaganza with all the wows of a Broadway show, is the next best thing.

She auditioned for the show after graduating from Hope College in Holland, Mich., where she studied dance. Wolfanger joined the tour in February of 1999.

"I wanted to dance and travel," she said. "It's a good job. It's like a Broadway musical, the dancing's the

Please see **SESAME, E2**



Careers: Join Big Bird, Ernie and all your Sesame Street friends as they try to figure out what they want to be in Sesame Street Live's musical stage presentation "When I Grow Up."

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same caliber. I'm 24 -- you have to start somewhere."

When she puts on her costume, which weighs about 30 pounds, the 5-foot 8-inch Wolfanger grows to over six feet tall. "I'm playing a character that the audience knows and loves," she said. "The Count is 1.8 million years old. He helps the other characters decide what they want to be. We sing and dance about it. The moral is to try all things to decide what you want to be."

Costume

Performing in costume is not easy. "I wear a size 8 shoe," said Wolfanger. "The Count is a man's size 18. Picture being in a clown costume or a snowmobile suit. The biggest challenge is that I can't change the Count's face, or make his mouth move. You have to find ways to express what you're saying."

Even though you can't see her face, Wolfanger assures, "I'm still smiling in there."

She describes "When I Grow Up" as a family show that adults and grandparents will enjoy as much as kids. The show is geared to children ages 2 to 5, but Wolfanger says she's seen little babies in the audience, and even teens. It's one-and-a-half hours long. The first half is 45 minutes, and the second half 30 minutes with a 15 minute intermission.

"There's a lot of music in the show, and adults will recognize some of the songs, too. The show is very bright, there's a lot of light, it's a fun show to look at. My sister is 26 years old and enjoyed it. It's very interactive, the audience is encouraged to stomp their feet and clap their hands."

Her contract is up at the end of May, but Wolfanger hasn't decided her next move.

"Right now I'm not sure," she said. "I love the work and I love traveling."

Join the show

If you'd like to make a move to "Sesame Street" here's your chance. Sesame Street Live is holding auditions for professional performers for its national touring stage productions 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Fox Theatre. For more information call (612) 375-9670 (ext. 704) or send a message



Familiar faces: The whole Sesame Street gang wait to entertain the children who watch them on TV every day.

online at www.sesamestreetlive.com. Candidates must be technical pros in a variety of dance styles ranging from jazz to swing to ballet to hip-hop. Gymnastics, tap and roller-skating are pluses.

Performers must range in height from 5-feet to 6-feet 1-inch and be at least 18 years old. To be considered, prepare a ballad and up-tempo selections (a cappella or instrumental tape). Monologues from the show will be provided and a dance combination will be taught. Bring a photo, a resume and dance attire.

Sesame Street Live tours run approximately nine months. The audition is open to both Equity and non-Equity actors. Equity will be seen first. Applicants must enter at the Fox Theatre stage door on Montcalm, the north side.

Community bands join in concert

By KEELY WYGONIK
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The Farmington Community Band and Birmingham Concert Band are getting together Sunday to present a joint concert at Birmingham Groves High School.

Each band will play for a half hour, before joining together as a mass band for a finale under the direction of Douglas Bianchi, director of bands at Wayne State University.

There is no charge for the concert, but donations will be welcomed and appreciated to help pay concert costs.

Paul Barber, conductor and founder of the Farmington Concert Band, and Grant Hoemke, conductor of the Birmingham Concert Band, have selected a variety of music from swing to classics and marches.

For the past 18 years the bands have looked forward to hearing each other play and renewing friendships at the Festival of Bands, formerly held at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

When the festival was discontinued last year, there were a lot of sorry people in both bands.

"Folks missed it," said Paul Barber, founder and conductor of the Farmington Community Band. "Last summer we called each other to discuss the possibility of a joint concert," said Grant Hoemke, conductor of the Birmingham Concert Band.

They both work for the Farmington Public Schools. Barber is music coordinator for the school system, and Hoemke an instrumental elementary music

Two for One
When The Farmington Community Band Joins the Birmingham Concert Band in a special concert. When 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, Groves High School Auditorium, 20500 W. 46th Mile Road, Birmingham. Admission is charge, but donations will be appreciated. For more information, call (734) 261-2202. Web site: www.farmingtoncommunityband.org; Birmingham Concert Band www.birminghamconcertband.org.

Special events:
Valentine Dinner Dance, featuring the Farmington Community Band Jazz Dance Band, Friday, Feb. 11, at Glen Oaks Country Club. Reception 6:30 p.m., cash bar cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m., and dancing until midnight. Tickets available by reservation only, individually or in tables of eight. Call (734) 261-2202 for reservations/information.

To join the band:
Farmington Community Band members range in age from 13-78. There are some high school members, but it's primarily adults. You don't have to audition to join. They rehearse 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Monday at Farmington High School. Call (248) 489-3412 for more information about the band, or visit the Web site.

Birmingham Concert Band members range in age from early 20s to their early 80s. No audition is required to join. The band rehearses 7:30-9:45 p.m. on Wednesday at Groves High School in Birmingham. For more information, call (248) 474-4997, or visit the Web site.

instructor. Together they developed a plan to hold one joint concert a year, one year in Birmingham, the other in Farmington.

Barber will lead the Farmington Community Band in its opening "Olympic Fanfare" by John Williams, the theme of the 1984 Olympics. Also on the program is "Flight of Years," a brand new piece by Patrick Burns.

and "Salvation is Created" by Tchesnokoff, and the technically challenging "Mannin Veen," a tone poem by British composer Haydn Wood. The title of this work translates to "Dear Isle of Man," the British island in the Irish Sea where Wood spent most of his childhood.

Birmingham Concert Band's

program includes "Procession of Nobles" by Rimsky-Korsakov, a medley of swing tunes by Warren Barker, and "Celebration Variations," a piece by James Curnow that the band commissioned two years ago in celebration of its 20th anniversary. They'll close their program with the "Emblem March" by Karl King.

Together, the bands will play "Festive Overture" by Shostakovich. "It flies, it's very dramatic, it's a barn burner," said Barber. They'll play "Army of the Nile," a British march by Kenneth Alford, and close with "Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral" by Wagner.

Both Barber and Hoemke enjoy working with their bands, which are all volunteer adult musicians. Barber's wife, Fern, band director of Walnut Creek Middle School Band, Walled Lake Schools, is first clarinet.

'We're celebrating our 34th year. Making music is always fun; that's why we do it.'

Paul Barber
— Farmington Concert Band founder

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THEATER



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On stage: Cotter Smith (left to right), Jack Willis and Judd Hirsch star in "Art."

Work of 'Art?'

Stage show's value lies in eye of the beholder

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Are you the type of person who would buy something because it's in vogue, even at a cost as ridiculous as the item itself? Are you someone who would tell that person what you really think of it? Or are you the peace-maker, always in the middle?

If you fit in there somewhere, you're likely to like "Art." The one-act intermissionless comedy/drama has been translated into some 30 languages and honored around the world. Winner of the 1998 Tony Award for Best Play, "Art" is not about art at all, but about the art of friendship. And like most friendships, it's not always a pretty picture.

For three middle-aged American men living in Paris, their 15-year camaraderie is put to the test when recently divorced dermatologist Serge (Cotter Smith) buys a 4x5 foot white canvas with barely perceptible white lines and nothing else. Oh yes — he paid 200,000 francs (\$40,000) for it.

His older friend Marc (Judd "Taxi" Hirsch) takes one look and calls it something we can't print but can't help agreeing with either. In comes meek, chunky Yvan (Jack Willis) to mediate, but in doing so causes the emerging

rift to grow even wider.

Yvan accepts the avant-garde work "as long as it's not doing harm to anyone else." "It's harming ME!" replies Marc, and indeed it is, as it threatens to come between them as surely as Yoko broke up the Beatles.

■ 'So what is "Art," comedy or drama? Fortunately and very creatively, it's both.'

Marc's jealousy towards the canvas by fictional artist Antrios is as Serge's obsession with it, and maybe more understandable. "It's not just an Antrios," Serge boasts, "it's a '70s Antrios." "Are you having it framed?" Marc asks innocently. "No," Serge explains as if teaching a foreign language, "you mustn't interrupt it."

French author/actress Yasmina Reza gets inside these guys and turns them inside out. They are, then, her own pieces of art to admire or scorn but not ignore.

So what is "Art," comedy or drama? Fortunately and very creatively, it's both. Willis (currently appearing on screen in "The Talented Mr. Ripley") gets a gem of a monologue, ranting about his impending wedding and the in-laws and the invitations and why-me-I-hate-my-new-job-I-hate-my-life. It's a hoot.

Hirsch is as welcome as a

If you want to attend "Art" continues 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. Charge by phone at (248) 645-6666 or call (313) 872-1000 for information.

favorite uncle, and from him even the swearing is almost graded.

His Marc is a pompous horse's behind, but as a friend, is he worth losing over this piece of — art?

Cotter Smith (TV's "Equal Justice") blends perfectly with Hirsch and Willis; when he picks up the painting and stalks out of the room, it's like he's defending his child from the school bullies.

Directed by Matthew Warchus with sophisticated lighting by Hugh Vanstone and jazzy musical transitions by Gary Yershon, "Art" is a 90-minute montage of masculine emotions and motives. For most, it will be like looking at a painting.

For some, it will be more like a mirror. It seems that like beauty, "Art" is also in the eye of the beholder.

Dodworth Saxhorn Band sounds like summertime

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

OK, it's late January. We've finally accepted the fact that there is going to be a winter; even though your neighbor just stopped mowing his lawn two weeks ago.

So, you know the drill.

There's a ground hog named Phil. There are boat shows and garden shows, suggestions that you'll simply collapse without a tropical getaway and dozens of other reminders that most of us do not like this season.

Who am I to buck the tide? The winter blues are no match for the Dodworth Saxhorn Band, which produces a sound synonymous with summer.

When filmmaker Ken Burns was selecting music for his PBS series, "Baseball," he turned to the Dodworth Saxhorn Band to supply three of the nine innings. There is something about 19th century brass band music that celebrates America, our past,

and summer.

The Michigan-based band has also performed at the White House for an "Afternoon of Baseball" event, The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, and The Calumet Theatre.

On the next edition of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, the band performs a rousing tribute to Claudio Grafulla, a master composer of this distinctive music who preceded John Philip Sousa.

Visitors to Tiger Stadium in the 1970s were treated to a work of art that deserves a spot in Detroit baseball history.

You may recall the metal sculpture of a tiger that resided on Trumbull Avenue during that period, which served as a tribute to the 1968 World Series Champions. It was later displayed at the Detroit Zoo.

Until I saw a segment produced by Todd Hastings on BACKSTAGE PASS, I was unaware of the amazing story of Don Thibodeaux, an auto shop owner and boxing trainer who has created stunning representations of sports-related figures

out of chrome bumpers and other car parts for the past three decades.

Local treasure

"He's one of our local treasures, a pure Detroit artist who uses Motor City relics to create his sculptures," says Hastings. "Don is an incredible talent who is somewhat unheralded, even though many have marveled at his work, such as the sculpture of Muhammad Ali that is exhibited in the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History."

Now, it finally seems that Don is getting his due. The Johanson Charles Gallery in Detroit is exhibiting a collection of his sculptures, which are also featured on the Jan. 23rd BACKSTAGE PASS.

Where is the tiger now?

"It's in his backyard. I'm sure Don's a bit attached to it because it was his first major piece, and he wants the right situation to come along before he parts with it," says Hastings.

Isn't there a new baseball stadium? Some of our best ideas come when we think spring.



<p>the three musketeers by Peter Raby adapted from the novel by Alexandre Dumas</p>	<p>William Shakespeare hamlet</p>
<p>the diary of anne frank by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett newly adapted by Wendy Russellman</p>	<p>the importance of being earnest by Oscar Wilde</p>
<p>as YOU like it by William Shakespeare</p>	<p>medea by Euripides, newly adapted by Robinson Jeffers</p>
<p>titus andronicus by William Shakespeare</p>	<p>patience in concert by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan</p>
<p>elizabeth rex by Timothy Findley with Paul Thompson</p>	<p>oscar remembered by Maxim Mazumdar</p>
<p>tartuffe by Molière, translated by Richard Wilbur</p>	

DINING

Restaurant group takes step to avoid food contamination

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Concerned about restaurant food and your health?

In a move unprecedented in the restaurant industry, the Unique Restaurant Corp. (URC) began company-wide mandatory vaccinations this week to immunize all food-handler employees from the hepatitis A virus.

In the future, all new food-handler employees will be required to get HAV vaccination as part of their pre-employment drug screen and physical.

Matt Prentice, URC president, made the decision to begin mandatory inoculations, not because of any problems in his restaurants, but out of concern for the safety of his diners and

■ 'We take every precaution to ensure safe food handling.'

Matt Prentice
URC president

employees. Inoculations of 250 employees will cost the company more than \$30,000.

"We take every precaution to ensure safe food handling," Prentice said. "But no matter how clean the restaurant, how well trained or watchful the staff, vaccination is the only guaranteed way to prevent the spreading of hepatitis A. URC has a history of being proactive

when it comes to guest and employee safety. This is our insurance."

In the past three years, metro Detroit has had two hepatitis A outbreaks and one fatality due to food-handler transmission. In 1998, the number of reported cases in Michigan were second in the nation only to Arizona.

URC operates the following restaurants and delis in metro Detroit: Café Jardin and Portabella in the Somerset Collection, Troy; Deli Unique, Bingham Farms, Bloomfield Hills, Detroit and West Bloomfield; Plaza Deli, Southfield; Morels, Bingham Farms; Flying Fish, Birmingham; No.VI, Novi; Northern Lakes Seafood Company, Bloomfield Hills; and Duet, in Detroit.

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"Forbidden Broadway Strikes Back," through Sunday, Feb. 13, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Valley Song," through 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

GEM THEATRE

"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JET THEATRE

"Prisoner of Second Avenue" show dates Jan. 20-23, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

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

OPERA

OPERA HIGHLIGHTS

Baritone Dino Valle and other local artists perform excerpts from "Phantom of the Opera" and other opera greats through Thursday, Jan. 20, at Gratz, 326 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 663-5555

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, 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 THEATRE

AVON PLAYERS

"Made in the USA: Encore," a musical review showcasing the past century of American song and dance, Jan. 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. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$11. (248) 625-8811

MT. ZION THEATRE

"The Celestial Helix and Other One-Act Plays," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 4-5 and 11-12, Interpretation for the deaf Feb. 4, at the Mt. Zion Center for the Performing Arts, 4453 Clintonville Road, Waterford. \$8 advance, \$10 at door, \$7 students/seniors/groups of 20 or more. (248) 673-5432

PLAYER'S GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Jake's Women," Jan. 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

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY

"A Soldier's Play opens 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 (\$10) and continues through Sunday, Feb. 27, opening night 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, thereafter 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 6 p.m. Sundays, at Detroit's Holistic Development Center, 17425 Secon Blvd. near West McNichols and Woodward. \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0279

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS

"Deathtrap," Jan. 21-23 and 28-30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sundays, at 205 W. Long Lake, between L'Herrens and Crooks, Troy. \$11, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTON'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK

"The Foreigner," Jan. 27-29, at the theater on the campus of Cranbrook



Cool concept: This Honda Spocket concept vehicle, which demonstrates how one vehicle can be a convertible, sport coupe and pickup all-in-one, is among dozens of new vehicles at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit. The show is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Saturday, Jan. 22, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. Admission is free for people up to age 12 (when accompanied by a parent), \$10 for people age 13-64 and \$5 for people age 65 and up. Orders of 24 tickets or less may be purchased through Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666

Education Community, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527

STAGECRAFTERS

"Cinderella," through 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 THEATRE

BACI THEATRE

"Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$25 Thursdays and Sundays, and \$30 Fridays-Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

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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

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

ANNIE JR.

Runs 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 23, 30 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 22, 29, Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$5. (313) 535-8952

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

JUDY & DAVID

perform 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt Road, north of 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$3. (248) 851-5100

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"Close the Window... or Chelms' 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

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3-9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 26-28, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Pontiac Silverdome. \$6.50, \$3 children. (616) 830-1919 or www.ShowSpan.com

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The series continues with the CutTime Players presenting "Peter and the Wolf" narrated by former-Detroit Chief of Police Isalah 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

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"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 12:30 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

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-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Millennium Special/Four Centuries of Music," 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, \$15. (248) 645-2276

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Planiist Stephen Kovacevich performs Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 20-21, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$19-\$50. (313) 576-5111

KERRY TOWN CLASSICAL SERIES

Harpischoidist Kenneth Cooper and pianist Gena-Raps perform Ravel's "Mother Goose Suite" and selections for J.S. Bach's "Well-Tempered Klavier," 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at the 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 Church Hill 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

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"No, No Nonet" is the annual chamber orchestra concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m. pre-concert chat with conductor Nan Washburn, in the Plymouth Canton Little Theatre, 8415 N. Canton Center Road. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students. (734) 451-2112

PRELUDES WEST

DSO musicians Greg Staples (violin), Pauline Martin (piano) perform works by Mozart, Ernest Bloch, William Kroll, and a Helfitz arrange-

ment 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, Friday-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. Friday-Saturdays, at the Ponchartrain Hotel, Washington Blvd. and Jefferson, Detroit. No cover. (313) 965-0200/(248) 354-1194

AUDITIONS

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 DANCE: 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

MARQUIS THEATRE

Auditions for boys and girls ages 8-16 for "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. For performances March 11 to April 30. (248) 349-8110

PARK PLAYERS OF NORTH ROSEDALE PARK

Auditions for all roles for the "Wizard of Oz," 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 (teens and adults) and 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 (young children who can read), North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, east of Outer Drive, north of Grand River, west of Southfield Expressway, Detroit. For performances March 24-26, March 31-April 2, and April 7-8. (313) 538-2336/(313) 592-4817/(313) 835-1103

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Auditions will be held 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 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 begin 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. Scores may be purchased at the first rehearsal. No auditions are required, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-8353

RISEING STAR SINGERS

The youth chorus is seeking a few additional members. Auditions for ages 8-16 will be held 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, the chorus involves choreography and movement, and uses all talents of participants including dance and instruments. Practices are 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays through August. (734) 416-4278/(734) 354-9825

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Holds auditions for Abe Burrow's comedy "Cactus Flower" 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 25-26 in the Liberal Arts Building Theater on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5270

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

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

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA

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.

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM

Auditions for "Sherlock Holmes" 7:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Jan. 23-24, at the theater, on east side of Woodward, south of Maple, Birmingham. For performances March 17 to April 1. (248) 642-5577

VOCAL COMPETITION

Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is looking for entrants for its sixth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students, finalists will be selected from cassette audiotape auditions of each contestant singing submitted through their respective high schools, deadline for entry is Saturday, Feb. 19. Each of the 10 finalists perform before a live audience at a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Italian-American Cultural Center in Warren. (734) 455-8895

ORGAN

"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

JOHNNY BASSETT & THE BLUES INSURGENTS

8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Edison's 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA

9:30 p.m.: 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, January 22-23, 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

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

GEM JAZZ TRIO

Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

RICH K. TRIO

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

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

TONY POPE'S NO'ORLEANS SIX

3-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Steak and Ale, 32750 Concord, across

from Oakland Mall, Madison Hts. \$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

JANET TENAJ TRIO

Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Kranke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

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

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HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE
Language and zither lessons. (248) 352-0927/(734) 946-6261

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

POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF DEARBORN
Dance and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday mornings at Prince of Peace Church, on Altar Road, Dearborn. (313) 581-3181

STARDUST BALLROOM
Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. \$8. (248) 356-5678

COMEDY

CHAPLINS EAST
Robert Schimmel, 8:30 p.m., and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, at 34244 Groesbeck, Warren. \$12 Friday 10:30 p.m., \$15 all other shows. (810) 792-1902

ELDOORDO COUNTRY CLUB
Steve Bilis with Frank G and Dee Proffitt, 9:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, at 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce twp. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Mike Green, Wednesday-Saturday, Jan. 19-22, Louis Ramey Wednesday-Saturday, Jan. 26-29, 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
John Pinette Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
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, to Sunday, Feb. 23, 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 Rainforests" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4, (313) 577-8400

DETROIT ZOO
Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m.- and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater; the exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring" continues through Jan. 2, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students, \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL
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, \$5 kids, \$5 family. (734) 455-8940

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM
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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 Gottfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

BUMP N' UGLIES CD RELEASE
With Teenage Frames, Gutterpunk, 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.

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gottfredson Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

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). 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.

BRUCE COCKBURN
7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre. \$26.50. (248) 645-6666.

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
Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29; Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., 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.

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.

EDNA'S GOLDFISH
With Catch 22, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

FACTORY 81
With Pooch and Mad Hops, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$7 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

FAT WRECK CHORDS TOUR
With No Use For A Name, Mad Caddies, Frenzal Bomb, Consumed, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$10 advance, \$12 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

FENIX TX
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

FINVARRS 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.

FREE
5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292.

GRAYLING
CD Release Party with Cromwell and The Lanternjack, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$5. (313) 961-MELT.

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. Friday, Jan. 28, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

HARRINGTON BROTHERS
7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., 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. 20, 27, Feb. 3, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues).

WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK
With Big Bam 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, Maglo 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.

INSIDE 5 MINUTES
With Few and Far Between, Broca's Area, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067.

ALAN JACKSON
With Lonestar, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$32.50 and \$25.50. (248) 645-6666.

JAH RULE AND THE MURDERERS
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance. (313) 961-MELT.

THE JAZZ MANDOLIN BAND
Featuring Jamie Masefield and Jon Fishman, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

JAZZHEAD
9:30 p.m. Mondays in January, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

JIANTS
With Warmth and Soul 360, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555. www.blindpigmusic.com.

JIMMIE'S CHICKEN SHACK
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7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. All ages. Tickets \$19.31 on sale now. (248) 645-6666.

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8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666.

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9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free, 21 and over (blues); 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, Fifth Avenue, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

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With Eric Benet, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$47.50 and \$40. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com.

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ROLLINS BAND<

'Magnolia' weaves lives together in chilling tapestry

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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It all begins with a weather report — the forecast is partly cloudy with an 82 percent chance of rain. But the showers pouring through scenes of Paul Thomas Anderson's "Magnolia" wash together the lives of 12 people one random day in California. As the skies grow darker, the plot escalates and the lives of the characters are forever altered. Some are left wounded, some are healed. All are connected in some manner. And it takes place somewhere along a main thoroughfare called Magnolia.

The opening scenes play out in hurried fashion, from one character's life to the next, set appropriately to the tune of "One is the Loneliest Number." Loneliness, isolation and insecurity plague the characters in the film, but no one more than the former Quiz Kid Donnie Smith (William H. Macy). Smith comes to the realization in his adult life that knowing all the answers doesn't solve all of life's difficulties. He's struggling to survive and ease his loneliness. He declares: "I really do have love to give; I just don't know where to put it."

Stanley Spector seems to be following the same path as his predecessor. Stanley is a boy genius, on the verge of setting a record on the same quiz show that made Donnie a child star. He has all the answers but can't seem to win the love of his own father, a struggling actor portrayed coldly by Michael Bowen. While Stanley's father isn't the ideal parent, he's got nothing on the quiz show's celebrity host Jimmy Gator. On screen, Jimmy's the perfect family man. Pitting kids against parents to see who's smarter, he's got a quip for the audience after every commercial break. But off camera he's drowning himself in alcohol. Not until he discovers his failing health does Jimmy try to

make amends with his estranged daughter, Claudia (Melora Walters). She's much too busy doing cocaine and shifting through meaningless physical relationships to give him the time of day. When he shows up at her apartment door, she screams and throws him out. But you can't cause such a disturbance in this town and get away with it. No sir. At least not when Officer Jim Kurring's on duty. An honest-to-goodness man of the law (played by John C. Reilly), Jim tries to convince himself he's a good cop. Talking to himself in his squad car, he assures himself: "This is my job and I love it. I want to do well and I want to help people." The dim-witted officer falls quickly in love with Claudia, without noticing any of her habits. It's almost as easy to feel for Officer Jim as it is Phil Parma (Philip Seymour Hoffman), a nurse caring for the dying Earl Partridge (Jason Robards), who incidentally is the producer of the quiz show and a dead-beat dad himself. Phil is there to ease Earl's pain while his young, second wife runs frantically about town filling prescriptions for morphine. The unfaithful Linda Partridge (Julianne Moore) can't stand to watch him die. The only thing she can imagine that would make the situa-



Drama: Linda Partridge (Julianne Moore) and Earl Partridge (Jason Robards) in a scene from "Magnolia."

tion worse in her mind is getting Earl's son involved. Frank T.J. Mackey stopped talking to his father at age 14 when Earl abandoned him and his mother, who later died. Portrayed with a no-holds-barred approach by Tom Cruise, Frank has grown up to become an ultra-macho expert on female seduction. His company, "Seduce and Destroy," teaches men how to control women, but his own life spins out of control when it comes to his family. This man

who has renounced his past discovers — as the narrator puts it — "The past isn't done with us." All the regrets, uncovered lies and desperate pleas culminate in ironic circumstances and something that can only be described as heavy weather. Rain cannot wash away the past. Paul Thomas Anderson and director of photography Robert Elswit weave an unforgettable story of life, death, love, honesty, infidelity and forgiveness which is unlike any other.

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EATING OUT

Relish the fun of dining at Om Vegetarian Cafe

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Step inside the Om Vegetarian Cafe and enter what feels like a secret sanctuary tucked away from the chaos of everyday life.

Exotic music, soft light glowing from red candles, simplistic oil paintings of moons and water, lightly-stained half cedar walls and an eclectic, lively clientele ranging from attorneys and athletes to religious gurus and moms together create the ambiance that has made Ferndale's Om Vegetarian Cafe a success since 1985.

They come to Om — on North Woodward four blocks north of Nine Mile — to enjoy a peaceful meal alone or with friends or to meet and start-up a chat with other diners seated nearby. They also come to visit with Om's owner Colleen Smiley who treats her customers, even the new ones, like friends. Diners come here to escape the busyness of the business world and even turn off their pagers when entering.

And of course, there's the fresh food — the main reason for Om's popularity created by Chef Raymond Wagner, who has been with the restaurant for 10 years.

"We make our meals from scratch - with the exception of just a few desserts," Smiley said. "When possible, we make each plate individually rather than cook a huge pot of food that will sit on a stove all day long. Our philosophy is to create healthy, tasty meals that are as fresh as possible."

Om's specialties are vegetarian, vegan and macrobiotic. Given the word "meal" itself is an old English term meaning "grain," Smiley said it makes sense to serve vegetarian foods such as grains instead of beef or chicken.

Vegetarian foods contain no animal flesh but may include dairy or eggs. Vegan food contains absolutely no animal products and macrobiotic foods contain vegan ingredients grown in season, locally and without chemi-

Vegetarian vs. Vegan

Health, religious, environmental and ethical stances are reasons people become vegetarian and vegan. There are significant differences between the two:

■ **Vegetarian** - One who abstains from all animal flesh, including fish and poultry, but eats dairy and eggs.

■ **Vegan** - One who abstains from anything animal-derived, including dairy, gelatin and eggs, and consumes foods only from plant products.

■ **Macrobiotic** - The theory or practice of promoting longevity. Foods are grown locally, and in season, to ensure not only freshness but maximum nutrient content. Used for healing purposes, a traditional macrobiotic meal consists of organic meals that make up 75 percent grains and vegetables, 5 percent vegan soup, 5 to 10 percent beans and seeds and 5 to 10 percent seaweed and fruit in season.

Macrobiotic food tends to be rather bland but very nutritious, so Smiley doesn't recommend it to first-timers. Body-builders, the very health conscious and those looking for energy boosts, love it. To keep the menu fresh, new macrobiotic and vegetarian specials are offered daily at both lunch and dinner.

"Many of our regulars come for the macrobiotic dishes because they want a diet that is pure, natural and nutritious as possible," Smiley said.

Om Vegetarian Cafe opened in 1985 by Smiley's then husband Robert Thibodeau who wanted to create a healthy and flavorful vegetarian restaurant with a warm and friendly atmosphere. Today, Smiley and Thibodeau are friends and she took over the establishment while he focused his attention on sister store Mayflower Books — a successful new age-style book shop on 12 Mile Road in Berkley.

A unique flair

Despite its name, this casual alcohol-free cafe is not solely vegetarian. They do serve some farm-raised fish, salmon and orange roughly, brought in fresh daily. Still, it's the meatless dishes that makes Om unique.

Smiley credits the food's popularity to Chef Wagner, whom she said adds creativity to every meal.

"When he started here, he wasn't the cook," Smiley said. "He learned about vegetarian and macrobiotic cooking here over the years and then everyone realized... he has a true flair, a real talent for cooking."

Smiley also proudly points out that customers come from as far away as Ann Arbor to enjoy Wagner's creations. Nori rolls, one of Om's more popular dishes, is one of them — huge vegan rolls stuffed with sticky rice, dill, vegetables, wrapped in seaweed and served with an incredible sweet sauce costs a mere \$4.25 and alone can qualify as a lunch.

"I come here nearly every single day usually for the Nori rolls," said customer Gurucham Khalsa. "Om is like a sanctuary, it's so peaceful here. There are so many different types of customers — younger and older, doctors, accountants, artists, secretaries, mothers, fathers and their children."

Khalsa, involved with the ancient Indian religion *Sikh*, practices veganism because his religion honors all life and all animals of the Earth. He is also a builder who remodeled the cafe several years ago.

More than lettuce

Smiley stresses that although Om is a vegetarian restaurant, many customers bring their meat-eating friends to try dishes containing meat substitutes. Both steak fans and herbivores love the meatless, steak-like vegan seitan sandwich served with sprouts, tomatoes and spicy mustard on



Specialty: Chef Raymond Wagner with one of the most popular salads at Om Vegetarian Cafe in Ferndale, the Om Salad. It is made up of romaine and other dark green lettuces, tofu, sprouts and mixed vegetables.
PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

an English muffin. Commonly known as "Buddhist's meat," since vegetarianism is a strong foundation of Buddhism, seitan is made from wheat gluten and has a meat-like consistency and flavor.

Fresh fruit and vegetable juices, healthy sodas and the vegetarian Mexican plate are also hits. One of the more demanding specials is the tofu loaf with tahini gravy and lightly steamed vegetables that costs less than \$7. Customers with food allergies or requiring low-fat, low-cholesterol diets will find a waitstaff that is knowledgeable about the ingredients.

Options for finicky children are also available.

"Kids love our pita pizzas and noodle dishes," Smiley said. Soraya Golden, of Bloomfield Hills, brings her 3-year-old daughter to Om often. Both order vegetarian and vegan meals.

"My daughter always wants the (seaweed)," Golden said. "She loves it. Children will eat healthy foods if they are raised on it. We've been coming here for years."

Branches of tofu scrambles (to replace egg omelets), multi-grain, strawberry, peach or blueberry pancakes with real maple syrup

and tasty millet loafs are served on the second Sunday of each month. Other Sundays, the restaurant is closed. On occasional Sunday evenings, Thibodeau hosts lectures and classes on astrology, Buddhism, spiritual healing, meditating and more.

Popular desserts are vegan and wheat-free. Best sellers are both carob and chocolate cakes. The huge carob banana nut brownies have a wonderfully mild, sweet taste with just the right amount of banana. They are light and didn't result in that feeling of "too much dessert" one may often experience when eating a huge portion.

Someday, Smiley said she hopes to open more Om Cafe's. Meanwhile, she said, she will continue to enjoy the serene, but lively charm of her Ferndale restaurant and continue to provide the healthiest, freshest entrees where the fine flavor is equally as important.

OM CAFE

■ 23136 N. Woodward, Ferndale (four blocks north of Nine Mile Road). Phone: 248-548-1941.

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What's a riparian easement?

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Can you tell me what is meant by granting an easement in riparian land. The issue of a riparian easement has come up regarding whether or not that gives us a right to construct a dock, etc.

We don't live on the property but got an easement to gain access to a lake.

Riparian land is defined as land which includes or is bounded by a natural body of water.

Generally, the cases that have been adjudicated have held that unless the language granting an easement indicates otherwise, an easement in riparian land generally affords only the right to use the surface of the water in a reasonable manner for such activities as boating, fishing and swimming.

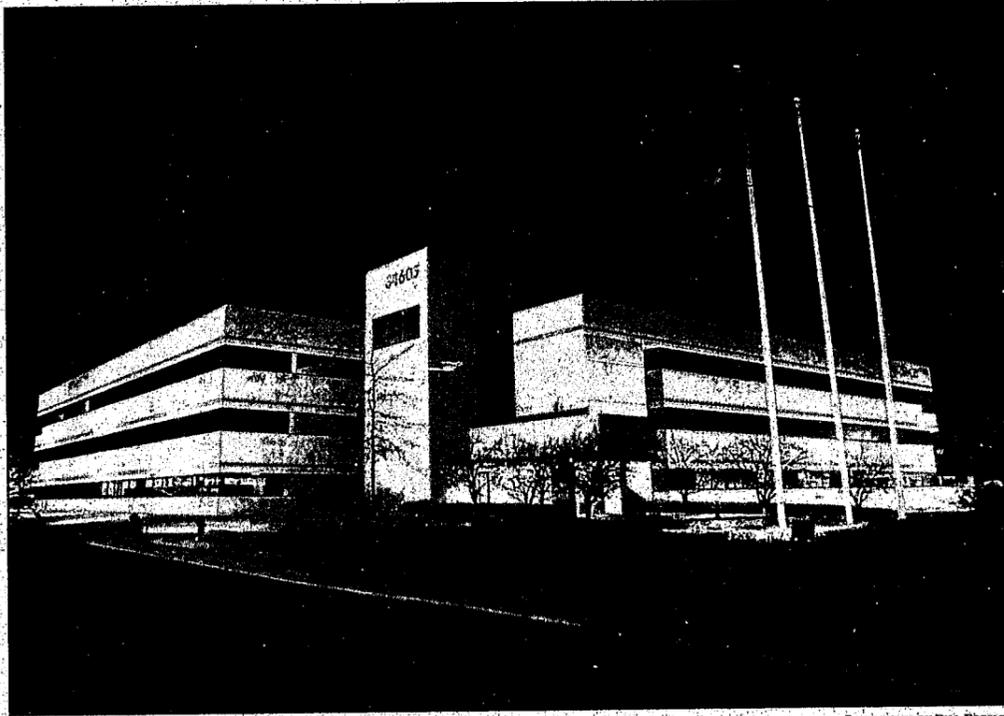
Riparian owners typically have the exclusive right to erect a pier along their shore and permanently anchor boats off their shore.

Unless the easement was granted so someone could construct a pier or the permanent anchoring of boats, it would appear that an easement merely to grant access to the lake doesn't grant you the right to construct docks, a right that would normally be reserved to riparian owners.

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- CONDITION OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES



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Commercial viability: Office, retail and industrial properties make up a substantial portion of local tax bases.

Retail helps pay the taxes

Imagine your residential property taxes being twice as high as they are now.

Or, as an alternative, how about receiving fewer municipal services—maybe the library open only every other day, trash hauled away three times a month, every fourth pothole unfilled—for your current tax dollar?

Impossible, you say? Very possible, perhaps, if not for the taxes paid by the owners of commercial and industrial properties, the other main branches of the real estate tree.

Non-residential properties make up a good portion of the tax base in suburban communities, even those with sizable populations.

But that isn't common knowledge among folks who live here, brokers who specialize in the commercial/industrial sector maintain.

"Not at all," said Steven L. Morris, principal with GVA Strategis in Southfield. "I just don't think they focus on that unless they take the time to research it or they hear about it."

Last year, 61 percent of Southfield's tax base of \$3.5 billion (half of market value) was commercial or industrial and 49 percent of Troy's tax base of \$4.7 billion was non-residential.

In Farmington Hills, 34 percent of the \$3.5 billion tax base was commercial or industrial, as was 28 percent of Livonia's base of \$3.6 billion and 15 percent of Canton's \$2.1 billion.

Few people understand how much of their tax base is non-residential—"let alone what it means," said Michael Racklyeft, Southfield's deputy assessor.

"Homeowners can afford only so much," Kenneth B. Lipshutz, president of Brookside Realty Advisors in Birmingham, said of municipal services.

"You look at the city of Livonia, the growth of parks and recreation, city services of a high quality. That has a lot to do with a tax base generated by industry," Lipshutz said. "Southfield is another and Troy.

"If you look at some outer-lying

'A quality office building will result in fallout benefits to the community. New office workers support retail services. All of us enjoy nice restaurants evenings and on weekends. Office supply shops, Kinko's benefit all of us.'

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principal with GVA Strategis

areas, Livingston County, where people aren't pro-growth, tax revenues provide some services," he added. "They're getting population. They're not getting new fire trucks, police cruisers."

How important is a stable, growing commercial/industrial tax base?

"It means jobs. It means (personal) income and, probably most important, it means tax revenue," Lipshutz said.

That translates into services and infrastructure improvements like roads, said Dennis J. Dilworth, sales associate with Colliers International in Bingham Farms. "It provides jobs," he added.

Conversely, no commercial means a higher tax burden on homeowners for services and, in some cases, a political decision of limited or no services.

"A quality office building will result in fallout benefits to the community," Morris said. "New office workers support retail services. All of us enjoy nice restaurants evenings and on weekends. Office supply shops, Kinko's benefit all of us."

Then there's the prestige which can't be measured in dollars that comes from having a well-known destination point in the community.

The Michigan and national chapters of the Society of Industrial and

Office Realtors recently painted a rosy picture of office and industrial markets here.

A national report pegged the overall office vacancy rate in metro Detroit at only 4.5 percent as of year end 1999. "Robust economic conditions and low unemployment rates" were the main contributors.

No slowdown in a solid market is anticipated this year and rental rates are expected to increase on the order of 5-7 percent, Morris said.

Speculative developments are expected in Southfield (125,000 square feet), Auburn Hills (120,000 square feet), Livonia (100,000), Novi (92,000) and Farmington Hills, (65,000, the national report indicated.

"It's an exciting time to be in our field," Morris said.

On the industrial side, sites around Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport and along I-75 in northern Oakland County continue to be especially hot, said Geoffrey Hill, a senior vice president with Grubb & Ellis in Southfield.

"1999 represents the sixth consecutive year of unparalleled economic growth in the Detroit industrial market," Hill said.

Industrial vacancy rates are 5.6 percent in the suburbs and 7.4 percent in Detroit, according to the national report. "Vacancy rates are expected to decline further in 2000 as demand from tenants remains strong," the report said.

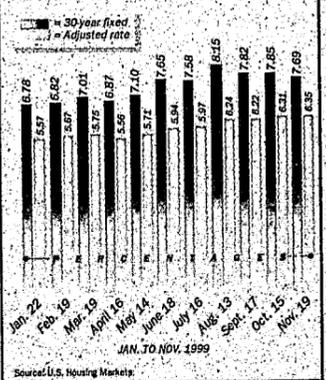
Millennium Park, under construction at the former Ladbroke Race Course site in Livonia, was identified as one of the prominent new developments here.

The national report noted that a limited availability of skilled labor is expected to increase construction costs 10-15 percent, resulting in higher leasing rates for new industrial developments.

That and existing facilities with available space such as the former Peregrine Plant next to Millennium Park could create "intense" competitive situations, the national report indicated.

Mortgage rates

Following are average national conventional mortgage commitment rates. Figures include fees/points of about 1%.



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Credit counseling services make sure the people they deal with are serious about getting out of debt by insisting that all their accounts be closed. Thinking about living without credit cards comes as a shock to some people. It's a radical change in their lifestyle, but it may be the only way they can qualify for a loan to

buy a house. Others have been burned so badly by credit that this is an enormous relief.

"I've had a woman, a compulsive spender, thank me when I told her she had to give up her cards," says Lonnie Williams Consumer Credit Counseling. If people have to travel for business purposes, a credit counseling service will try to figure out how to help them.

One method is a secured credit card. Such cards are tied to savings accounts. If you have \$1,000 in a savings account, you have \$1,000 credit. Your credit limit is tied to your savings account. If you default, the money can be taken from your account.

Once you are in a debt repayment program for three months, some creditors will be willing to have your accounts shown as current on your credit report. Once you are at a point where you can think about talking to a mortgage lender, "we will give letters of support to you stating what you have accomplished. That can help."

After all, anyone can get into debt, but not everyone is willing to go through the time, effort, and money to get out of it. Of course, knowing that you will probably be able to qualify for a mortgage to buy your own house when you're done can inspire you to stick with it.

To find the consumer credit counseling service nearest you, call (800) 388-2227.

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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, call Steve Morris or Theresa Langston at (248) 262-8000.

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

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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.

SELL HOME CLASS

Matt Kenkel, an associate broker with ERA Banker's Realty in Farmington Hills, presents a class, "For Sale by Owner," 7-9:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Orchard Lake Middle School in West Bloomfield. Topics include setting price, target marketing, effective promotion, special financing and purchase documents. Cost, which includes a 20-page marketing guidebook, is \$30. To register, call (248) 539-2290.

HOME SHOW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts its eighth annual Home Improvement Show Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 3-6, at Novi Expo Center, 1-96 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.

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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. Presenter: 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 examination 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.

REAL ESTATE LICENSE

Birmingham Community Education offers a 40-hour real estate license preparation course 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Feb. 21 at West Maple Elementary School, 6275 Inkster Road. Cost is \$195. To register, call (248) 203-3800.

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.propertylover.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.homeval-uemap.com

Mortgage Detroit advertisement featuring various mortgage products, interest rates, and contact information for MortgageDetroit.com.

RE/MAX Elite advertisement for Christina L. Yaeger, highlighting her experience and services as a real estate professional.

Century Woods advertisement for Oakland Township - Rochester Schools, featuring a sneak preview of new homes and contact information for The Benicke Group.

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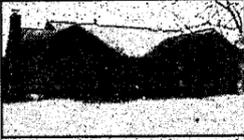
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4 bedroom colonial on 2000 sq. ft., 2 car attached garage, basement, beautiful deck, fireplace in family room & a Jacuzzi in the master bedroom. Asking \$199,900. (89WOR)
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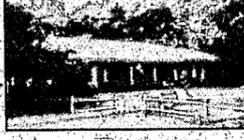
MANY UPDATES
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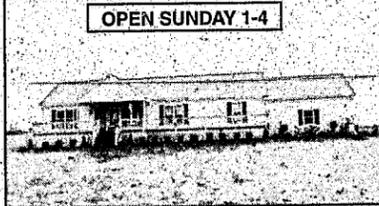
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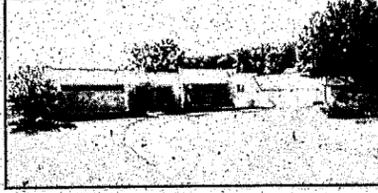
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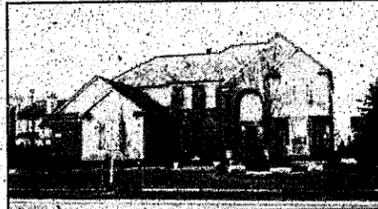
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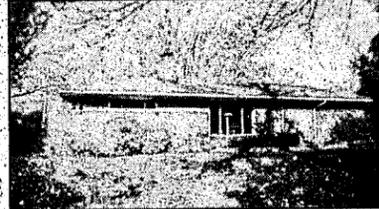
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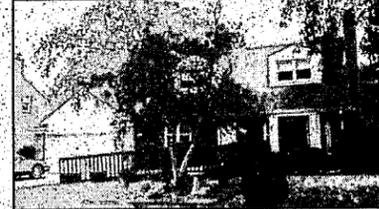
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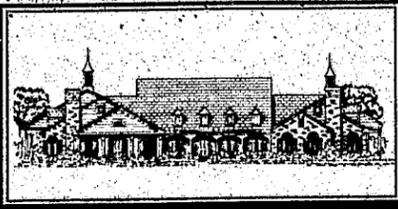
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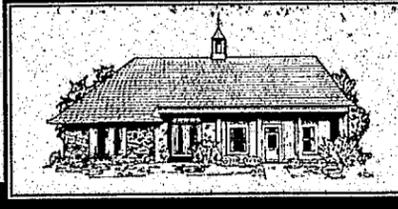
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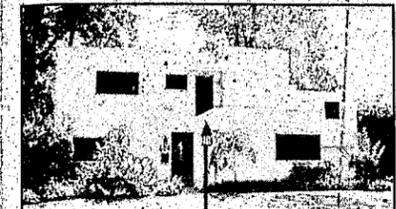


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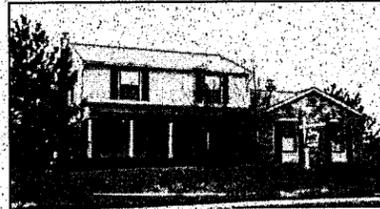
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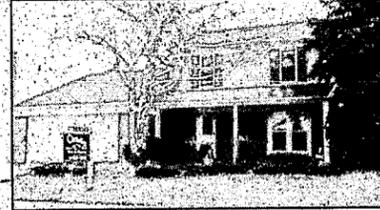
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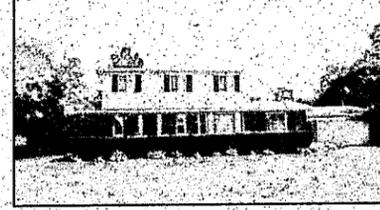
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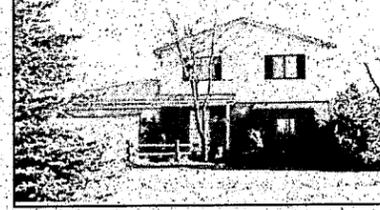
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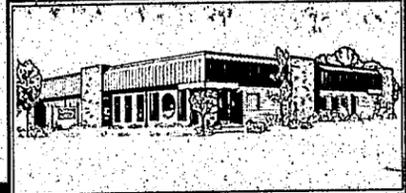
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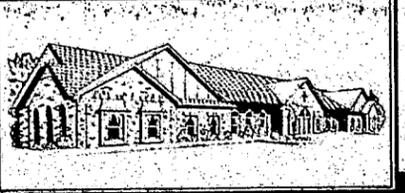
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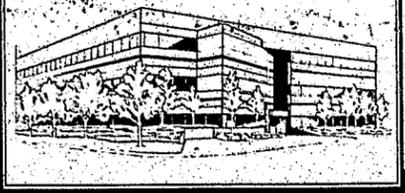
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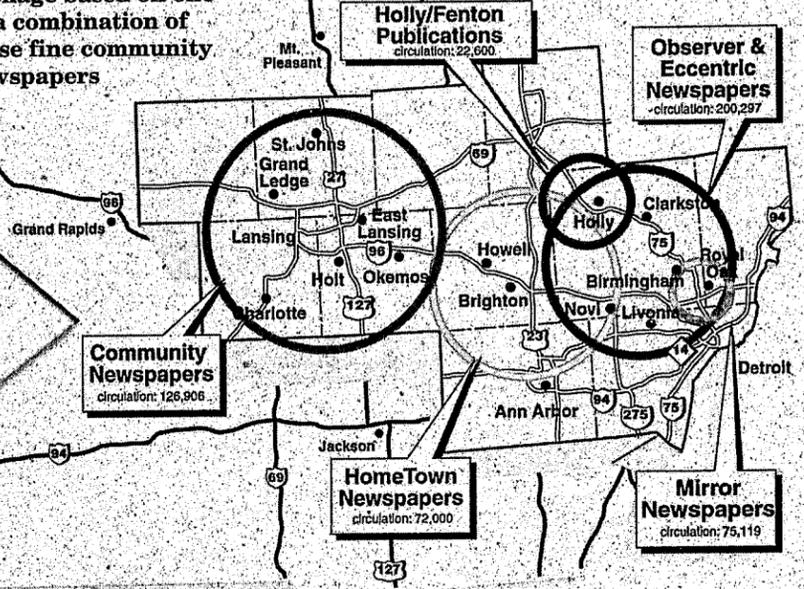
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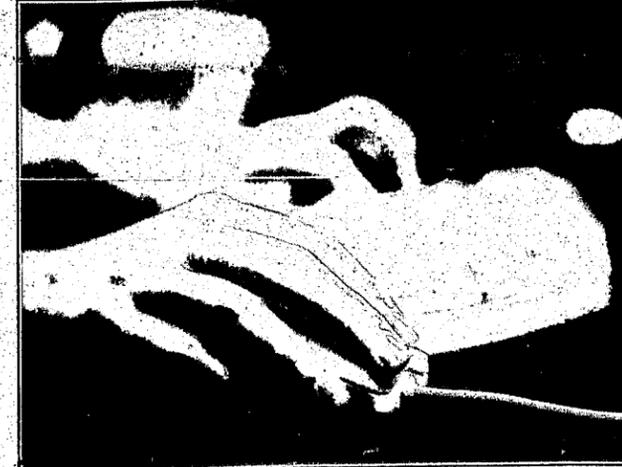
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- High on hill - 3 bedroom tri-level with private woods, backing to upper River Rouge - almost 1 acre!
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- 3.5 baths, large family room with bay window & charming fireplace
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TROY - SUPERB SETTING AND AMENITIES

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- Site with beautiful yard and cedar deck
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TROY - LONG LAKE VILLAGE - MINT!

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\$234,900 • 248 625-5700



ORION TOWNSHIP

- Terrific cedar ranch home with three bedrooms, two baths
- 1st floor master & firelit great room with sliders to deck overlooking backyard pond! Two car garage. Very appealing!
- Walkout with rec room, bar & sound system. (HE115)

\$229,000 • Eleanor Feeley • 248 656-4404



WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS - NEAR EXPRESSWAYS

- Flexible open floor plan with vaulted ceilings, recessed lighting, French doors and island kitchen
- This contemporary offers three bedrooms, deck and attached; side-entry, two car garage. (WE256)

\$214,800 • 248 624-3015



SOUTHFIELD

- Nearly three acres of land with home and barn
- Horse lovers take note! Lots of trees
- Three bedrooms, 1.5 baths, basement
- Detached garage. Secluded setting. (NI232)

\$200,000 • 248 647-6400



SOUTHFIELD - OPEN SUN. 2-4

21872 Rose Hollow - N. of 8 Mile, E. of Lahser

- This beautiful site condominium is located in the Plum Hollow Subdivision
- Spacious kitchen, first floor master bedroom with bath
- Neutral decor and very, very clean. (RO218)

\$185,900 • 248 547-2000



SPECIAL BLOOMFIELD HOME

- 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath single family Cape Cod
- Updated kitchen on 1st floor, partial kitchen on 2nd floor
- Fireplace & hardwood floors in living room
- Heated 3.5 car garage & large parking area. (OR179)

\$175,000 • 248 647-6400



HISTORIC DISTRICT - VINTAGE COLONIAL

- Filled with warmth, charm & character - updated
- 2 large bedrooms, 2 full baths, bright & sunny kitchen
- Beautiful tree lot, extensive decking, 2.5 car garage
- Hardwood floors, arched entry doors, front porch! (TI100)

\$169,900 • 248 641-1660



AUBURN HILLS

- Pack your bags & move into this freshly updated four bedroom Colonial with fenced backyard and patio
- Custom window treatments, pine paneled rec room
- Updated kitchen, fresh decor & more! (AS682)

\$169,900 • 248 651-8850



ROCHESTER HILLS

- Great three bedroom in-town brick ranch
- Well maintained with newer windows
- Finished lower level with family room
- Two car garage, porch, patio. (AL229)

\$169,500 • Juanita Mallman • 248 656-4405



ROCHESTER HILLS CONDO

- Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, brick ranch with 1st floor laundry
- Formal dining plus breakfast nook, great room with box bay window, full basement, all appliances
- Large deck, attached garage, security system. (BU189)

\$162,900 • 248 651-8850



WATERFORD

- Great three bedroom Colonial on large lot built in 1985
- 1.5 baths, formal dining room, oak kitchen with appliances
- Upstairs with newer carpet, master with walk-in closet
- Full basement, attached two car garage, large deck. (AL348)

\$159,900 • 248 851-4400



ROCHESTER HILLS - OPEN SUN. 1-4

335 Red Oak - E. of Rochester, S. of Tenken

- Minutes from downtown & walking distance to schools
- Three bedrooms, 1 bath, country kitchen, two fireplaces
- Updated roof, furnace, central air, hot water heater, and bath
- Lovely large lot, newer gutters, electrical & deck. (RE335)

\$158,950 • 248 647-6400